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April 1, 1943
1555Z

From: Algiers
To: War USFOR

In reply cite: 794 March 31, 1943

Apparent discrepancy in tank figures between second weekly summary (Troopers reptd AGWAR USFOR from G-3 Section AFHQ 794 31st Mar) ref 8614 March 23 and third weekly summary ref 338 March 30, Signed Eisenhower, Cite FHGCT. Is due to fact that Allied figures represent serviceable tanks while Axis figures represent grand total.

no sig

Footnote: 338 is CM-IN-352 (1 Apr 43) OPD
8614 is CM-IN-14156 (26 Mar 43) CCS

Action: OPD

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

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CM-IN-759 (2 Apr 43) 0030Z vc

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YQVB 3
filed 31/0903Z
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CCWD
Apr 1
1533 Z

URGENT

SUPPLEMENTARY CORRECTION

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 0/369 March 31, 1943
Refers to SITREP 158

Omission in original message should read as follows:

In central Tunisia medium bombers attacked enemy landing ground Fucconneri area and concentrations west of Gabes many fires seen.

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Footnote: Supplemental correction to CM-IN-16948 (3-31-43)
OPD

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

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CM-IN-556

(1 April 43) 1934Z as

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INCOMING MESSAGE 31, 1943

U R G E N T

From: Bern
To: MILID

In Reply Cite: 540, March 31, 1943

Orders received by Logistical Staff Italian German Forces Tunisia to put at disposition of Rommel by April 4th (repeated to ETOUSA) all available transports. This to me from 206 (Report date March 29th) He can not feel sure of information although he rates source A our MILID 426 our ETOUSA 18 and was last report this source.

Legge.

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FOOTNOTE: 426 is CM-IN-4147 (1/10/43) G-2

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD, CGAAF, LOG.

CM-IN-16941 (31 Mar 43) 2235Z mew

G2 Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRATTON		✓
SIT		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS		
AIR		✓
E-A		✓
FE		
NA		
LA		
COLL		
SPEC		
GEOP		
TRNG		
JSC		
EO		
FS		
EXT		
CC		
FIN		
POW		
REC		
FL		
CIG		
JIC		✓
ONI		✓
WH		✓

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YQVBC48
Filed 31/1358Z
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WDCC
March 31, 1943
2115Z

From: Algiers
To: War-USFOR (Info)

No. 517

In reply cite: BOC 293 March 31, 1943

French State Adler was (to USFOR and AGWAR from Freedom) employee BNCI Morocco sent Switzerland because of racial laws. Reference our BOC 135. Your 3493 of March 9. Action AGWAR Combined Boards Treasury information USFOR British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHAEB Glasser. BOC 293. Adler acted as intermediary for communications between BNCI Morocco and Vichy subsequent November 8. De La Neziere states he is satisfied BNCI has ceased using Adler this capacity and that he is no longer concerned about Adler. No information as to Adler's first name. Please send by airgram any information in your possession on BNCI likely to be of interest in connection with economic warfare work.

no sig

NOTE: BOC 135 is CM-OUT-11820 (23 Feb 43) CCS.
3493 is CM-OUT-2891 (9 Mar 43) SOS-Int.

ACTION: General Deane (CCS)

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INFORMATION: OPD, G-2 (Col Sands),
ASF, CAD.

JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 23 1974

CM-IN-306 (1 Apr 43) 1149Z ems

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Mar 31, 1943
1942Z

INCOMING MESSAGE

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 612 March 31, 1943

March 30 (to USFOR rptd AGWAR, Troopers, Fifth Army, Mideast, 18 Army Group, Hq, Liaison Gp AFHQ, Malta, Adv NWAAP from G-3 section AFHQ 612 31 QJ)
SITREP Part 2 number 158.

Para 1. Naval. No reports.

Para 2. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. Movements commenced. 353 CA Bn Sep AA searchlight departed Oran for Telergma. Action USFOR. Rptd AGWAR, Troopers, Fifth Army, Mideast, 18 Army Group Hq, Liaison Gp AFHQ, Malta, Adv NWAAP for information.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAP
CGGN
GEN DEANE (CC/S)
ADM KING

CM-IN-16954 (31 Mar 43) 2311Z mew

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INCOMING MESSAGE 31, 1943
1308 Z

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 0/354, March 31, 1943

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(Part 1 Sitrep nbr 158 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 30 Mar. (Troopers pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Malta Personal for F M Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army rptd Jacques 4th Group Bone Area for SOIS Hq L of C 1 ASC Nassaf Tactical Bomber Group Adv NAAF 2 US Corps 1st Army from 18th Army Group 0/354 March 31 Too 0750 A) from AFHQ signed C in C) Part 1 begins. Section 1 8th Army. 10th Corps fwd tps in contact with enemy posns Wadi Akarit T Z 2157 - DJ Zemelt El Beida T Z 5852 (0852). Concentration of 30th Corps continues. (A). 10th Corps. Patrols of 10th Corps in touch with enemy from the sea along the line of the Wadi Akarit to the DJ Zemlet El Beida. 1st Arm'd Div and 8th Arm'd Bde have moved north of the road running west from Oudref with 2 N Z Div following to the south. (Balm 30th Corps. 51st Div concentrated Teboulbou Area T Z 3428 4th Ind Div concentrated El M'Bou Area T Z 3124. 7th Arm'd Div ~~Area~~* 201 Gds Bde and 4th Lt Arm'd Bde concentrated approx 6 miles south Eboulbou. 50th Div clearing battlefield Mareth Area. Section 2. South east Algeria. Follows. Section 3. 2nd Corps little progress made due to believed enemy fear guard posn covered by mines. Most advanced elements on Gabes-Gaïsa

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To:

In Reply Cite: 0/354, March 31, 1943

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Road as follows. 9th Inf Div. Y 3964 Y 3962
Y 3461 Y 3361. 1st Inf Div. Y 3467(3967) Y
3867 Y 3768 Y 4070 Y 4073. Leading tps
Armoured Force reached Y 3776. In Maknassy
Area 1st US Armored Div holds T 8907 T 8609
T 8615. 34th Inf Div holding O 821 O 8112
O 8310 O 8207 reported situation quiet their
sector.

No Sig

* Being serviced.

WDCC

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION G-2
CGAAF
CGGN
GEN DEANE (CC/S)
ADM KING
LOG

CM-IN 16840 (31-March-43) 1800Z pb

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April 1, 1943
0253Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 369, March 31, 1943

(Troopers Pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Malta Personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army Rptd Jacques 242 Group Bone Area for Sois Hq L of C 12 ASC NASAF Tactical Bomber Gp AD C NAAF 2 US Corps First Army 9 Corps from 18 Army Group 0 369 March 31 2300 Z) Part 1 SITREP No 158 ending 1800 hours 31 Mar. From AFHQ signed C in C. Part one continued. Section 1. 8th Army. Forward patrols in contact with enemy strongly prepared position DJ Zemlet El Beida - Wadi Akrit. 9 L penetrated enemy positions east of DJ Haidoudi details not available. Kebili occupied by partols. Section 2. South Algerian Forces. NTR. Section 3. 2 US Corps. Little progress made by Arm Forces on El Guettar Gabes Road. Attack delayed by minefield area Y 4065. Some tanks reported to have penetrated 1415 hrs. Small enemy attacks in area Maknassy. No further progress by 34 Div in area Fondouk. Slight enemy infiltration reported area 08004. 2 US Corps. Amendment to previous SITREP no 158. Leading Armoured Force reached Y 3766 not Y 3776. Section 4. 1st Army. (A). 19 Corps. N T R. (B). 5 Corps. 46 Div made progress eastwards and northwards from Sedjanpne as a result of ahnd fighting end of continuation PART 1. Cite FBGCT.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:

G-2 CG AAF
ADM. KING

CGGN
LOG

GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

CM-IN-104 (1 Apr 43)

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WVNT NR 17
Filed 1330/31
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CCWD
Mar. 31, 1943
1558 Z

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E. O. 11652, Sec. 502 and 503 or (D)

OSD Issue, May, 1, 1972

By SLR

Date FEB 7 1974

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: AMSME 5369, March 31st, 1943.

Forward troops 51st Div reached Gabes without opposition 1300 hrs GCT March 29th. Remainder Div concentrated south of town. Fourth Ind Div concentrated area Z 32 El Mdou. Fiftieth Div concentrated area Mareth. Seventh Arm Div area Reintsis. Patrols 2nd New Zealand Div and 8th Arm Brig moving northwest and north from Gabes area and patrols 1st Arm Div moving northeast from El Hamma area contacted enemy positions around Metouia and Oudref afternoon 29th. March 30th reported Oudref captured and moving north from Gabes El Hamma Road crossing main road running west from Oudref. Rhennouch reported captured 1630 hrs GCT 29th. From Brereton RAF day 29th, fighter bombers operated Oudref Sfax Area causing much confusion, 50 motor transport destroyed 250 damaged. Light bombers with escort made 2 attacks these targets claim 6 ME 109's, 2 MC 202's and 1 JU 88 destroyed and 5 fighters damaged without loss. Escorted light bombers made 2 attacks on Zitouna and Sfax El Mdou claim 7 aircraft destroyed on ground 12 damaged. Fighter bombers made 3 attacks on Zitouna and landing ground Z 2220. Total sorties Kittyhawks 550 Spitfires 170. Seven Kittyhawks missing. Fifty five Wellingtons Halifaxes and Albocores attacked good concentration mechanical transport Oudref Area causing many fires night 28th 29th.

Ninth Air Force Bomber Command reports 3 planes dropped 6,000 lbs of bombs each 1 from 50 feet on

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To: AGWAR
In reply cite: AMSME 5369, March 31, 1943

Crotone Chemical Factory second jettisoned over Italy and third salvoed before crossing Valentia airdrome. Bomb hits in railroad yards warehouse small building and center of factory area. Six planes of 178th Squadron RAF had target mission ferry dock but all returned due solid overcast. Nineteen planes 12th Group dropped 22,200 lbs of bombs Sfax El Mdou landing ground scoring direct hits on 4 enemy aircraft, 2 fires seen on airdrome. Six planes 57th Group acted as escort. 79th Group reports 109 sorties as bomber escort. All US activity above March 30th. 57th Fighter reports March 29th, 102 planes dropped 33540 lbs of bombs during fighter bomber activities.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
GEN DEANE (CC/S)
ADM KING
LOG

CM-IN 16841 (31-March+43) 1804Z pb

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OSD Inset, May. 3, 1972

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INCOMING MESSAGE

March 31, 1943
1858Z

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In reply cite: AMSME 5382 March 31st, 1943

Patrols 10th Corps in contact with enemy positions along line of fortifications Wadi Akarit Z 2358 Diebel Zemlet El Beida Z 0047. First Armd Div north of road running west from Oudref with second New Zealand Div following to south. 17th Armd Div less 201 Guards Brig and 4th Lt Armd Brig concentrated approx 6 miles south Teboulbou Z 3629. 50th Div clearing battle field Mareth Area. (from Brereton RAF report no operations night 29th, 30th due to weather. Day 30th 3 Armed RCN failed to find good targets. Escorted Mitchells and Baltimores made 2 attacks Sfax El M'dou landing ground. Photo RCN shows 2 believed ME 210's in flames 1 smoking. Intense Ack Ack shot down, 1 Baltimore target area. Fighters forward areas broke up attack by ME 210's claim 1 ME 109 probable 1 damaged 1 ME 210 and 3 MC 202's damaged during day without loss.

G2 Dist	Action	Info
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONEN		✓
BRATTON		✓
SIT		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		
AIR		✓
E-A		✓
FE		
NA		
LA		
COLL.		
SPEC.		
GEOG.		
TRNG		
JSC		
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ACTION: G-2

E. O. 11652, Sec. 3(E) and 5(D) or (E)

INFORMATION: OPD
CGAAF

OSD letter, May. 3, 1972

By SLR Date FEB 7 1974

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INCOMING MESSAGE

March 31, 1943.

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 421 March 31, 1943.

Catroux called on me yesterday and without entering into the details of his conversation with Giraud which are still in the preliminary stages told me that he was most hopeful of an early and successful conclusion of his negotiations. Information ACWAR Combined Boards Cox Hull and USFOR British Chiefs of Staff and Matthews American Embassy. Signed Eisenhower cite FECIV Murphy. NAF 196. He was confident that the principles of unity which were outlined in Giraud's speech eliminated differences of principles between the High Command and the French National committee and created the basis of unity. Catroux agreed to the importance of giving priority to a recruiting agreement and will discuss with IBUWOD the possibility of issuing a public joint statement calling on all Frenchmen abroad to remain at their posts pending the creation of a joint militancy and naval organization. I understand that the present program is that Catroux will complete the negotiations here and that De Gaulle will then proceed to North Africa to mark the formal conclusion of unity. In my opinion this is a hopeful sign as De Gaulle's public declarations have now committed him to an early visit the postponement of which merely on the ground that Catroux and Giraud had not been able to agree would not be understood by French opinion.

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INFORMATION: OPD General Strong Admiral King
General Arnold LOG

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Filed 310830Z
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March 31, 1943
1354Z

CORRECTED COPY
URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 354, March 31, 1943

Section 4. 1st Army. Intermittent rain and tracks still bad. (354) (A) 19 Corps. No Change. (B) 3 Corps. 1 Div. 1 CDY (1) IG carried out raid 0600 hrs on ridge (J 5236). Raiding party not yet returned. 46 Div. 1 CDO and 2/4 Koyli were counter attacked from Southeast by force estimated less than 1 Bn in area (J) 1970. Details not yet known but enemy reported held. Resistance area mine (J) 1974 reported weakening and 6 were approaching from west. One Sqn 46 Recce Regt with 1 Coy 8 A and SH in support entered Sedjfnane (J) 522, 6 (227) At 1500 hrs followed by remainder 8 A and SH. Br (J) 2176 found Turbe demolished. One Para Bde holding DJ Awob (J) 1376. Goums now occupy DJ Elazein. (J) 1178. Moves. 136 Bde (J) 1465. 36 Bde (J) 1166. Section 5. Air. Follows. End of Part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

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

CM-IN-207 (1 Apr 43) 0820Z cen

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March 31, 43
1306Z

URGENT

SUPPLEMENTARY COPY

From: Algiers
To: War

In reply cite; 0/354 March 31, 1943

Insert at * as follows: Four Inf Div
concentrated El M'Bou area (T) Z 3124. 7 Armd
Div less 201 GDS Bge and 4 Lt Armd Bge con-
centrated approx six miles south Eboulbou.

no sig

FOOTNOTE: Supplementary copy of CM-IN-16840 (3/31/43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
CGGN
GEN DEANE CC/S)
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March 31, 1943
1932Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 563, March 31, 1943.

AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps ADV NAAF pass EAC and 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Malta Mideast ADV Ln Grp AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI).

