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From: Algiers
To: War and all interested addressees.

In reply cite: none April 16, 1943

15th Part 3. 170 signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. (AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18th Army Gp Hq Liaison Gp Mideast AFHQ Malta from NWAAF Adv 0985E 16/4 April) Northwest African Strategic AF. Night 14/15. Wellingtons attacked Decimomannu Elmas Villacidro A/D's. 41 tons bombs dropped. Large fire started on Decimomannu. Day 15th. B-25 Mitchells escorted by P-38 Lightnings carried out shipping sweep no targets found. NWA Tactical AF Hurribombers and Spitfires flew many sorties on TAC/R and fighter sweeps M/T and tanks attacked at Oum El Abouab causing large explosion. Two Spits damaged. Twenty Bostons attacked enemy positions at Djebel rear results unobserved. Western Desert Air Force. Night 14/15. Wellingtons attacked Korba L-G. Hurris flew dawn and dusk patrols over Sfax and shipping searches. Day 15th. Kittyhawks and Warhawks flew armed recces and attacked M/T north of Enfidaville and on Tunis Hammamet road. Two ME-109's destroyed one damaged without losses. Warhawks flew convoy escort patrols. Spits patrolled forward areas throughout day. NWA Coastal AF night 14/15 Hudsons flew A/Sub patrols (Action USFOR information all above addressed) Beaufighters and Hudsons carried out defensive patrols one Beau on recce east coast Sardinia. Marauders flew armed recces approaches Naples dropping 4 X 500 lb bombs on M/V about 1500 tons near misses scored. Fighters carried out fighter escort patrols.

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

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From: Algiers
To: British War Office (action)
USFOR (info)

In Reply Cite: 4365 April 15, 1943

(Omission)

* Resistance and repeated counter attacks. Casualties on both sides have been heavy. However on 14 April our forces occupied Djebel Sl Ang and the hills to the north and NW of Heidous.

5. Enemy. Since the initial attack on the Mareth positions, more than 30,000 enemy prisoners have been captured. Allowing for casualties, the enemy effective strength is now estimated at 160,000 of which 2/3rds are German and the balance Italian. As a result of our air and naval activity and necessity of building up supplies the enemy build up in personnel has been reduced to an estimated 200 per day. There are no indications of any immediate intention to evacuate the present bridge head which extends roughly along the line Enfidaville Djebej Fkirine-Djebel Chenamila-Oulad Yahia. Anti tank ditches and other defensive works are being prepared along the recently occupied eastern part of this line. It is probable that the enemy armour will be centrally located in the general area of the Tunis plain.

6. Naval. On 12 April 1 of our submarines obtained a possible hit on a 2000 ton supply ship in the Gulf of Genoa, during night 12-13 April a Commando

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To: British War Office (action)
USFOR (info)

In Reply Cite: 4365 April 15, 1943

Party was landed on North Tunisian coast. Party reembarked on completion of task without loss. MTBS from Malta operated in Gulf of Hammamet . During night 13-14 April destroyers carried out a sweep (second and last part 4365 15th) to Marittimom there is a gap of 120 feet at entrance to Sousse Harbour. Berths are available for LCTS and 2 larger ships but approaches have not yet been swept.

7. Air. Many heavy attacks have been made by bombers of both strategic and tactical air forces on enemy transport and troop concentrations in the vicinity of Enfidaville. Enemy landing grounds in Tunisia and Sicily have been successfully attacked. Trapani and Bizert harbours were bombed on 12 April. Hits have been observed on 3 merchant vessels and 1 large tanker.

8. Political. The political situation in North Africa is quiet. Awaiting some word from the negotiations which are taking place in London.

No Sig

* Omissions being serviced.

Action: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
USFOR (info)

In reply cite: 4365, April 15, 1943

The following is the first portion of the message already sent to you:

On 14 April Djebel Sefsouf, 7 miles north of Karachoum was occupied. Enemy resistance has been stubborn. 500 enemy dead were counted on Djebel Ousselat alone. Over 461 prisoners were captured during 14 April.