2. G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 30th March. 4 aircraft reported 1 flying as far west as Oran, remaining 3, one of which on Meteor flight, active between Bone and Algiers. Number of aircraft probably on anti submarine patrol north of Sicily were engaged. Bombers. No reports bombing operations in Western Mediterranean. Transports. Reported arriving Tunis were about 80 German Transports. More than half landed in afternoon. Southern Sector enemy activity consisted of interception and defensive patrols north of Gabes and Sfax area by German and Italian fighters. ME 210's escorted by ME 109's attempted offensive sweep in afternoon over battle area but aircraft jettisoned bombs when intercepted by Allied fighters. Early morning recce of battle area made by escorted ME 109's and unidentified aircraft made midday recce (AGWAR Troopers 18th Army Group advance NAAF MBS ABS Malta Mideast advance Liaison Group AFHQ 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 563 date nil. TOO nil.) Of Allied left flank and Medenine rpd on several occasions German fighters were airborne to intercept Allied sweeps in Kairouan-Faid-Maknassy area. Northern Tunisia German fighters and ground attack aircraft made offensive sweeps

CM-IN-21 (1 Apr 43) 0103Z mew

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 563, March 31, 1943

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over Medjez El Bab and Sedjenane. Many attacks made on Allied road transport and armoured vehicles. Two German fighters destroyed several ME 109's and Macchi 202's damaged.

3. Naval. Two enemy MVS medium tonnage 4 DRS and aircraft escorts sighted 38 Degs 27 Mins north, 11 Degs 26 Mins east course 200 Degs speed 6 knots. In position 39 Degs 40 Mins north, 12 Degs 22 Mins east course 220 Degs speed 10 knots were 6 enemy MVS, 3 DRS, 2 EBS and 5 JU 88's. Torpedoed and sunk in vicinity Cape Tenedl by submarine were 2 our MVS in convoy.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CGAAF

CM-IN-21 (1 Apr 43) 0103Z mew

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G2 Dist	Action	Info
MC		☒
STRONG		
KIRKPATRICK		
BRAULTON		☒
SEI		☒
CUBR		☒
DEN		☒
AIR		☒
E.A.		☒
FE		
NA		
LA		
COLL		
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YQVC39
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WDCC
March 31, 1943
1619Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War

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In reply cite: 498 March 31, 1943

Enemy abandoned Sedjenane retaining positions Djebel Tebouna J 26 with approximately battalion strength. Small counter attack in north westerly direction by this force area J 1970. Road Djebel Abiod-Sedjenane heavily mined. Dense smoke screens 28 and 29 March area J 6820. Ousseltia shelled during morning. Recce patrols reached O 6325 on road Pichon-Maktar. (To AGWAR Troopers 18 Army Group Advance NAAF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Advance Liaison Group AFHQ Five Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 498 date nil. Time of origin nil). Foregoing northern Tunisia Part 1 land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 30 March. Central Tunisia. Fondouk area enemy MG and mortar fire. Maknassy area nothing to report. Guettar sector continued stubborn resistance especially north east Djebel Berda Y 36 but heavy MT eastwards Y 56 and Y 66. Oudref and Methoula clear of enemy 0715Z. Indications defense preparations Wadi Akarit position. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18 Army Grp pass One Army and Two Corps Adv NAAF pass EAC and 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ Five Army pass One Armd Corps and Six Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Identifications. German. Six Coy 755 IR J 3446, First Bn Goring Jaeger Regiment J 6919, Two Coy 755 IR south Sidi Nsir road, First Bn 47 Gr J 1966, Second Bn Barenthin J 1972. All by PW. Italian. None. General. Enemy on defensive in north but some indications

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regrouping. Little reaction Fondouk area. Resistance continues stubborn Maknassy area and likely to stiffen. Some indications withdrawal Guettar sector suggest possibly only temporary stand Wadi Akarit position.

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ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD
CGAAF
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MC		✓
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 0825 March 31, 1943

From 18 Army Group. To Troopers USFOR
(Troopers Pass) AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta -
personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast Fifth Army
repeated Jacques (sent by SDR) 242 Group Bone
Area for SOIS Hq L of C 12 ASC ASAF Tac Bomber
Group Adv NAAF 2 US Corps First Army. (Part 1
SITREP no 158 for 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 30
March. March 31st TOO 0825 A.) From AFHQ signed
C in C.

Part 1 continues. QM Section 5. Air.

Throughout the day enemy ground forces mov-
ing on the road El Guettar - Gabes and enemy land-
ing ground were repeatedly and successfully attacked
by medium and light bombers of the Central Tactical
and Desert Forces. Western Desert Air Force. Night -
29/30. No operations due to weather. Day 30.
Light and medium bombers attacked Sfax El Maou
Lsg. Good results seen. Despite intense AA over
forward areas fighters intercepted and probably
destroyed 1 enemy aircraft and 4 damaged. No good
army targets found all day, our losses 1 Baltimore
destroyed by AA. In central Tunisia medium bombers
attacked enemy landing ground * concentrations
west of Gabes many fires seen. Fighter bombers and
fighters attacked same concentrations destroying at
least 12 Met and damaging many others. In north our
bombers and offensive patrols operated against enemy
troops Sedjanane Area. Several Mets destroyed. Our
fighters attacked defensive enemy fighter screen
throughout front destroying 12 enemy aircraft prob-
ably destroying 7 and damaging 8 for loss of 6
aircraft and (end of continuation part 1. Cite

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 0825 March 31, 1943

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ACTION: OPD

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

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From: AFHQ, Algiers, G-3

To: -

Number 314, March 30, 1943

Second Part.

During 27 and 28th operations were greatly hampered by bad weather. Many attacks were made by Western Desert Air Forces on enemy vehicles and tanks. Particularly successful operations were carried out on the afternoon 26 Mar when for a period of 2 and a half hours bombers and fighter bombers continuously attacked enemy concentrations southwest of El Hamma.

5. Political.

Lemaigre - Dubreil has resigned as Delagate General for Inter Allied Affairs.

Rene Mayer has been designated as Head of Bureau of Communications. General Catroux arrived on Friday. There are definite signs of progress in the negotiations although General de Gaulle is not expected at once.

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King

CH-IN-497 (1 Apr 43) 1807Z ems

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From: Algiers

To: War

USFOR

No. 416

In Reply Cite: NAF 194 March 30 1943

As further evidence of the complete separation of the high command from the former Vichy Regime the Pyefet of Algiers Temple who was appointed by Laval has been replaced by Muscatelli. Information AGWAR Combined Boards and Hull and USFOR British Chiefs and Matthews American Embassy of Staff, signed Eisenhower cite FECIV Murphy NAF 194. Inasmuch as Temple has cooperated with the Allies since the landing he has not been retired but given the post of Inspector General in Algeria. Muscatelli's appointment is a popular move. In his former capacity of Director of Public Security of the Algerian Government he was most helpful in facilitating the landing of the Allied Forces. He has a large following among the Democratic Pro-Allied Section of the Lomal population and is thoroughly familiar with Algerian questions. It will be recalled that he was among those recently released from prison where he had been held on unestablished charges in connection with Darlans assassination.

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ACTION: CC/S
INFORMATION OPD
GEN STRONG
ADM KING
GEN ARNOLD
LOG

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By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 23 1974

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: #157, March 30, 1943

For 24 hours ending 2359 hours 29th March. (Part
1 SITREP number 157. Number 0 341 dated 30th March.
TOO 535 A. From 18 Army Group to

- (1) Troopers
- (2) USFOR (Troopers pass)
- (3) AGWAR
- (4) Freedom
- (5) Governor Malta-personal for FM Viscount Gort
- (6) Mideast
- (7) Fifth Army
- (8) Jacques
- (9) 242 Group
- (10) Bone Area for SOIS
- (11) Hq L of C
- (12) ASC
- (13) NASAF
- (14) Tactical Bomber Gp
- (15) Adv NAAF for Col MacDonald A 2
- (16) 2 US Corps
- (17) First Army

From AFHQ signed C in C.

Part 1 begins.

Section 1. Eighth Army. To follow.

Section 2. South East Algeria. To follow.

Section 3. Two Corps. First and Ninth Div

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continued attack on positions making slight progress.
First Arm'd Div was attacked by small forces during day.
Last attack occurred at 1000 A and all were repulsed.
34th Inf Div continued consolidation of positions
south of Pondouk. No further movement of units of 1st
Arm'd Div.

Section 4. First Army G (A). 19th Corps.
Welvert Div. Bn 2 RTA with DQR 1 recce regt directed
on El Ala reached O 5417. Bn 7 RTA at O 6029 were
counter attacked this morning by inf and 8 tks fol-
lowed by 2nd wave of 12 tks. Enemy made slight pen-
etration but posns were re-established by successful
counter-attack. Sqn 51 RTA with inf coy moving round
enemy left flank Bn 7 RTA remain in posn at O 6235
Mathenej Div. No changes moves. A sqn 51 RT to O
3678 (2/1 RT T) Akesra. K B. 5 Corps. 1st Div no
change. 46 Div attack made further progress in moun-
tainous country in spite of very heavy going and thick
undergrowth limiting field of vision to a few feet.
Main road heavily mined. Leading bns of 138 Bde in
contact with enemy in area J 2072 and J 1871. One bn
36 bde occupied ridge J 1272 and 3 CFA occupied ridge
J 1771. Bns one Para Bde now in areas J 0973 J 1072
and J 0870 and patrolling north and north east in area
Dj Bwl Harch J 1375. Goums on left flank reached J
1078. Total number of Pws taken since night 27/28
Mar is 785.

No Sig

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Action: OPD

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

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3-30-43

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 0/342, March 30, 1943

Part 1. SITREP No. 157 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 29 Mar. To Troopers, USFOR Troopers, Pass AGWAR, Freedom, Governor Malta, Personal for FM Viscount Gort, Mideast 5th Army (T), Jacques, 242nd Group Bone Area, for SOIS Hq L of C 12, AKC NASAF Tactical Bomber Gp, Adv NAAF for Col McDonald A (2 US 37) Corps 1st Army, from 18th Army Group 0/342, 30th March TOO 0743A, from AFHQ, signed C of C. Part 1 continues:

Section 1. 8th Army forward troops, 30th Corps reached Gabes this afternoon. 10th Corps forward troops moved north of road Gabe Chapel HHMMU * and contacted enemy rear guard positions in Metouia Oudref Area (T) Z 24th (A). 30th Corps by 1300 A hours forward troops 51st Div reached Gabes without opposition. The remainder of 51st Div now concentrated South of the town. 4th Inf Div concentrated Area El M'Dou * (T) Z 32 (327). 50th Div concentrated Area Garath. 7th Armd Div Area Rentsia. (B) 10th Corps. Patrols 2nd NZ Div Cav and 8th Armd Bde moving North West and North from Gabes Area and Patrols 1st Armd Div moving North East from El Hamma made contact this afternoon with enemy positions around Metouia and Oudref at 1638 A hours. The North was reported clear of enemy. Further Patrols 1st Armd Div moving North from El Hamma, have reached area approx 2 miles South of Main Rja running West from Oudref.

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To: War

In Reply Cite: 0/342, March 30, 1943

Section 2. South East Algiers, to follow
Section 5 Air weather deteriorates during day but
fighter bomber attacks maintained throughout day
on enemy retreating North of Gabes. Western Desert
Air Forces night 28/29 Medium and Heavy Bombers
attacked M E M Oudref-Sfax road with good results.
Day 29/30 295300 M E T Destroyed or damaged same
area by Kitty Bombers also destroyed 3 Aircraft and
damaged 12 on ground in combat 9 aircraft destroyed
5 damaged, 7 Pilots missing. Hurribombers success-
fully attacked troop concentrations Qezzouna Area
Fighter Sweeps in Central and Northern Tunisia
destroyed 10 aircraft damaged 8. Our losses 2.

No Sig.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
Adm. King
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March 31
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In reply cite: No. 7645, March 30, 1943

Svc 478 to AGWAR 5 Army Dv NWAAP from Freedom
herewith repeat our msge HALMAK 7645 gps 243 dated
301727Z.

(To USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army
Midest 18 Army Gp HQ Liaison Gp AFHQ Malta Adv NWAAP
from G-3 Section AFHQ 337 - 30th secret signed Eisenhower
cite FHGCT) Sitrep number 157 March 29.

Part 2.

1. Naval. Dummy landing carried out according
to plan night 27/28 March at Sidi Mechrig J 0986.
Night 29/30 March our motor torpedo boats operated off
Sfax and destroyers operated in Gulf of Hammamet. One
of our submarines on patrol off North coast of Sicily
probably sank 10,000 ton Southbound tanker and 3,000
ton Eastbound tanker which was in tow.

2. Movements completed. First Bn First Armd
Regt arrived Tebessa from Oran coming under command
Two Corps. Movements commenced Gd 67th CA AA Regt
(less 1st and 3rd Bns) and 434th CA Bn Sep AA departed
Oran for Tebessa.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
GENERAL DEANE (CC/S)
ADMIRAL KING
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 309 March 30, 1943

Algiers area 4 long range enemy (Action near Troopers information 18th Army Group AD (NAAF MBS ABS Malta Adv Liaison Group AFHQ Mideast 5 Army from Freedom Algiers 309 30th.) Reported recce with three additional daytime between Bone and Bougie. Closely observed was shipping near Algiers and in harbour with west bound convoy shadowed between Bone and Bougie at dawn and until 1000Z. Also contacted afternoon shipping northwest of Bougie. Early morning south of Sicily 10 to 12 enemy bomber recce active of which at Bizerta afternoon several landed. This part 2 Air of G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 29 March. Over Western Mediterranean to Algiers also off eastern Tunisian coast respectively weather flights from Sicily. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps Adv NAAF pass EAC and 12th AF MBS ABS Malta mideast ADC Grp AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Of which 5 detected near convoy between Bone and Bougie from 700 to 800Z Torpedo bombers from Sardinia out twice. Bougie area evening about 13 bombers operated. While mine sweeper attacked off Bone by 1 bomber 0630Z other details operations lacking. Early afternoon 28 March between 60 and 80 JU 52 enemy transport landed Tunis. Against our aircraft in Mareth area and north of Gabes German Italian fighters on defensive intercepting patrols operated throughout day. Making numerous small interception flights morning afternoon. Faid Maknassy sectors were German fighters. Morning engaged by our aircraft near La Fauconneriel also near Sbeitla morning were ME 109's. On our troops near el Guetta early afternoon nine 109's and FW 190's made bombing ground strafing attacks. Centered northern Tunisia

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Sedjenane sector enemy main effort where on road targets strafing dive bombing attacks were made. In Medjez Pichon area early morning fighter patrols flown. Part 3 Naval. Off north Sicilian coast 17 and 21 March returning from patrol EN submarine claims attacks on two tankers of which escorted by destroyers first was of 10000 tons and second, in tow, already damaged was of 3000 tons. Both considered sunk. Submarine dispositions western Med. German. Between Alboran and Greenwich Meridian 2. 2 within 80 miles cape Tenex. Between Cape San Antonio Ibiza 1 damaged by Italian. No change.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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CCWD
March 30, 1943
2229Z

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 245 March 30, 1943

French rearmament convoy UGS 6 1/2 ships
manifests list tanks M 4 A 2. AGWAR cite SPLLA and
FEGDS 51 J signed Eisenhower. Your cable 2737
specifies M 4 A 4. Which is correct?

No Sig.

Ref. 2737 CM-OUT-8070 (23 Feb 43) SOS-INTER

ACTION: ASF

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
MAB

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CCWD
March 31, 1943
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From Algiers
To: WAR

In reply cite: No Nr. March 30th, 1943.

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*Original position on 05846. Mathenet Div.
No change. (B) 5 corps. 1 div dense smoke J6820
between 1430 hrs 28 Mar and 0800 hrs 29 Mar. Patrols
found FM J561389 occupied by enemy. Shots exchanged
no casualties. Otherwise no contact by patrols. 46
div northern sector Goums reached area mine Tabogna
J 2464 1000 hrs. 138 BDE. Fighting continues approx 10 k
and half miles south of mine J1974. Lone para BDE.
Road DJ Abiod - Sedjanane now clear of mines to Tamara
sta J 1074 Goums have reached area DJ Chlaibih J1077
capturing 30 KW. Allebrs previously destroyed by enemy
now repaired. Road at J1358 heavily cratered by enemy
air 0960 LHPS. Moves. 38 BDE NOW in area J2741 13(9129)
BDE now in Beja. Section 5. Air. following yesterdays
intensive and most successful operations by the western
desert fighters against the retreating enemy T GT combined
air forces of the desert and central fronts this
morning destroyed 7 aircrafts in bombing attacks on
landing grounds and 9 plus 2 probables in combat for
the loss of 3 planes. Lend of continuation part 1. CJTE
FHGCT.

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INCOMING MESSAGE 30, 1943
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 310, March 30, 1943.

Enemy withdrawal North and East from Djebel Abiod continues. (AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18 Army Group pass 1st Army and 2nd Corps advance NAAF pass EAC and 12th Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast advance Liaison Group AFHC 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 310 undated nil) Little opposition except mining of roads. Continued centres of resistance Djebel Choucha J 17 and Djebel Tabouna J 26 prisoners this sector now about 800. Medjez shelled 29 March no enemy encountered Karachoumepags O 86. Small number enemy tanks possibly Italian at O 6029 and O 6227 slight penetration but subsequent withdrawal. Foregoing Northern Tunisia.

Part 1 and G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 29th March. Centre. High ground South of Fondouk abandoned. Small Inf attacks only in Maknassy Sector. Enemy on de- fensive West of El Guettar. Part 2 will follow. South. El Hama evacuated night 28th March, Gabes morning 29 March, North enemy opposition coastal sector. Identifications. German. 1 Bn Mareth Line Barenthin J 0976. March Bn 34 South Fondouk Bn 1 04 B East Maknassy. Italian 744 Tunisian Bn South Fondouk. All by PSW General OG enemy on defensive all sectors continues block Maknassy and El Guettar exits to coast covering retirement main forces from south. No indication where next stand likely.

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Action: G-2

Information: OPD, CG AAF

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From: Algiers
To: War

In reply cite: 0351 March 30, 1943

Each 1st and 2nd RIA now in SP this force and are in area 05632 and 05229 respectively Two bns 9 RTA previously northeast of Ousseltia now returned to original position on O 5846. Mathenet Div no change (B) 5th Corps. One div dense smoke J 6820 between 1430 hrs 28 Mar and 0800 hrs 29 Mar. Patrols found FM J 561389 occupied by enemy. Shots exchanged no casualties otherwise no contact by patrols. 46 Div northern sector Goums reached area mine Tabogna J 2464 1000 hrs. 138th Bde. Fighting continues approx one and half miles south of mine J 1974. One Para Bde. Road Dj Abiod-Sedjanane now clear of mines to Tamara Sta J 1074 Goums have reached area Dj Chlaibih J 1077 capturing 30 PW. All BRS previously destroyed by enemy now repaired. Road at J 1358 heavily cratered by enemy air 0960 hrs. Moves. 38 Bde now in area J 2741. 9129 Bde now in Beja.

Mark 29

Section 5. Air. Following yesterday's intensive and most successful operations by the Western Desert Fighters against the retreating enemy the combined Air Forces of the Desert and Central fronts this morning destroyed seven aircraft in bombing attacks on landing grounds and nine plus two probables in combat for the loss of three planes. Cite FHGCT.

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From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 338 March 30, 1943 *alcl*

Djebel Taferma TY 04 in the North and are approaching (to Troopers information AGWAR USFOR from G-3 AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 338 30 Mar nil. Second part third and last part follows). Sabria YD 16 in the South. Two US Corps. Operations were continued in Gafsa area. One US Inf Div occupied defensive positions 15 miles east of El Guettar 22 Mar. About 40 tanks of the 10 Panzer Div and 2 Armd Inf Bns attacked this position 23 Mar. Some of our gun positions were overrun but the attack was repulsed with a loss of about 19(15)* tanks. Enemy demonstrations have continued but the position has been maintained. Attacking along the Gafsa-Mahares Road on 21 Mar the 1 US Armd Div Captured Sened station. Enemy holding Sened were by passed and the advance continued towards Maknassy. Arriving 23 Mar at the pass east of Maknassy at T 8810. The high ground north and south of the pass has not yet been cleared although some progress has been made. Our Arty fire has been directed on Mezzouna airfield. In Sened area 1000 prisoners were captured. The flank force formerly at Hadjeb El Aloun has moved to area 12 miles north of Gafsa. First Army. There has been active patrolling on both sides but no major engagement has been fought. On 25 Mar the 1 British Inf Div relieved 78 Div in Medjex El Bab sector.

Location statement. Eighth Army with Hq at A 1272 consists of 10 Corps D 8890 and 30 Corps E 8693. 10 Corps consists of 1 Br Armd Div Y9902 2 New Zealand Div Y 9501

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3 Armd Brig Y 8601 L Force Fighting French flying column. Thirty Corps consists of 7 Armd Div E 7295 30 Div Z 6804 51 Div Z 6102 4 Indian Div E 4668. Hq SE Algerian French Forces. 6086 2 US Corps with Hq B 8138 consists of 1 US Armd Div O 5501 (T 5501)* 1 US Inf Div Y 1879 9 Inf Div Y 0581 and 34 Inf Div T 2387. First Army with Hq at N 8498 consists of 5 Corps J 0718 and 19 Corps N 8037. 19 Corps consists of Welwert Div O 3045 and Mathinet Div O 4152. Five Corps consists of 1 BRvDiv J 4122 46 Div J 2030.

Brig Army Group reserve consists of 9 Corp N 6767.

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CGGN
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King

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From Algiers

To: WAR

In reply cite: 338

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Of operations 20 to 28 Mar 8th Army. (To Troopers information AGWAR USFOR from G-3 AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 338 30 Mar Nil. 3rd weekly summary. Para 1. Summary) 50 Div supported by 50 Royal Tank Regt and heavy arty fire attacked enemy positions in Mareth line night 20/21 Mar. Attack made to NW over Wadi Zigzaou. Bridgehead secured by 50 Div on line TZ 6311-6111-6110-6009. On night 21/22 enemy counter attacks succeeded largely as result of our lack of forward AT guns and our troops were forced to withdraw west of Wadi Zigzaou. 51 Div attacked night 22/23 Mar but were held up after a short advance. 2 New Zealand Corps made flanking movement the morning 20 Mar (SW) of the Matmata-Toujane feature and by 24 Mar reached positions 15 miles SW of El Hamrael. To counter this threat to communications of troops holding Mareth positions the 21 Panzer Div moved into this sector. Severe casualties were inflicted on the enemy and over 2000 prisoners captured during this operation. Because of failure of attack in the east it was decided. To Strengthen the attack on the left. Accordingly HQ 10 corps and 1 British Armd Div moved to Area 24 miles west of Matmata and the 10 Corps HQ took over from 2 New Zealand Corps on 26 Mar. 10 Corps then consisted of 1 Armd Div. 2 New Zealand Div 8 Armd Brig L(M) force and Free French flying column. At conclusion of period covered by this report attack by this Corps is in progress. SE (SE) Algerian forces. These forces operated throughout. On South flank of 2 US Corps. They encountered strong opposition from enemy at Djebel Rouana TY 15. Forward patrols reached western spur of Djebel Bou Jerra (TY 15)

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and point 608 of Djebel Asker 25 Mar. (1st part 2nd
part follows) Camel Corps detachments patrolling north
and south of Chott Djerid arrived at.

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CGGN
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King

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OSD letter, May, 3, 1972

By SLR

Date FEB 7 1974

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite AMSME 5352 Mar 30, 1943

New Zealand Div forward patrols entered Gabes shortly after 1100 hrs GCT 29th. Isolated enemy posts reported still in this area. First Armd Div patrols approx 2 miles northeast and north of El Hamma Farning 29th. Enemy had evacuated town night before. Fifty First Div forward troops just southeast Teboulbod area Z 3428 at 1130 hrs GCT. Leading troops 4th Ind Div reached road junction Z 2608 by 1140 hrs GCT 29th. Steady progress of 30th Corps continues meeting no opposition. Axis air southern sector defensive patrols over Gabes, few offensive missions and close support land forces El Hamma area.

Ninth Air Force Bomber Command and 12th Group and 79th Group report no operations 28th. Fifty Seventh Group report 24 planes dropped 4400 lbs of bombs during Fighter Bomber and Rcn sorties on El Hamma. From Brereton Bomber Command reports no operations for 29th. Report not yet received for 57th. Sixteen planes of 12th Group dropped 60100 lb of bombs on Sfax El Maon area. One hundred forty planes of 79th Group acted as bomber escort with loss 1 plane.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: AMSME 5439, March 29, 1943

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Along whole Corps front 30 Corps continued advance afternoon March 28th; by dark Mareth position in British hands. Aram and Mareth occupied by ~~5th~~ 50th Div before dark. Forward elements of 51 Div had reached line approximately 2 miles beyond Zarat - Mareth Road. For Marshall from Brereton. Forward troops 131 Brig reached Toujane with 201 Guards Brig in area east of Rentsik. By 1700 hrs GCT forward troops 4 Lnd Div also reached Toujane, Zeltene and Matmata, all of which were reported clear of enemy. March 28th advance toward Gabes by 2nd New Zealand Div with 8th Armd Brig continued. Enemy losses heavy in prisoners and equipment. 1st Armd Div continuing to hold enemy forces to El Hamma Area. Heavy enemy movement north from Gabes reported. Day March 28th RAF reports Spitfires encountered formation J U 87's (88's) Sfax Area while reconnoitering enemy landing grounds. Three JU 87's, 1 ME 109 destroyed. Haze and sandstorms hindered bomber activities.

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: AMSME 5338, March 29, 1943.

Enemy in Mareth position reported thinned morning 28th. 51st Div forward troops occupied Arram 1000 hrs GCT. 5th Ind Brig occupied high ground E 4378 Techine and E 3584 without opposition taking some prisoners For Marshall from Brereton. Enemy resistance decreased to 10th Corps evening 27th and many prisoners taken. Morning of 28th advance by 8th Armed Brig and 2nd New Zealand Div began towards Gabes. General movement enemy transport to east reported. 8th Armed Brig forward troops reached area Ghir Zouitinat Z 1915 by 900 hrs GCT. 1 Arm'd Div concentrated in area just south west El Amma area Z 0328 afternoon of 27th. Forward troops 131st Brig reached area E 4780 by 1750 hrs GCT 27th, taking some prisoners. 7th Ind Brig concentrating area E 3464 on 27th. Day 27th RAF reports 3 attacks by P 40 E's on MT between Mareth and El Hama fronts which destroyed 4 MT 1 tank; 50 MT damaged by strafing. North of battle area Spitfires thrice intercepted formations JU 88's and ME 210's destroying 2 JU 88's, one ME 210, damaging 3 JU 18's and 4 ME 210's. RAF losses 3 aircraft. Total losses in 324 Sorties supporting Marh 26 New Zealand and attack 8 fighter pilots, 2 light bomber crews missing. Night 26/27 MT on roads Gabes area attacked and fires started by RAF bombers and Albacores. March 27 RAF losses 7 P 40 E pilots missing. Night March 27/28 weather stopped operations.

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Information: OPD, CG AAF

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From: Algiers
To: WAR - USFOR

In Reply Cite: 71, March 29, 1943.

((AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps Adv NAAF pass EAC and 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast ADMC LN Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1 Armcd Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 71 date nil)) Part 3. Naval nothing to report. G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z, 28th March. Part 2 Air. With 5 enemy Bomber force reported between Algiers and 3 Degs west on useless quest for shipping and 2 additional active between Bone-Algiers of which 1 contacted afternoon between Algiers and Bouie, 2 small convoys there was greater activity Western Mediterranean. Of Balearns Area and south of Sicily usual recce. Nearly 28 March at least 18 JU 88's bombers operated Southern Tunisia with no reports for night 28-29 March. Arrived Tunis of which 50 afternoon 27 March between 80 and 100 German transport. With objective close support land forces El Hamma Area, Stukas, JU 88's and Fighter Bombers on small operations Southern Tunisia. In Gabes Area defensive patrols by German Italian Fighters as well as in Maknassy-Faid Area. Over battle area and Medenine thorough recce by 2 ME 109's with Fighters escort as far as El Hamma. In Sfax Area engaged by aircraft of WDAF were 2 ME 210's and 10 JU 88's. Beja-Medjez El Bab Sector German Fighter Patrols during day with road transport attacked afternoon by ME 109's and FW 190's.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR - USFOR

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Section 3. Two US Corps. Omekus Inf Div and
Nine US Inf Div this (2nd and last part 0/330)
morning started offensive operations to capture
high ground north and south road Gafsa-Gabes
area I 3563-I 4079. Enemy resistance was stub-
born. By the evening Nine US Inf Div on the south
of the road had partly succeeded in capturing its
objective and met advanced elements 47 were on
line Y 3560-Y 3865. To north of road One US Inf
Div most advanced elements have reached line
Y 3568-Y 3873-Y 4079. Maknassy area no material
change. Advanced elements on line T 8808-T 8015.
Area Foirouk O 8316. Advanced elements 34 Inf
Div on line O 8208-O 8316 Active contact with
enemy on all fronts.

Section 4. First Army. (A). 19 Corps. Recon-
naissances in force with in each case one batta-
lion supported by Artillery carried out to O 5531
O 6135 O 7244 and O 7153. Enemy encountered Atu
5531 but later forward elements reached O6048 (6028) and
took 23 prisoners. Battalion 6 RTA failed to take point
666 O6888 owing strong resistance but company occupied
point 704 O 6186. Little enemy opposition met at
other points. (B) 5 Corps 1 Brit Inf Div no change.
46 Div. Beja Sector. 2 Hampshire patrol to point 380
J 3647 engaged enemy strength inflicting casualties.
Dj Abiod Sector. Morning 28 Mar limited attack
launched astride road Dj Abiod - Sedjenane with 36 BDE and

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138 BDE east of road and 1 Para BDE west of road. Attack progressed satisfactorily although hampered throughout the day by bad weather. By evening 138 BDE had reached area J 1870 J 1970 and had 1 Bn temporarily held up in area J 1971 forward units 36 BDE had reached J 1570 one PZR BDE was moving north from area K 0562(0572) - J 6570 (0570) after successfully beating off enemy counter attacks. Over 500 prisoners taken mostly Italian. Attack continues.

Section 5. Air. Bad weather restricted bombing operations but fighters and fighter bombers continued to harass the enemy on both fronts. (A) Tunisian Air Forces offensive reconnaissances and fighter strafes Hurribombers made successful attack on tanks and guns NE Maknassy. (B) Western Desert Air Force. Fighter bomber attacks when ((end of part 1. Part 2.) (921. Cite FHGCT)). weather permitted. Fighter sweep destroyed 3 JU 88's and 1 ME 109.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
USFOR

In reply cite: No. 0337, March 29, 1943

For period ending 1200 hours 29 March (from 18 Army Group number 0337 dated 29 March. TOO V 100 A. to (1) Troopers (2) USFOR (Troopers pass) (3) AGWAR (4) Freedom (5) Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort (6) Midesst (7) Fifth Army (8) rptd Jacques (9) 242 Group (10) Bone Area for SOIS (11) HQ L of C (12) 12 ASC (13) NASAF (14) Tactical Bomber Group (15) Adv NAAF (for Col MacDonald F 2) (16) 2 US Corps (10) First Army continuation of SITREP number 156) Section 1. 8th Army. (A) Steady progress towards Gabes by 30 Corps continues. 2 NZ Div moving towards Gabes have encountered isolated enemy posts Southwest of the town. Last night enemy evacuated El Hama which was occupied by troops of First Arm Div this morning. (B) 30 Corps. Adv elements 51 Div were reported just Southeast Taboulbon (T) Z 3428 (T) 23428 at 1130 A hrs by 1140 A hrs leading troops 4 Indian Div reached road junction AT Z2608. No opposition encountered by 30 Corps. (C) 10 Corps. Two NZ Div continued their advance. At 1100 A hrs our forward troops were within approx 3000 yards of Gabes and later our patrols entered the town. Isolated enemy posts reported still in this area. The enemy evacuated El Hama last night and this morning patrols First Arm Div were on a line approx 2 miles Northeast and North of the town. Section 2. Southeast Algeria. NTR. Section 3. Two US Corps. First and Ninth Inf Div continued attacks during morning. 8 and 26 Inf Bns reached objectives at (Y) 4169 and (Y) 4167. 47 Inf reported on high ground at (Y) 3763. 34 Inf Div reported holding high ground South of Fondouh. Section 4. First Army. (A) 19 Corps. Strong recce in Olseltia reached Dj Zoumaida (O) 6028 -

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Bled Margueb (O) 6236-Rd Junc (O) 7244-Es Stoun (O)
7254 (B) 5 Corps. 46 Div Dj Abiod Sector. 1 CDO
in area Dj Chlucha (J) 1970 were attacked from East
evening 28 March no details yet. Section 5. Air.
Night 28/29. Bombing of enemy communications in
Sfax-Sousse-Kairouan areas resumed in bad weather.
Day 29 up to 1200 hours. Fighters strafed Met Gling
North on roads from Gabes. Offensive fighter patrols
Fuconneri Area destroyed 7 ME 109's and damaged 4.
End of part 1. Cite FHGCT.

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GEN DEANE (CCS)
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To : USFOR-War

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N. Tunisia

Djebel Abiod sector, lines Djebel Abiod-Tamera, ~~Djebel Abiod-Sedienang~~ (especially areas Djebel Chourha J 1971 and Djebel Es Sedia J 0771) to our progress (to AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Gp pass 1st Army and 2 Corps Adv NAAF pass EAC and 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1 Arm'd Corps and 6th Corps from Freedom 53 signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI) Strong enemy resistance offered. Later area enemy counter attack was failure. Inactive after 1030Z enemy Arty. Captured were many PSW notwithstanding Inf resistance. Of which 50 percent German total of about 800 taken. Sidi Nsir area quiet but by deserter captured night 27-28 March indicated 2nd BN 47 Gr withdrawing pointing to perhaps further weakening enemy forces this sector. Retreat 1st BN 47 Gr covered in G-2 report 140, 28th March. Nothing to report Ouez Zarga, Medjez and Bou Arada sectors. Driven from strong point at O 6686, grade Dorsale sector, enemy still holding out vigorously high ground O 6888. Encountered, Ousseltia Valley, at O 7230, O 7455 and O 6028 enemy advance units. Suggested by identifications fresh enemy units this area believed arrived Tunisia lately. Fondouk area nothing to report. Foregoing northern Tunisia Part I and G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 28th March. Central Tunisia. Maknassy and El Guettar sectors we are confronted with determined resistance. From T 8015 to Djebel Bou Douaou T 80 and from Y 4482 through Djebel Takadelt Y 47, Djebel El Mecheltat Y 36, to road junction Y 4165 are hostile.

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To : USFOR-M
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forward positions. Southern Tunisia. With El Hamma still strongly held and with determined resistance right of desert flank (Genetal area square Y 90) nevertheless enemy power this area reported weakening. Used chiefly for defense of Oued El Hamma and Oued El Mertebe Z02 and (end of 1st cipher part. Part 2 follows) Z01 enemy armor.

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Action: G-2
Information: OPD
CG AAF

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BRATTON	✓	
SIT.	✓	
CURR.	✓	
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AIR		✓
E-A	✓	
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From: Algiers
To: WAR-London USFOR

In Reply Cite: Unnumbered March 29, 1943

Organization this Bde (with 2 motorized Inf Regts and Arty Bn) 3rd and last cipher part. With 1 regimental number unreported other apparently is 961 PS thought to be in command Colonel Kurt Thomas. On El Hama front identified by PSW this area are all 3 Inf Regts 164 Div plus 104 PZR and 5 PZ Regt. Presence of 164 Div, 21 PZR Div confirmed by these identifications. Also located same general area 361 PZR and 190 AR. Italian. By PSW north of Djebel Abiod 16 and 34 Bns 10 Bersaglieri. General comment. Former reserves in north apparently still being withdrawn by enemy. In center our attacks south of the Dorsale demonstrated enemy planned strengthening himself by use of new units. Considered likely circumstances force enemy to use any elements already arrived before full reorganization could be accomplished. In south approaches to coastal plain from Maknassy and El Quettar still obstructed with determined resistance on El Hama flank. Probably to accomplish evacuation Mareth garrison (apparently finally decided upon) is resistance El Hama flank. As to whether enemy's next stand will be Djebel Tebaga Fatnassa-Oued Akarat line no indications. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

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Information: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

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Majority PSW taken this flank German for 1st time and total taken here and (2nd part of 53 G 2 report) Mareth flanks now considered above 6000. In El Hama area, 90 Light Div supporting 21 PZ Div and 164 Div. Likely also withdrawn to this front is Spezia Div. Toujane area no details at hand but believed Italian 21 Corps front weakening indicated by reported systematic cleaning up elements DC Pistola Div. Main Mareth Sector considerably weakened. From Arram and Mareth during day enemy withdrawn. From PGR Afrika PW substantiated weakening in progress and added that PGR Afrika proceeding to north of Gabes by still unknown exact location Trieste and young Fascists Div. ((AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18th Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps Adv NAAF pass EAC and 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv. Liaison AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Identifications. German. By PSW. Djebel Abiod- Tamera area 28 March, Marsch Bn 20 (T 3) 2nd and 3rd Bns Barenthin Regt and Witzig Bn. SI Neir Sector night 27-28 March 2nd Bn 47 IR by deserter who said this unit withdrawing same night from sector. To be also withdrawing now asserted by PSW from 1st and 2nd Bns. Area J 3740 night 27-28 March 3rd 755 IR. Comment. Again in front line probable 755 IR since checked area J 4239, March 26 was 3rd Bn. Area J 5836 by deserter night 27-28 March 2nd Coy 756 MTN Regt. Comment. Taken to substantiate area north of Medjez continued presence 1st Bn 756. Area O 6028, 28 March 1st Bn Afrika Schutzen Regt 961. Comment. While PSW allege to be from "999" considered likely this is

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Afrika BDE 999 activated Antwerp early this year. By other sources in Feb elements last named unit designated for North Africa. Considered similar to that of (end of 2nd part. Part 3 follows) 90 Light Div.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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22-73*

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 0/330 - March 29, 1943

For 24 hours ending 2359 hours 28 March (number 330, dated 29 March TOO 0800 A M from 18th Army Group to (1) Troopers (Pass USFOR) (2) USFOR (3) AGWAR (4) Freedom (5) Governor Malta-Personal for FM Viscount Gort (6) MidEast (7) 5th Army rptd (8) Jacques (9) 242nd Group (10) Bone Area for SOIS (11) Hq L of C (12) 12 ASC (13) NASAF (14) Tactical Bomber Group (15) Adv NAAF (For Col MacDonald ATG) (16) 2nd US Corps (17) 1st Army. SITREP number 156 (556). From AFHQ, signed C in C.

Part 1.

Section 1. 8th Army.

(A). 30th Corps. During night 27/28 patrols found enemy had appreciably thinned out in Mareth position. In the morning 30th Corps advanced and by last light 50th Div had occupied Aroam and Mareth. Forward elements of 51st Div had reached a line approx 2 miles beyond road Zarat-Mareth. Forward Troops 131st Bde reached Toujane with 201st Guards Bde area just East of Rentsia. At 1700 A hours forward troops 4th Ind Div had reached Toujane Zeltene and Matlata all of which were reported clear.

(B). 10th Corps. During night 27/28 enemy resistance decreased in front of 2nd NZ Div as mopping up continued and general enemy NET movement to the East was reported in the morning 8th Armd Bde and 6th NZ Bde moved forward and BM 0900 A hours forward Troops 8th Armd Bde had reached Area Hir Zouitinat 121915. This move continued towards Gabes throughout the day. Much equipment and prisoners collected.

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Enemy tanks in area TZ1619. Were engaged with good results. 1st Armd Div concentrated in area just South West El Hamma and continued to contain enemy forces in this area throughout the day. El Hami has been reinforced by enemy from the East.

Section 2. South East Algeria during 28 March enemy with tanks made unsuccessful raid against one of French positions area Dj Berda Y25, night 27/28 French Troops dispersed enemy motorized detachment by ambush near Oued El Alri on road Kebili Y30-Abir Our Ali Y4454. Enemy tanks attacked this ambush party afternoon 28. South of Djerid Camel Troops occupied Douz Y 3'837. Enemy resistance (part 2 follows) with APV 15 Kilometers North of Douz.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR London (Action)
War (Information).

In Reply Cite: 156, March 29, 1943.

Number 156 March 28. Part 2 (USFOR AGWAR Troopers
5th Army Mideast 18 Army Gp Hq Liaison Gp AFHQ Malta
Adv NWAAF from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT
nil 29th (sitrep).

Part 1. Naval. Enemy aircraft and U Boats
active against convoys. One ship was torpedoed by
aircraft and sank. Two ships were torpedoed 1 by
aircraft and 1 by U boat; both ships have been beached.
During 2 attacks on convoy by enemy aircraft off
Phillippeville 7 enemy aircraft were shot down and 3
damaged by our aircraft. Destroyers carried out U
boat hunt west of Oran. Results considered very pro-
promising. Algiers Harbour attacked by 8 enemy aircraft
with circling torpedoes and bombs evening 26 Mar. One
ship previously damaged and under repair received
direct hit and is now total loss. Motor torpedo boats
operated on intruder patrols from Bone nights 23/24
and 24/25 Mar.

Para 2. Movements in progress. Tenth Inf Brig
on 4th DI, enroute to Souk El Arba by rail and motor.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CGGN,
General Deane (CCS),
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F.O.C. Gibraltar

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BY 32 DATE FEB 7 1974

From : C. in C. Mediterranean

Algiers Harbour attacked on 26th March by 8 J.U. 88's at dusk in poor visibility. Aircraft approached very low and detected by R.D.F. Flew over harbour at about 200 feet from North Westward in two lines and dropped circling torpedoes and bombs in inner and outer harbour. Aircraft apparently carried two circling torpedoes and two bombs each.

2. Satisfactorily heavy fire was opened by light A/A and ships C R weapons. Three aircraft confirmed shot down and one probable. One of these may have fouled merchant ship balloon wire. P/W state unaware of presence of balloons.

3. Five torpedoes dropped outside the breakwaters. Of these two were blown up by rifle fire one exploded spontaneously, one ran on to the detached mole and has since been removed and one exploded against outer side of Eastern breakwater. Four torpedoes landed in port area two struck buildings and exploded two others landed ashore but failed to explode.

4. Bombs struck unloaded EMPIRE STANYARD previously torpedoed in K.M.S. ten and broke her back.

5. Minor damage includes destruction of chart depot building. Damage to French Port Directors Building Naval Canteen the sinking of several French harbour craft and superficial damage to trawler HULL. Naval casualties two ratings killed one missing six wounded.

6. This attack emphasises the vital importance for the protection of shipping of an R.D.F. set capable of detecting very low flying aircraft. It is understood that type 273 Mark V is now available and will meet the requirements. Request maximum allocation as soon as practicable. Efforts are also being made to obtain supply of U.S. type S.C.R. 582.

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F.M.

Admiral

Air Marshall

Gen. Macready

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Cdr. Coleridge (8)

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Lt. Col. Cook

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In reply cite: 9888, March 28, 1943

3. Naval. Nothing to report. (To AGWAR WDCM-
USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2
Corps Adv NAAF pass EAC and 13th AF MBS ABS Malta
Mideast Adv Liaison Group AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armad Corps
and 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom 9888 28 TH signed Eisen
hower cite FHGBI) G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z
27 March.

2. Air. Eastbound convoy contacted 0535Z
shadowed by 4 enemy bomber recce between Djidjelli
and Bougie during day. After torpedo bomber attack
convoy watched for several hours by second aircraft
afternoon. Between Oran and Gibraltar morning 2 further
enemy recce reported of which 1 on weather flight.
Balearic morning 2 JU 88's. Attacked by about 12 enemy
bomber torpedo aircraft was eastbound convoy between
Djidjelli and Bougie morning. Hit by torpedo 0905Z
merchant vessel. Claimed destroyed by our fighters
7 enemy with others damaged. Operating over Southern
Tunisia night March 27-28 between 15 and 20 JU 88's.
With 8-6 engined planes arrived Tunis during day 26
March about 150 JU 52's. Little enemy activity south-
ern Tunisia. Probably by ME 110's over area south of
Matmata extensive mid morning recce performed. Inter-
cepted Gabes area afternoon probably on offensive miss-
ion formation JU 88's. Active over Tebaga and El Hamm
during day occasional small fighter patrols including
Italian. Gabes area last light Spitfires engaged es-
corted offensive patrol. To small early morning fighter
sweeps Mateur-Medjes El Bab sector northern Tunisia
activity confined.

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INFORMATION: OPD CG AAF

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Mar 28, 1943
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PRIORITYFrom: Algiers
To: WarIn reply cite: 0/319 March 28, 1943
English attack - bomber (A-20)

With Albacores attacked enemy motor transport concentrations on roads in Gabes area. In spite of poor visibility they caused several fires. Day 27. After early recce reporting much movement on Gabes-El Hamma road Kittybombers made 2 attacks on these targets. 1st attack found good targets and claimed 4 MT and 1 tank in flames after direct hit and 50 motor transport damaged. 2nd attack targets dispersed and intense Ack Ack encountered. A later Kittybomber attack on MT reported SW of Gabes found no targets and returned with bombs. Spitfires operating deep into enemy territory in the Sfax area intercepted an escorted formation of 8 ME 210's and claim one ME 210 destroyed and 2 others damaged. 2 Spitfires missing and 1 forced landed in our own lines. Spitfires also encountered 10 JU 88's about to attack our land forces south of El Hamma. They destroyed 2 and damaged 3 and forced the remainder to jettison their bombs on their own troops. Tunisian Air Forces. In the north haze prevented combat interception patrols. Hurribombers attacked army targets Maknassy area. Offensive reconnaissance show little movement in front.

End of continuation Part 1, Nr 0/319. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

ACTION: OPD

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INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CGGN,
General Deane (CCS),
Admiral King, Log.DECLASSIFIED
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From: Algiers
To: War USFOR

In reply cite: 9889 March 28, 1943

Northern Sector no reports enemy offensive operation. (AGWAR USFOR repeated 18 Army Group Advance NAAF, MBS, ABS, Malta, Mideast, Advance Liaison Group AFHQ, 5 Army from G-2 Freedom. 9889. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps Adv NAAF pass EAC and 12th AF MBS, ABS, Malta Mideast, Adv Ln 2 Grp AFHQ, 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps) Along ridge running northeast from J 2280 to Djebel El Assel J 2563, 27 March enemy Bn perhaps from Barenthin Regt reported in position. Stated unoccupied, night 26/27 March but with some enemy observed high ground 500 yards north of Chassart, Smidia J 5939, Chassaln Teffaha J 5741 and Sidi Naceur. No reports Bou Arada-Djebel Mansour sector. Free from enemy Ousseltia Valley sector, Djebel Touila O 8063 and Djebel Er Rihana O 7546. No other reports this sector. Foregoing Northern Tunisia part 1 land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 27 March. Central Tunisia. With no opposition by enemy ground forces resistance our occupation Fondouk minimum, restricted to MG fire. Seen mid-day north Hadjeb El Aïoun O 6510, four unidentified tanks 27 March. Possibly from 31 Tank Regt or from 136 Anti Tank Bn. This unit thought to be Northern Tunisia. Mainly defensive, digging in, enemy's dispositions Maknassy sector. Southern Tunisia. With armor believed moved eastwards across Oued El Mortebea Z 01, El Hamma sector, enemy withdrew to about two miles south of El Hamma result our

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armored attack 26 March on principal highway from
Gages toward El Hama 1330Z 27 March heavy move-
ment seen by air recce.

no sig

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

G2 Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		✓
KRONER		✓
BRATTON		✓
SIT.		✓
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U R G E N T

From Algiers
To: WAR

In reply cite: 9926, March 28th, 1943.

No reports. Para 2. Movements completed (action
UEFOR repeated AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast,
18th Army Group, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta, ADV
Northwest African Air Force for information. From
G 3 section AFHQ 9926 28th. SITREP number 155
March 27 Part 2. Signed Eisenhower cite FHQCT.
Para 1. Naval 355th CA BN Sep AA Searchlight
arrived Telergma from Oran. Movements commenced
437th Ca Bn AW Sep departed Casablanca for Telergma.

Action: OPD

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

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1. HMS HOLCOMBE ATTACKED CONTACT IN POSITION 36-28 NORTH
00-24 WEST AT 1115/24. ALL AVAILABLE DESTROYERS FROM FOR-
CE HOW AT MERS EL KEBIR PROCEEDED TO HUNT WITH AIR COOP-
ERATION UNTIL 0745/25. NO FURTHER CONTACT WAS OBTAINED.
2. FRENCH TRAWLER SERGEANT GOUNE WAS SUNK BY U-BOAT AT
0020/26 60 MILES EAST OF ALBORAN ISLAND. 14 SURVIVORS.
3. PRINS WILHELM 3RD IN CONVOY MKS ELEVEN WAS TORPEDOED
BY AIRCRAFT AT 0700/26 IN POSITION 37-00 NORTH 02-14
EAST. SHIP WAS TAKEN IN TOW BUT CAPSIZED AND SANK AT
0240/27.
4. CITY OF PERTH IN CONVOY MKS 10 TORPEDOED BY U-BOAT
IN POSITION 35-47 NORTH 01-30 WEST AT 1844/26. SHIP HAS
BEEN BEACHED NEAR CAPE FEGALO WEATHER CONDITIONS PRE-
VENTING TOWAGE TO ORAN. SALVAGE OPERATIONS ARE PROCEED-

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5. HMS TARTAR AND QUANTOCK MADE FOUR ATTACKS ON U-BOAT IN 35-55 NORTH 01-41 WEST AT 1920/26 AFTER QUANTOCKS LAST ATTACK EXPLOSION HEARD AFTER PATTERN DETONATED AND CONTACT WAS LOST. LATER LARGE DIESEL OIL PATCH COVERED AREA HALF A MILE SQUARE.

6. ALGIERS HARBOUR ATTACKED BY 8 JU'S 88 WITH CIRCLING TORPEDOES AND BOMBS AT 1935/26. DETAILS ARE REPORTED IN NY 1750/28.

7. EMPRESS ROMAN IN CONVOY KMS 11 HIT BY AIRCRAFT TORPEDO IN POSITION 37-16 NORTH 0654 EAST AT 1005/27. SHIP HAS BEEN BEACHED 18 MILES WEST OF PHILIPPEVILLE AND SALVAGE OPERATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS. CONVOY WAS AGAIN ATTACKED BY AIRCRAFT ABOUT NOON WITHOUT LOSS ^{IN} THE 2 RAIDS 7 ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN BY FIGHTERS AND 3 DAMAGED.

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8. MTBS FROM DONE OPERATED ON MERHADER PATROL BETWEEN
GALITA AND MAINLAND ON NIGHTS 23/24 AND 24/25.

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ALGIERS HARBOUR ATTACKED ON 26TH MARCH BY 8 JU 88'S AT DUSK
IN POOR VISIBILITY. AIRCRAFT APPROACHED VERY LOW AND DE-

TECTED BY RDF. FLEW OVER HARBOUR AT ABOUT 200 FEET FROM
NORTH WESTWARD IN 2 LINES AND DROPPED CIRCLING TORPEDOES

AND BOMBS IN INNER AND OUTER HARBOUR. AIRCRAFT APPARENTLY
CARRIED 2 CIRCLING TORPEDOES AND 2 BOMBS EACH.

2. SATISFACTORILY HEAVY FIRE WAS OPENED BY LIGHT A/A AND
SHIPS CR WEAPONS. 3 AIRCRAFT CONFIRMED SHOT DOWN AND ONE

PROBABLE. ONE OF THESE MAY HAVE FOULED MERCHANT SHIP BALLOON
WIRE. P/W STATE UNAWARE OF PRESENCE OF BALLOONS.

3. FIVE TORPEDOES DROPPED OUTSIDE THE BREAKWATERS. OF THESE
TWO WERE BLOWN UP BY RIFLE FIRE ONE EXPLODED SPONTANEOUSLY.

ONE RAN ON TO THE DETACHED MOLE AND HAS SINCE BEEN REMOVED
AND ONE EXPLODED AGAINST OUTER SIDE OF EASTERN BREAKWATER.

4 TORPEDOES LANDED IN PORT AREA 2 STRUCK BUILDINGS AND EX-
PLODED 2 OTHERS LANDED ASHORE BUT FAILED TO EXPLODE.

4. BOMBS STRUCK UNLOADED EMPIRE STANYARD PREVIOUSLY TOR-
PEDDED IN KMS 10 AND BROKE HER BACK.

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5. MINOR DAMAGE INCLUDES DESTRUCTION OF CHART DEPOT BUILDING. DAMAGE TO FRENCH PORT DIRECTORS BUILDING NAVAL CANTEEN

THE SINKING OF SEVERAL FRENCH HARBOUR CRAFT AND SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE TO TRAWLER HULL. NAVAL CASUALTIES 2 RATINGS KILLED

1 MISSING 6 WOUNDED.

6. THIS ATTACK EMPHASISES THE VITAL IMPORTANCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF SHIPPING OF AN RDF SET CAPABLE OF DETECTING

VERY LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT TYPE 273 MARK V IS NOW AVAILABLE AND WILL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS. RE-

QUEST MAXIMUM ALLOCATION AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE. EFFORTS ARE ALSO BEING MADE TO OBTAIN SUPPLY OF U.S. TYPE SCR 582.

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Mar 28, 1943
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BY SR, DATE FEB 7 1974

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 0/319 , March 28, 1943.

(HQ L of C 12 ASC NASAF Tactical Bomber Group
ADV NAAF 2 US Corps First Army from 18 Army Group
0/319 Mar 28, 599 0745A) From AFHQ signed CINC. Part
1 continues. Section 1 Eighth Army. 7th Arm Div
continued to move forward towards area Rentsia and 4 Ind
Div kept up their pressure towards Roujama and Teccine.
On 10 Corps front severe fighting continued whilst
German posts were cleared up in area SW of El Hamma.
(A). 30 Corps. By 1750A hours leading troops 131 BDE
had reached Aies (Y) E 4780. Forward troops of 5
103 BDE had reached (y) E 3876 and (y) E 3474 6
1740A hours. Some PW were taken. 7 Ind BDE concentrating
area (y) E 3474 (y) E 3484 (B). 10 Corps. During after-
noon the enemy moved from area DY 9919 into deep Wadi
running south from Oglat Mertebe (T) Z 0314 1st Arm Div
situated between road and Djebel in area (T) Z 0358 2
NZ Div astride road area (T) Y 0919 and still encountering
stiff resistance on southern flank. Considerable enemy
movement was observed. During afternoon from east and
south south east towards El Hamma which appears to be
strongly held. Section 5. Pir. Following up enemy
ground movements after yesterday's battle the western
desert air Force continued to harass the enemy in the
Gabs area. Western Desert Air Forces. Night 26/27
((Second part follows)). 54 Wellingtons and 6 Halifaxes.

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: ANSME 5317, March 28, 1943

By 1515 hours GCT 26th the 5th Ind Brig had reached area E 3472. After being delayed by mines and enemy resistance on the 27th 4th Ind Div continued good progress by 1700 hours GCT with 5th Ind Brig towards Techine E 2887 from Southeast and 7th Ind Brig in Area E 26. Thirtieth Corps Patrols report enemy still holding Northern Sector positions 27th. 151st Brig E 6193 vice 201 guards brig relieved. Night 26th, 27th, 2nd New Zealand Div captured commanding ground area York 9306, York 9305 later attacked Northeast astride El Hama road South Djebel Tebaga. First Arm Div commenced thrust towards El Hama early hours morning 27th after successful completion concentration area York 9912 night before. From Brereton. Enemy tanks reported withdrawing East of Wadi El Mortebe Area Z 1313. New Zealand mopping up 26th battlefield area meeting stiff enemy resistance on high ground.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION:

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CG AAF

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OED letter, May, 3, 1973

By SLR

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INCOMING MESSAGE

CCWD

March 28, 1943

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: O/318 March 28, 1943

Camel Platoon occupied Sabria (D) 1563 and Rhidma (D) 1874. (Number O/318 to Troopers pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta-personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army rptd Jacques Moulares 24 (242) group Bone area for Sois Hq L of CS 12 ASC Nasaf Tactical Bomber Group for Colonel MacDonald A 22 United States Corps First Army from 18 Army Group dated 28 March TOO 0455 A. Part 1 Sitrep number 155 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 27 March. From AFHQ signed CING.

Part 1.

Section 1. 8th Army. Follows later.

Section 2. South east Algeria.

Section 3. 2 Corp. 34 Division continued attack and Enereb Fondouk at 2100 A after encountering slight resistance. 1 Armd Division continued occupation of Maknassy and maintained patrols. 62 FA Battalion moved from Gafsa to Maknassy. 1 Infantry Division and 9 Infantry Division continued organization. Patrol activity in front of 1 Infantry Div continued although visibility restricted by dust.

Section 4. 1st Army. (A). 19 Corps. Velvert Div reconnaissance in force to Es Sauak Ridge (O) 7250 26 March was shelled on objective by enemy but made no contact with ground troops. Infantry patrol night 26/27 March crossed Oued Merd astride Maktar-Pichon road and remain in positions Ras Edidhara (O) 5929. Mathinet Division patrols report (O) 7449

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From: Algiers

To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 0/318 March 28, 1943

Bir-Elurni (O) 7753 (Ountela Si Saad (O) 7756 unoccupied Dj Bou Dabouss (O) 85 Dj El Ouechiatia (O) 85 occupied by enemy. Goum patrol to Dj Touila (O)' 8036 made contact with Italians. (B), 5 Corps. 1 Division patrols night 26/27 March found Smidia (J) 5939 Chassart Teffana (J) 5741 Caceur (J) 5437 Daprat (J) 4735 unoccupied but saw enemy on hills 500 yards north of Chassart. 46 Div. Patrols 26 March crossed river (J) 1567. No contact. Night 26/27 March successful small raid on enemy positions (J) 5151. Bn 128 Bde pushed forward 27 March from area (J) 2254 to area (J) 2460 and report enemy possibly 1 Bn on line (J) 2260-(J) 2461 1 along ridge to Dj Assel (J) 2563.

End of Part 1. Part 2 follows. Section 5. Air. to follow cite FHGCK.

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ACTION: OPD

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GENERAL DEANE (CC/S)
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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: AMSME 4319, March 28, 1943.

Dusk evening 27th forward patrols 2nd Armd Brig Z 0025, 1st Armd Div Z 0424. Enemy tanks reported withdrawn north of them. New Zealand Div captured high ground Djebel Tebaga and clearing up area. Forty tanks suddenly appeared area Y 8508 routed by 8th Armd Brig evening 27th. Previously reported concentration hull kows tanks Y 9613 believed 15th Armd Div. Enemy at Mareth Line positions showing nervousness. From Brereton Djebel Er Reintsit E 5186 reported still occupied by enemy. Eighty of Pistoia Div surrendered when threatened only 3 shots fired. Heavy movement motor transport reported north and northwest March 26th from Squares Z 40 and 41 and exceptionally heavy same direction from El Hama Z 03. Ground and air reports indicate partial enemy withdrawal Mareth Line suggested by fresh movements. Main enemy Mareth defenses still in position. Fourth Lt Armd Brig mopping up area in south.

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General Deane (CCS)

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: AMSME 5330, March 28, 1943.

Tank runners 40th Tank Regt 1200 hrs GCT
27th reported as 21. 15th Armd Div moving towards
Gages area Z 0815 March 27th 1200 hrs GCT. Indications
entire 184th Div was on high ground Djebel Tebaga as
right flank 21st. Div in plain. Special elements
identified left flank 21st Div. 5th Indian Brig moving
towards Toujane and Teshine report rest of Italian 21st
Corps this area moving northwest. Anti tank fortifications
east of Mareth Line reported vacated. From Brereton 9th
Air Force Bomber Command reports no operations March 27th.
12th, 79th no report yet received. Thirty nine planes of
57th Group dropped 5,760 lbs of bombs during fighter
bomber and strafing operation, report 40 transport de-
stroyed and 25 damaged, 1 tank damaged four 88 MM Ack Ack
gun crews shot up, 2 truck loads of men killed and many
other, 3 pilots missing. Operations report not received
from RAF.

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March 28, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: War USFOR

In reply cite: 9663 March 27, 1943

(AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18
Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps Adv NAAF
pass EAC and 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv
Liaison Grp AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Arm'd Corps and
2 Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite
FHCBI. 9663 undated nil) Off Algerian Coast three
JU 88's enemy bomber recce of which one on
weather flight two others active Algiers area,
one at 0930Z other 1400Z. From Sicily four ad-
ditional reported, one off eastern Tunisian
coast one Gulf of Syrte. North of Dellys 2142Z
and chased to 30 miles northeast Cape Matifou
during night one enemy recce which later again
engaged by fighters and chased off Cape Corbelin.
Attacked shipping Algiers Harbour 1630Z at least
six enemy bombers and circling torpedo bombers
observed. Reported shot down in harbour two with
one empty Allied ship struck. Returned probably
to Sardinia after this operation. However landed
in Majorca before attack on Algiers started was
CES. Landed Tunis morning 25 March between 80
and 100 German transport. Continuing slight and
decreasing during day enemy air activity Southern
Tunisia. While several small offensive sweeps
southwest of El Hamma and in El Guettar and Mak-
nasey areas accomplished by enemy fighters, main
activity was landing ground protection patrols
over Gabes and Tebaga by German Italian fighters
Encountered over target were 15 ME 109's FW 190's

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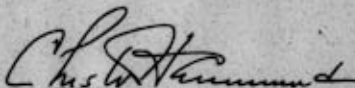
MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT:

TUNISIA:

1. New Zealand division has "reached its objective" 15 miles S.W. of El Hamma. The British 1st Armored Division is also concentrated in this area, reinforcing the New Zealand column.
2. Division Headquarters and one infantry regiment of the 9th Division have been moved up to reinforce the 1st U.S. Division in the El Guettar region.
3. Cooperating with attack, 8th Army Western Desert Air Force caught large number of motor transport retreating northwards in concentrated bombing and strafing attacks whilst Northwest African Air Force assisted by pinning enemy air force to ground by heavy attacks on his landing grounds.

Very respectfully,


CHESTER HARBORD,
Lt. Colonel, General Staff.

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By W. J. DONOVAN

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March 27, 1943
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From: CAIRO
To: AGWAR

E. O. 11652, Sec. 3(E) and 5(D) or (E)

OSD letter, May, 3, 1972

By SLR

Date FEB 7 1974

In reply cite: AMSME 5298 March 27, 1943

Battalion of Pistoia Division reported identified Djebel Melab March 24th. 51st Division forward troops occupied area Z 6004, Z 5904, Z 5903. 7th Armed Division patrols continue operations northwest and southwest Medenine. Evening 25th, 5th Ind Inf Brig reached Hallouf and leading troops 7th Ind Inf Brig area E4556 delayed by mines. Night 21st, Twenty-second Naval Gunboat bombarded Gabes. Later motor launches staging feint, landing north of Gabes, drew some machine gun fire. Additional small feint convoy sailed towards Gabes, not sighted by enemy. (from Brereton) Ninth Air Force Bomber Command reports no operations March 26th. 28 planes of 12th group dropped 57,025 pounds of bombs, 5,350 pounds of flares and fire bombs on Mareth area and PEN points. Claim 1 direct hit in target area, and fires in target area. 57th group reports no operations. 79th group reports 96 planes dropped 11,520 pounds of bombs during fighter bomber and strafing missions.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD, CG AAF, General Deane (CCS).

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WDCC
March 27, 1943
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: USFOR War

In reply cite: 9656 March 27, 1943

Part two SITREP number 154 March 26.

1. Naval. (added USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers
5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group Hq, Liaison Group
AFHQ Malta Adv Northwest African Air Force for in-
formation from G-3 Section AFHQ 9656 26 Mar)
No reports. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT.

Movements completed. Hq, Btry and 3rd Bn
213th CA AA Regt arrived Telergma from Casablanca.
Movements commenced. 355th CA Bn Sep (AA) Search-
light departed Oran for Telergma.

Action: OPD

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

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VNT 25
iled 27/1555Z
cn

WDCC
March 27, 1943
1701Z

OPERATIONAL
PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In reply cite: 5307 March 27, 1943

Units of 164th Div opposing New Zealanders
reported holding high ground area Y 6212. From
Brereton British 1st Armd Div Southeast corner
square Y 91 on 25th of March.

no sig

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF

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MC		✓
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KRONER		
BRATTON		✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		
AIR		
E-A		✓
FE		
NA		
LA		
COLL.		
SPEC.		
GEOG.		
TRNG		
JSC		
EO		
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PER.		
CC		
FIN.		
POW		
REC.		
FL		
CIG		✓
JIC		✓
ONI		✓
WH		✓

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VNT 31
iled 27/1917Z
cn

WDCC
March 27, 1943
2031Z

OPERATIONAL
PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In reply cite: ANSME 5318 March 27, 1943

Coastal sector 30th Corps reports little activity. 4th Inf Div reports good progress towards Toujane taking many Italians prisoners. 10th Corps launched attack afternoon 26th with 1st Armd Div, 2nd New Zealand Div, 8th Armd Brig, L Force, and Fighting French Flying Column under command. Operations reported proceeding according to plan. (From Brereton) Day 26th RAF reports three formations bombers bombed enemy troops south of El Hama followed by 20 squadrons fighter bombers bombing and strafing intensively same area two and one half hours until 1700 hrs GCT claiming 80 motor transport destroyed and 200 damaged. Concentrations enemy Inf also dispersed. Escort encountered one formation ME 109's claiming three damaged without loss. Losses for day not yet known. Night 25/26 135 sorties by light medium and heavy bombers same area caused many fires.

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OSD letter, May, 3, 1972

Action: OPD By SLR Date FEB 7 1974 no sig
Information: G-2
CG AAF
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VH**INCOMING MESSAGE** CCWD
Mar 28, 1943
0145Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: USFOR War

In Reply Cite 0316 Mar 27, 1943

Active patrolling by 30 Corps during last night. (Number 0 316 dated 27 March to nil from 18 Army Group to Troopers Pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM VIS Count Gor Mideast 5th Army rptd Jacques Moularex 242 Group Bone area for SOIS Hq L of C 12 ASC NASAF tactical bomber group advance NAAF for Colonel MacDonald A 22 United States Corps 1st Armn. Part 1 SITREP number 154 for period ending 1800 hours 27 March. From AFHQ signed CINC. Part 1 continues. Section 1. 8th Army. South West El Hamma good progress has been' made but violent fighting continues. (A). 30 Corps. Patrols of 30 Corps report enemy still holds this position in the northern sector. The relief of 201 guards brigade by 151 BDE took place without incident. Four Indian Division after being delayed by mines enemy resistance continue to make good progress with 5th Indian BDE moving towards Teghine (Y) E 28 from the southeast and 7 Indian BDE in area (Y) E 26. (B). 10 Corps. Last night the concentration 1 Armored Division in area (T) Y 9912 was successfully accomplished and a thrust towards El Hamma was started in early hours of morning. By (1145) A hours 2 Arm BDE was 2 miles from El Hamma. Enemy tanks are reported to be withdrawing to east of the Wadi El Aerteba (T) Z 01. Further southwest in area yesterdays battle field mopping up operations by 2 New Zealand Division in face of stiff enemy resistance are in progress on B high ground Zemlet El Madjel (T) Y 90 and Djebel Tebaga. Section 2 south east Algeria.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Algeria
To: USFOR War

In Reply Cite 0316 Mar 27, 1943

Follows in next SITREP. Section 3 2 Corps. 34 Infantry
Division attacked eastwards at 1st light this morning
and have reached area 10 miles southwest of Fondouk
(O) 8317 after encountering slight opposition. NTR
in El Guettar and Maknassy area. (Rpd of Part 1. Cite
PHGCT. Section 4 1st Army. Follows in next SITREP.
Section 5. Air. Follows in next SITREP.

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Tunisia*

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
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filed 27/1838Z
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CCWD
3/28/43
0207Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite Y 7327 Mar 27, 1943

MARETH

Unoccupied Z 6008 anti tank ditch number of guns south of main road largely decreased and into position (second and last cipher part Freedom 9662) either side of road number of 88 MM guns have been placed. From Spezia Div Secto some northwesterly movement reported. However 90 Light Div, pivoted whole defense line, apparently unmoved. Identifications. German by PSW. Area J 4239, 26 March 11 Coy 755 IR. Comment. Presumably in reserve areas for about 3 weeks this first contact identification since 5 March with 755 ea. West of Medjez night 25-26 March, by deserter, 10 Coy 757 (Mtn) Regt. Comment. Night 12-13 March northeast Oued Zarga east identification 3rd Bn southwest El* Sig. Four Div plus 2nd Btry Africa Arty Regt 1 reported. Italian 1st QN 66 IR (Trieste Div) Pisto Div area E 3374. General comment. Perhaps enemy has decided to retire from Mareth position suggested by apparent weakening there plus reinforcement troops guarding southwestern approaches to Gabes by 15 PN Div 164 Light Div. To accomplish this enemy may endeavour maintain open corridor by strengthening defense of all approaches from southwest and west. If foregoing correct assumption perhaps on line Djebel Tebaga Fatnassa Z 05-Oued Akarit Z 25 main enemy body will attempt stand. Prepared positions already dug, to certain extent, line indicated. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD

CG AAF

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INCOMING MESSAGE CCWD
March 27, 1943
2335Z

From: Algiers
To: WAR - London USFOR Information

In Reply Cite: 9571 March 27, 1943

It was officially announced last night ~~information ACWAF Washington USFOR London from Freedom 9571~~ that General Catroux had arrived in Algiers and that he was immediately received by General Giraud, ~~information ACWAF Hull and Combined Chiefs of Staff USFOR British Chiefs of Staff and Ambassador Matthews signed Eisenhower cite FHOIV Murphy. NAF 101.~~ The announcement prominently published in the mornings local press together with a report of DeGaulles broadcast from London stating that he would shortly proceed to North Africa and meet General Giraud, "A great soldier and a noble figure".

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ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
General Strong
Admiral King
General Arnold
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Mar 27, 1943
1535Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 0/310 , March 27, 1943.

((To (1) Troopers (pass USFOR) (2) USFOR
(3) AGWAR (4) Freedom (5) Governor Malta - personal
for FM Viscount Gort (6) Mideast (7) 5th Army rptd
(8) Jacques Moulares (9) 242 Group (10) Bone Area for
SOIS (11) HQ L of C (12) 12 ABC (13) NASAF (14) Tactical
Bomber Group (15) Adv NAAF (for Col MacDonald A 2 (16)
2nd US Corps (17) 1st Army. From, 18 Army Group number
O 310, TOO 1030A/27.)) Part 1 SITREP No 154 for 24
hrs ending 2359 hrs 26 Mar. From AFHQ signed CINC.
Part 1 continues. Section 1. 8th Army. Little activity
on the Coastal Sector in 30 Corps front. Further to the
south west 4 Inf Div made good progress towards the
Toujane Area taking many Italian PW. In the area south
west of El Hamma an attack was launched this afternoon
by 10 corps with 1 Armd Div 2 NZ Div 8 Armd Bde L Force
and Free French Flying Column under command. Excellent
progress was made and operations are proceeding accord-
ing to plan. WD Air Force carried out continuous and
intensive bombing and strafing attacks on enemy forward
troops and gun positions throughout the operation. (A)
30 Corps. Activity in the Coastal Sector last night and
today was confined to patrol activity. 69 Bde relieved
131 Bde without incident. By 1100A hrs 5 Ind Bde forward
troops had occupied CPH ground area. (K) E 4275 (Y) E
4275). Bde were somewhat held up by extensive minefield
area (Y) E 4556. By 1615 A hrs 5 Ind Bde had reached
area (Y) E 3472. (B) 10 Corps. Last night 2 NZ Div
captured commanding ground in area (T) Y 9306 - (T) Y
9305. At 1600 A hrs 2 NZ Div with 8 Armd Bde under

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To: WAR

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command attacked north east astride the El Hama
9549-Z south of the Ajebel Tebaga.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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Mar 28
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SUPPLEMENTARY CORRECTION

From: Algiers
To: War
USFOR

In Reply Cite: 9662 March 27, 1943

This is correction of garbled portion of original message:

--West of Medjaz night 25-26 March, by deserter, 10 Coy 756 Mtn Regt. Comment. Night 12-13 March north-east Oued Zarga last identification 3rd Bn. Southwest El Hama, desert flank, 104 Pgr, 155 RR(AR) and 5 PZ Regt all elements 21 Pz Div. Same general area all 3 Inf Regts 164 Div plus 2nd Btry Africa Arty Regt 1 reported. Italian. First Bn 66 IR (Trieste Div). Pistoia Div area E 3374. General comment. Perhaps enemy has decided to retire from Mareth position suggested by apparent weakening there.

No Sig

NOTE: Supplementary correction of CM-IN-15037 (28 Mar 43) G-2.

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)

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Mar 27, 1943
1115Z

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: O/308, March 27, 1943.

Number 154 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 26 March. ((From 18 Army Group O 308 to Troopers pass USFOR. AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta- Personal for FM Viscount Mideast 5th Army rptd Jacques Moulares 242 Group Bone Area for SOIS HQ L of C 12 ABC NASAF Tactical Bomber Group Advance NAAF for Colonel McDonald A 22 US Corps 1st Army dated 27. TOO 0745. Part 1 SITREP)) From AFHQ signed CINC. Part 1 continues. Section 1. Eighth Army. Follows later. Section 2. South east Algeria. No change in situation. Night 25/26. Patrols reached Oglaj Mehania and reported no movement seen on track Kebili - Biroum - All. Our Camel Corps platoons advancing towards Douz. Section 3. Air. Cooperating with attack 8th Army Western Desert Air Force caught large number MT retreating northwards in concentrated bombing and strafing attacks whilst Northwest African Air Force assisted by pinning enemy air force to ground by heavy attacks on his landing grounds. Northwest African Air Force. Night 25/26 bombers successfully attacked MT on roads Gales-Sfax area. Day 26. Escorted bombers made heavy attacks on Tebaga landing ground. Bombs burst across aerodrome and on shelters and aircraft in open. Escort claim 1 ME 109 destroyed 1 probable and 2 damaged. Offensive recce made and MT attacked in forward areas. Spitfires covering returning bombers claim 2 ME 109 destroyed and 2 damaged. In northern sector patrols and offensive recce flown and fighters escorted bombers of NASAF to Crombalia. Enemy fighters active but reluctant to fight. Western Desert Air Force. Night 25/26. 155 Sorties made between dusk and dawn by heavy medium and light bombers against

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 0/308, March 27, 1943

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enemy gathering in Eljgamsa area. Day 26. For period of 2 1/2 hours bombers and fighter bombers bombed and strafed MT southwest of El Hamma. Enemy reported to be retreating towards north. (End of part 1. (Part 2 follows. Cite FBGCT) Many vehicles in flames. Dusty conditions prevailed. 3 ME 109.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King
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Mar 27
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: USFOR

In Reply Cite SITREP 154 Mar 27, 1943

Ending 2359 hrs 26 Mar (number 0/3074307) too
270405 A to (1) Troopers Pass USFOR. (2) USFOR (3)
AGWAR (4) Freedom (5) Governor Malta - personal for FM
Viscount Gort (6) Mideast (7) 5th Army repeat (8)
Jacques Moulares (9) 242 Group (10) Bone area for Sois
(11) Bq L of C (12) 12th ABC (13) NASAF (14) Tactical
Bomber Group (15) Adv NAAF for Col McDonald A 2 (16)
2 US Corps (17) 1st Armd. From 18 Army Group. Most
secret. Part 1 SITREP number 154 for 24 hrs) from
AFHQ signed C in C. Part 1 begins. Section 1. 8th
Army. Follows later. Section 2. South east Algeria.
Follows later. Section 3. 2 Corps. 1 Inf Div and 1 Armd
Div in active contact with enemy. One Bn 39 Inf at
Y 3677 9 Div CP at Y 0583. Bru 27 Inf (-3Bn) 39 Inf
(-1 and 2 Bns) and 26 FA Bn all in vic Y 1280. Two Bn
39 vic X 9574. 34 FA Bn 805 TD Bn 894 TD Bn vic Sbeitla.
Section 4 1st Army. (A) 19 Corps. Night 25/26 (A).
Mathenet dilcm patrols to 08477 with contact. Day 26.
Elvert Div. One and a half Bns SN (SP) with 15 tks rarr el
out recce to Ousseltia 064 and thence to 07250. No
details yet but all troops returned. (B). 2 VE Corps.
Three BDE. Night 25/26. Goums killed 6 enemy and took
4 PW J 5814. Enemy activity J 6507. One Div. 24/25 Mar.
Patrols to Grich El Oued J 6438 and high ground south of
Touksbeour J 5039 suffered some casualties. 46 Div.
26 Mar. Enemy mines lifted J 4037 and further minefield
located J 2953. 78 Div. Bq at N 6989 and proportion Div Tps
now in Corps reserve. Section 5. Air. Follows later. end of
part one. Part 2 follows cite FOHCT.

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These dispositions indicate 9th Division is moving from Tessa to Gafsa support of 1st Div

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
GENERAL DEANE (CC/S)
ADMIRAL KING

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From: Algiers
To: War - London USFOR

In Reply Cite: Z6629, March 27, 1943

See Map

(End of Part 1 my 0 310 pass as requested in 1st section Part 1). By last night 2 NZ Div had gained all objectives and were established astride road in approx area ((T) Y 9211). One Armd Div passed through 2 NZ Div and is concentrating area (T) Y 9912. End of continuation Part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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CCMD
Mar 26, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 0297, March 26, 1943.

((FM 18 Army Group to Troopers USFOR AGWAR
Freedom Governor Malta (personal for Viscount Gort)
Mideast 5th Army rptd Jacques Moulares 242 STBNJ SOIS
Bone Hq L of C 12 ASC NASAF Tactical Bomber Group
Adv NAAF (for Col McDonald AWL (2) US Corps 1st Army
No 0297. Part 1 SITREP No 153 for 24 hours to 2359
hrs 25 Mar from AFHQ signed C in C)). Part 1 begins.
Section 1. 8th Army. (A). 30. Corps. 51 3 Z8 advanced
last night occupied area Z6004 Z5904 Z5903. Patrols
7th Arm'd Div to North West and South West of Medenine.
The advance of 4th Ind Div continued and good progress
was made during the day. By evening Inf 5th Ind Bde
had reached Hammour and leading Tps of 7th Ind Bde
area Z 4556 where they were delayed by mines. (B).
L Force. NTR. (C). 10. NTR. (QD). NZ Corps.
Operations continued. Section 2. Southwest Algeria.
Patrols night 24/25 Mar reached Spur west of Djebel
Berda Adjebel Rouna and Point 680 Djebel Asker. Camel
tps moved towards Sabria. Section 3. 2nd Corps.
1st Inf Div. During the morning 1 light attack by
enemy was repulsed. Little enemy air activity over
the Div. (1) Arm'd Div continuing attack on the pass
T 8811. Much air activity over the Div. Section 4.
1st Army. (A). 19th Corps. Enemy patrol reached 07198
and 07199. Further advance stopped. Increased enemy
activity observed DJ Mansour 079. (B). 5th Corps.
3rd Inf Bde. Contacted enemy patrol area J 6014.
Believed 4 enemy killed 3 wounded. 3 PW taken. Own
casualties 1 killed 4 wounded. 46th Div. 7th Italian
PW taken in Dy Aboid Sector. 20th Corps all ranks
of 1 commando landed unopposed at Yhun * Mar. 1st Div

ST Div

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took over command Medje Z Sector from 78th Div at 1200 hrs 25 Mar. Hq 78th Div closed Tedtour 1200 hrs and reopened same time at N 6989. Section 5. Air. Follows later. End of part 1. Part 2 follows cite FGHT.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CCS
G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
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March 26
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From: Algiers
To: WAR (action)
USFOR (information)

No. 9360
In reply cite: No.BOC273, March 26, 1943

Initial stages and planning of operation of civilian relief in Tunisia by Tunisian Detachment is a military responsibility (action AGWAR Combined Boards information USFOR British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHAEB Murphy, BOC 273.) It is being directed by the Civil Affairs Section of this HQ. The North African Economic Board is included in that section as is the representative of OFRRO. These agencies act jointly in the Tunisian operation.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 23 1974

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From: Algiers
To: War

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In Reply Cite: 0298, March 26, 1943

Tendency of enemy to disperse (from 18th Army Group number 0298 to 1st Troopers pass USFOR (2) USFOR (3) AGWAR (4) Freedom (5) Governor Malta personal for F M Viscount Gort (6) Mideast (7) 5th Army (8) Rptd Jacques Moulares (9) 242nd Group (10) Bone Area for SOIS (11) Hq L of C (12) 12th ASC (13) NASAF (14) Tactical Bomber Group (15) Adv NAAF for Col McDonald A 2 (16) 2nd US Corps (17) 1st Army. Part 1 SITREP number 153 for 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 25 Mar. From AFHQ signed C in C. Part 1 continues. Section 5.) Resulted in fewer bomber operations in South West Tunisia but attacks on enemy landing grounds continued on reduced scale. Western desert day bomber operations also reduced but fighter activity continued on heavy scale. (A). Western Desert Air Forces. Night 24/25. Bombers attacked positions South West OK El Hamma throughout night. Day 25. Es-corted bombers attacked railway junc West of Sfax. Ground strafing by fighters throughout day. Total tanks now destroyed by tank busters 23. 18 ME 210's intercepted. Jettisoned bombs on own troops. 1 Ju 1 ME 210 destroyed. (B). Tunisian Air Force. Night 24/25 Bisleys attacked Tebegan landing ground with good results and M/T on roads between Sousse Sfax Fondouk and Faid. Day 25. Sweeps and offensive recces were flown in northern sector. Increased

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enemy air activity apparent including appearance of Italian Fighters. One ME 109 destroyed 1 ME 202 probably destroyed and 2 ME 109's damaged. In southern sector fighter sweeps and offensive Recce continued over enemy landing grounds. Hurricane bombers attacked M/T east of Guettar destroying several. Fighters ground strafed personnel and M T in same area and escorted bombers in attack on Tebega north Lis G (L/G). On BFM 100 (190) destroyed in combat. End of part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
Gen Deane (CC/S)
Admiral King

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: USFOR London (Action)
WAR (Informational)

In Reply Cite: 9416, March 26, 1943

March 25, (action USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ Malta from G-3 section AFHQ 9416 26 March. Nil. Sitrep number 153, part 2) signed Eisenhower, cite FHGCT.

Naval. During the night 21-22 March a naval gunboat bombarded Gabes. The same night motor launches staged a feint landing north of Gabes and drew some fire. In addition a small feint convoy was sailed towards Gabes but was not sighted by the enemy.

Movements completed. 65 Armd Arty Bn arrived Tebessa from Casablanca completing move of 5th Armd Arty Gp to under command 2 Corps. 354th Ca Bn Sep AA searchlight arrived Telergma from Oran. Action USFOR, added AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group Hq, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta for information.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King
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OSD Inactor, May, 1, 1972

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

By SLR Date FEB 7 1974

In reply cite: AMSME 5295 March 26, 1943

Latest dispositions Southeastern Tunisia:
March 21st, 8th Army main Hq E 7292, 30th Corps Hq E 7197,
10th Corps E 7683 7th Armad Div E 7291, 22nd Armad Brig
E 6991, 131st Mot Inf Brig E 6796, 4th Lt Armad Brig
E 6858, 1st Armad Div E 7586, 2nd Armad Brig E 7285,
7th Lorried Inf E 6586. March 24th, 69th Brig Z 8802,
151st Brig E 8896, 154th Brig Z 6709, 153rd Brig Z 6608,
152nd Brig Z 6801. March 25th, Hq 50th Div Z 8002.
4th Inf Div proceeding toward Toujane from Kreddache
in two columns, Djebel El Reintjia area E 5286 re-
ported still occupied by enemy. (From Brereton) Nor-
thern Sector Mareth Line reported held by Italians
only. 15th Armad Div Hq dusk 25th area Z 2219 on way
to assist 21st Div result belief British Armor join-
ing New Zealand Corps.

G2 Dist.	Action	Info.
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STRONG		
KRONER		
BRATTON		
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GEOG.		
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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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OSD letter, May, 3, 1972

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By SLR

Date FEB 7 1974

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: AMSME 5294, March 26, 1943

Midnight 23rd 154th Inf Brig Z 6210 vice 69th Inf Brig Z 90 with 151st Brig area Bou Chrara. One Thirty First Brig 201st Guards Brig and 4th Lt Armd Brig under command 7th Armd Div patrolling front northwest to south of Medenine in contact with enemy. Fourth Inf Div consisting Div Troops 5th and 7th Inf Brigs moving towards Kreddache. From Brereton. Action against enemy positions southwest El Hamma continue. No change on patrol lines. Eighth Armd Brig advanced about 2 miles on 24th, forward troops approx area Y 9009. 1 Force now area Zemlet El Madjel Y 9703 with Kings Dragoon Guard patrols southeastern flank. From Mannerini Group 72 officers 2,066 men captured, 57 guns and 40 HMG taken or destroyed. Twenty seven officers 632 men captured Mareth area. Young Fascists replaced 115th PGR of 15th PZ Div and 200th PGR of 90th Lt Div which have reverted to div formations after counter attack dur night 24-25 Light Medium and Heavy bombers attacked enemy in New Zealand Sector. Targets good and several large fires started. Day 25th RAF bombers bombed Raizwis Junction west of Sfax. Bombers attacked successfully north landing ground Djebel Tabaga. Hurricane tank dusters attacked 20 tanks claim direct hits on 9. Fighters destroyed 1 ME 210 south of El Hamma and shot up enemy camps and motor transport Sfax and Oudref areas. Fighters further claim 3 MC 202's 1 ME 109 destroyed 1 JU 88 3 ME 109's damaged. Three pilots missing. Bombers destroyed 1 ME 109.

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To: AGWAR

In Reply:

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From Brereton 9th Air Force Bomber Command reports no operations 25th. Fifteen planes of 12th Group dropped 45,450 lbs of bombs from 10 to 1100 feet on Mareth area. Fires observed. Fifty Seventh Group reports no operations. Seventy Ninth Group reports 22 sorties claim 2 Italian tanks hit. Delayed report 178th Squadron RAF 6 planes dropped 47,000 lbs of bombs from 12 to 15,500 feet on Messina observing burst at pin points in vicinity of Ferry.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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GR Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRATTON	✓	
SIT.	✓	
CURR.	✓	
DISS.	✓	
AIR	✓	
E-A	✓	
FE		
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JIC		✓
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR (Action)
WAR (Informational)

In Reply Cite: #9409, March 26, 1943

No gain by attack 1200Z 25 March. (To AGWAR
USFOR information 18th Army Group Advance NAAF MBS
ABS Malta Mideast Advance Liaison Group AFHQ 5 Army
from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 9409 undated nil.)
Signs point 49 Engineer Bn 10 OMC Bn with elements
10 Pz Div (mentioned G-2 report 136 March 24) now
operating. Suggesting remnants Centauro Div. south
of Road Oued Hadfayd Area Y 35 are concentrations
there. Southern Tunisia. Southeast of El Hamma 21 Pd
Div still operating. Probably moving from Zarat to
northwest of Djebel Melab tactical recce suggests
15 Pz Div. AGWAR for WDGBI pass Troopers 18 Army
Group pass 1st Army and 2nd Corps Adv NAAF pass EAC
and 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ
5th Army pass 1st Armd Corps and 6th Corps from G-2
Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Identifi-
cations German. Apparently normal but unconfirmed 7
Coy Hermann Goring Gr 25 Mar at J 5914. Area Fonndouk
Eluokbi O 81 by PW Marsch Bn 27 March 19. Comment.
Opin Area S1 Nasr Filah T 99 with detached Coy near
Djebel Ouselat O 73 this unit formally. Maknassy Area
24-25 March by PSW 1st Bn 69 Pgr and 1st Bn 86 Pgr and
Kastah Ob. Southwest of Djebel Hamma by PW 104 Pgr
(21 Pz Div). Italian. Djebel Mansour Area O 79, 24

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March by deserters 3rd Bn 92 RI. Normal. General comment. To accomplish following indicated by disposition enemy forces: To block allied push from Maknassy toward coast. To reconstitute defensive line east of El Guettar. To counter, by concentration Armd elements, threat from southwest between Matmata-Tebaga Mtns. For this practically all mobile reserves from north withdrawn and defense main Mareth position left to static forces, Italian, supported by 90 light div with in reserve 2 further German Bns. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRATTON		✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		
AIR		✓
E-A	✓	
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To : War - USFOR London

In Reply Cite: 9408, March 26, 1943

Off Algerian coast 3 enemy bomber recce (action AGWAR USFOR information 18 Army Group ADV NAAF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Advance Liaison Group AFHQ 5th Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 9408, 26th Mar. nil.) of which 1 shortly after noon contacted north of Oran last eastbound convoy while 2nd performed weather flight morning to Algiers and 3rd, afternoon, active as far as Oran. During night 2 additional shadowed convoy off Cape Tenez until dawn 26th March. Engaged a recce central Mediterranean several from Sicily also. Near convoy west of Algiers and also north same about 14 enemy bombers between 0400 and 0600Z 26th March, torpedoed 0600Z merchant vessel by either submarine or aircraft. Over 100 JU 52's plus number 6 engined aircraft 24th March performed transport from Naples Sicily and Reggio to Tunis. G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 25th March. Reduced in size mainly offensive sweeps, patrols and bombing raids battle area southwest El Hamma enemy air activity Southern Tunisia. Intercepted by ours afternoon same area Maetour 210's escorted by ME 109's. Small in number not pressing attacks other patrols. Through-out day participated in by Italian were interception patrols Mareth-Gabes-Tetaga area. Afternoon Maknassy area sweeps by ME 109's and FW 190's. Over Sousse 1330Z encountered by our bombers fighters were 12 to 15 ME 109's and FW 190's. Over Souc El Area morning offensive sweep by 10 enemy fighters. Ours on offen-

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sive sweep Mateur-Sedjenane area of which 3 destroyed probably, encountered German fighters on defensive patrol over Tunis Bizerta at least 20. Foregoing part 2 Air (AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass troopers 18 Army Group pass 1 Army and 2 Corps ADV NAAF pass EAC and 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Part 3 Naval. Nothing to report.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRATTON	✓	
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		✓
AIR	✓	
E-A		✓
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GEOG.		
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JIC		✓
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR (Action)
WAR (Information)

In Reply Cite: #9409, March 26, 1943

Unsuccessful early 25 March was attempted raid our positions Djebel Ahied. (To AGWAR USFOR information 18 Army Group Advance NAAF ~~MB5~~ ABS Malta Mideast Advance Liaison Group AFHQ 5 Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 9409 undated nil) Rest of northern sector nothing to report. With patrols encountered at O 7198 and O 7199, observed Djebel Mansour Area O 79 more enemy activity. Ousseltia Valley quiet. Foregoing Northern Tunisia G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 25 March. Central Tunisia. Composed of inf same Italian tanks morning Maknassy Sector small attack from north believed in Meheri Zebbeus Area T 71. From elements Centauro believed tanks probably detached from Div main body (G-2 report 137 March 25). Driven back with one tank in flames this attack Pd observed Mezzouna-Maknassy Road with no attack, 10 tanks probably German. With purpose blocking exit from Maknassy to east information from PSW other sources suggest Ad Hoc battle group mixed German Italian troops placed this area. Following units compose this force. German. Kasta OB 580 Recce Unit 501 Heavy Tank Bn First Bn 86 PGR First Bn 69 PGR elements AR 929 Marsch Bn. Italian. Elements 31 Tank Regt 5 Blackshirt Bn unspecified Bersaglieri and MG Units. Already general area were Kasta OB 580 Recce Unit probably 29 Marsch Bn Italian units in 50 Bde. From north have arrived, apart from elements

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of Centauro all other units. Occupied now Maknassy.
El Guettar Sectors almost all of 10 Pz Div thought
remnant from northern sector (G-2 report 137 March 25)
with nothing heard are 2nd Bn 754 IR and 2nd Bn 756
Mtn Regt. (First cipher part second and last follows).
At 2100Z El Guettar Sector enemy attack 24 March
(G-2 report 137 March 25 failed.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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STRONG		☒
KRONER		☒
BRATTON		☒
SIT.		☒
CURR.		☒
DISS.		☒
AIR		☒
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March 26, 1943

From: G-2 Freedom
Signed Eisenhower

To: Agwar Usfor
Rptd. 18 Army Group - NAAF - MBS - ABF -
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GROUP - AFHQF - 5 ARMY

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No reports enemy ground operations. His reaction to out deep patrolling slight. Apparently related to troop movements reinforcements noted central Tunisia is evidence from PSW that reliefs have occurred and perhaps altogether withdrawn certain units in FREBEL ABIOD Sector. Free of Enemy TOUKABEUR Sector LEA SIDI NACEUR Jig 5437 and SIDIMDAKRINE Jig 5237. OUSSELTIA Valley region quiet. No enemy patrolling reported. Foregoing Northern Tunisia part 1 land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 24 March. Central Tunisia. Observed by air recon over 200 vehicles with 6 mile length southbound from FONDOSK OBOE 81 to Sidi Naceur Allah T 99. Considered reinforcements to MAKNASSEY-Lepdd Ouna Area T 70-U 00 late afternoon activity Faid Area, perhaps REL? ED* same column. High ground East of MAKNASSEY enemy resistance persists. SEHB daytime MEHERI ZEBREUS T 71 about 10 probably Italian tanks. Afternoon moving on road MEZZOUNA-MAKNASSEY further 20 German tanks. Thought moving southward these, perhaps from 501 heavy tank to which unit believed have participated action HADJEB EL AIOUN. (See G 2 report 136 March 24). Claimed destroyed by our ground forces 4 medium tanks with 2 additional damaged. During day on DJEBEL BERDA YOKE 23 ELTLUETTAR Sector small enemy Inf attacks. Seen same locality but without action day time total of about 40 AFVs.

*Missing group.

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On road at YOKE 6577 moving northwest 1700
perhaps 150 MT. Detected. Later west direction
EL AYACHA YOKE 5174 this column turned. Early
recommencement defense DJEBEL and Sector Yoke 37 shown
by ground indications. With nothing specifically
known launched at 200 Z strong enemy attacked reported.
Representing chiefly remains Centauro sector north of
DJEBEL SIF EL LAHAM YOKE 45 enemy tanks Inf reported.
15 immobile enemy tanks claimed observed.

Part two follows.

Action: G-2

Information: OPD
CG AAF
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S U P P L E M E N T A R Y C O P Y

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR - London USFOR

In Reply Cite: 0297 March 26, 1943

The following is omitted portion of the above message.

Three PW taken. Own casualties 1 killed 4 wounded. 46 Div. 7 Italian PW taken in Dy Aboid Sector. 20 Corps all ranks of 1 Cammando landed unopposed at J 0986 night 24/25 March. One Div. took over command Medje Z Zector from 78 Div at 1200 Hrs 25 March.

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NOTE: Supplementary copy of CM-IN-14152 (26 Mar 43)
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ACTION: OPD

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

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From: G-3 Section AFHQ
To: War Office (Pass to HM Ambassador Madrid for US)
No. 9419 March 26, 1943

Summary of operations 22 to 24 March. Linrep 32.

1. Eighth Army. In the Mareth Area. A strong counter attack during the afternoon 22 March. The attacks continued throughout the night. When it became apparent that most of our bridgehead positions had been penetrated the majority of our troops were withdrawn East of Wadi Zigzaou. Fighting continued throughout 23 March. On the night of 23/24 March the remainder of our troops were withdrawn across the Wadi. 24 March was a quiet day in this sector. On the New Zealand front South West of El Hamma fierce fighting continued throughout 22 and 23 March. On 24 March our armored Forces advanced about 2 miles. Patrols have reached the foothills of the Djebel Tebaga range.

2. Two Corps. On 22 March U S Infantry Forces consolidated their positions East and South East of El Guettar and US Armored Troops attacked and occupied the high ground 6 miles East of Maknassey. On 23 March the enemy launched 2 attacks with Armor and Infantry from the South East against our Forces East of El Guettar. The first attack was held during the morning after some slight penetration of our lines and 10 enemy tanks were destroyed. The second attack during the evening was also stopped but was preceded by intensive dive bombing which caused considerable material damage to our forces. Fighting continues in the area East of Maknassey. During evening 24 March the enemy again attacked our positions South East of Elguettar.

3. Results of operations in South Tunisia. The combined pressure of the attacks of Eighth Army and the eastward (thrust?) Mec of the American Forces from Gafsa have forced the enemy to comit a great part of his reserves. The enemy's

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Western flank now (?) on the last possible defensive line on which he can block our approach to his communications from the North to the Mareth line.

4. Naval. Two of our submarines have returned from successful patrols. One Submarine sank 5,000 ton enemy merchant vessel and probably hit 2 more ships with torpedoes. Another submarine sank an enemy cased petrol ship off Palermo. During the night 21/22 March a Naval gunboat bombarded Gabes. The same light motor launches stages a feint landing North of Gabes and drew some fire. In addition a small feint convoy was sailed towards Gabes but was not sighted by the enemy. During night 22/23 March motor torpedo boats operating from Bone located 4 enemy vessels. Believed Siebel Ferries. Estimated 1 ship hit by torpedo and 1 probably damaged by gunfire. Personnel convoy arrived Algiers with the loss of one ship.

Air. The air offensive of both the Tunisian Air Forces and the Western Desert Air Forces in support of our land Forces has been maintained in strength both day and night throughout the period tank buster squadrons of the Western Desert Air Forces have had considerable success. Enemy landing grounds near Gabes were attacked on many occasions, Palermo, Bizerta and Ferryville were heavily bombed and enemy shipping between Tunisia and Sicily has also attacked with success. Subsequent photographs show that the raids on Palermo and Ferryville caused very extensive material damage.

6. Political. Jules Abadie appointed secretary of Interior to replace Rigault. Couve De Murville has replaced Bergeret as Secretary General. Both men capable and from our point of view desirable. The shortage of top grade loyal personnel, so apparent in weeks following landing, is gradually being supplied by arrivals, largely from France, although not adequate to fill the demands. General Giraud is improving the character and efficiency of the Government and further constructive changes are expected.

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THE SECRETARY

March 27, 1943

Telegram No. 455
From: Tangier

Dated: March 26, 1943
Rec'd: March 26, 8:45p.m.

Following message has been sent to both Algiers and Casablanca and for attention of General Clark.

On March 24 the French Consul stated that the French naval units in Casablanca currently maintained radio communication with Vichy. He apparently referred to Admiral Michelier. He made this statement in my presence and that of the Netherlands Consul. The French Consul did not give other details but made his statement most earnestly and remarked that we should know about this.

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American Charge d'Affaires
ad interim

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From: Algiers
To: War - USFOR

In Reply Cite: 9419, March 26, 1943

Twenty two to 24 March. (Action Troopers information rptd USFOR, Mideast, Britmae Washington, Arminia Delhi, Paic, Landforces Melbourne, Dechiefs Pretoria, Dechiefs Capetown, Force Nairobi from G-3 section AFHQ 9419 26th March Nil. Summary of operations) Linrep 32.

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2. 2nd Corps. 22 March US Infantry Forces consolidated their positions east and south east of El Guettar and US Armored Forces attacked and occupied the high ground 6 miles east of Maknassy. On 23 March the enemy launched 2 attacks with armor and Infantry from the

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CCS
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From: Algiers
To: WAR-USFOR

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In reply cite: 9166, March 25, 1943

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nothing specifically known launched at 2100Z strong enemy attacked reported. Representing chiefly remains Centauro sector north of Djebel Sif Il Laham Y 45 enemy tanks Inf reported. 15 immobile enemy tanks claimed observed (*) action.

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(*) Omission being serviced.

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CGAAF

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MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRATTON		✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		
AIR		✓
E-A	✓	
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From: Algiers
To: WAR-USFOR London

In Reply Cite: 9166 March 25, 1943

Twenty three March of which destroyed by Sappers 6. (9166 undated nil most secret.) Positions Djebel Bou Jerra Y 15 and Djebel El Asker Y 14 still occupied by enemy. Southern Tunisia. Increasing Elshamma-Djebel Melab sector enemy resistance. Here by rechecked figures from Mannerini group 72 officers 2088 men captured. Taken or destroyed also 47 guns 40 heavy machine guns. Mareth Line Oued Zigzaou sector first positions reoccupied by enemy. Gone back to formations elements 15 PZ Div (115 PGR) and 90 Light Div (200 PGR) which engaged in counter attack. By units Young Fascists Div these replaced. Recheck shows 27 officers 632 men taken this front. AGWAR for WDGBI USFOR pass Troopers 18 Army Group pass One Army and 2 Corps NAAF pass EAC and 12th Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mid-east Adv Ln Group AFHQ 5 Army pass One Armed Corps and 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Identifications. German. By PSW north of Debelaboid T 3 Bn. Comment. Returned to line to replace Mtn Inf Bn PSW therefore stated this unit (G 2 report 135 March 23) perhaps 2nd Bn 756 Mtn Regt earlier this sector. Earlier spotted same area 2nd Bn 754 IR (G 2 report 131 March 19) additional description enemy installations failed locate present whereabouts. To have rejoined about 20 March its

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Div PSW stated 1st Bn 69 PGR which also had been located same area as 2nd Bn 756 Mtn Regt and 2nd Bn 754 IR (G 2 report 130 March 18). Perhaps transferred as reinforcements other sectors all 3 Bns. Related to such disposition perhaps traffic Pondouk area. In support of Armd units perhaps 501 Heavy Tank Bn Mezzouna area already operating, is 1st Bn 69 PGR according to PSW. Confirmed by PSW taken 24 March at J 6309 is identification 9 Coy Hermann Goering Gr on road east of Maknassey from PW 3rd Coy 1st Bn 69 PGR. Italian. Sixteen and 63 Bersaglieri Bns from 20 PSW captured J 0277 Cap Negro area 23 March and by additional group 123 taken at hill J 0669 night 23-24 March. That 10 Bersaglieri Regt northern sector of front confirmed by these identifications. In Meheri Zebbeus area T 71, 15 Bn 31 Tank Regt from PW. Comment. Perhaps detached to strengthen its defense elements Centauro Div. Sened Village Y 4890 2nd Bn 92 RI by PSW. Comment. Under command 50 Bde known this unit placed. Miscellaneous Italian units area Sened and Maknassey administered by 50 Bde. General comment. In order to strengthen exposed sectors of center enemy now to certain degree forced to weaken line extreme north. Occupied Central and Southern Tunisia all his mobile and Armd reserves. To stop in Central Tunisia severing his coastal communications and to diverge dual threat to rear main Mareth position, now gathering strength from west and southwest enemys main effort at present. To this end his armd forces split. Considered probable Mareth Line to be held in any event even if, for protection open flank between Matmata and Tebaga Mtns weakening enemy forces main position necessary. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

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15 immobile enemy tanks claimed observed result action.

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MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		✓
BRATTON		✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		✓
AIR		✓
E-A		✓
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