Sub Para B: Corps the enemy apparently attaches considerable importance to the Heidous A Djebel El Amg A Sidi Nisik area where our forces have met strong.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite Number Unknown Apr 15, 1943

* Operations. Jefna. Sector. Nothing to report. Sidi Nsir sector Stiff enemy resisiance J 3759. Toukabeur-Heidous sector. Enemy counter-attack early morning recaptured Djebel Ang J 5445. Enemy subsequently abandoned this position also Djebel Mtiour J 5545 and southern features Djebel Tanngouche J 5645. Resistance continues point 620 J 566454. Unconfirmed report enemy tanks J 5050 150 prisoners this sector during day. Medjez-Goubellat-Bou Arada sectors. No activity reported slight indications reinforcements Pont Du Fahs area. Considerable MT road Tunis-Pont Du Fahs Grande Dorsale sector. Stiffening enemy resistance Djebel Menassir and Djebel Sefouf. 450 prisoners during day. Prisoners taken this sector during 13 April total 250. 500 dead counted Djebel Ousselat. 0 73 Djebel Fkirine-Enfidaville sector. Little activity reported. Observation hampered by bad weather. Considerable MT movement road Enfidiville-Tunis during afternoon. Enemy had abandoned much booty including all types ammunition also aviation petrol and rolling stock Spira station P 5552. (Sousse) AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18 Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC 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. Identifications. German. 13 April 1 Bn 47 Gr J 4944. Italian. None. General. No essential change general picture. Probable grouping some mobile elements in open country of Tunis plain. Parts 2 and 3 will follow .

*1st portion missing being serviced.

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G2 Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRATTON		✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		
AIR		✓
F-A	✓	
FE		
NA		
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OEG		
SPEC		
GEOG		
TRNG		
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PER		
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POW		
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CIG		
MC	✓	
ONI	✓	
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From: Algiers
To: War

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JIC		✓
ONI		✓
WH		✓

In Reply Cite: 4274 April 15, 1943

Part 3 Naval. Nothing to report (AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR information 18 Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABS Malta M'deast Adv Ln Grp Afhq 5th Army pass 1st Armd Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom 4274 too nil 15 Apr signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI) G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 14th April.

Part 2 Air. Off Algerian coast 3 bomber recce of which first reported over Bone at 0700Z, second carried out weather flight as far west as Algiers and third flew at least as far west as Cape Gened returning Sardinia soon after midday. Operated between Bizerta-Bone during night 1 enemy recce aircraft later flying west towards Algiers. During first half night 4 or 5 bombers active over Bejal-Mejez area. Landed Tunisia 13th April between 60 and 80 German transports, largest formations arriving between 0600Z and 0700Z and between 1500Z and 1600Z and landing El Aouina. Landing grounds Menzel Temime, Hrinj and Rass Mustafa also used. Enemy activity over Tunisia slightly reduced. Few fighter and tactical recce patrols flown over southern front of forward area. During morning 1 bombing raid by 9 escorted JU87's south of Enfidaville. Principal offensive activity in Medjez El Bab sector. Airborne to intercept allied sweeps in Pont Du Fahs area were enemy fighters. Over Beja and Souk El Khemis offensive sweep made by FW 190's. Probably up to cover arrival transport aircraft were about 20 ME109's and FW190's encountered by allied aircraft over El Aiouna.

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Action: G-2

Information: OPD, CG AAF [redacted]

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OSD Letter, May. 3, 1972

By SLR Date FEB 11 1974

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In reply cite: AMSME 5602 April 15, 1943

Forward troops maintaining contact with enemy Enfidaville position 14th but little activity reported. Fifth New Zealand Brig and 8th Armd Brig in contact 2 miles south Enfidaville and west to P 2181. Seventh Armd Div concentrated in area south Kairouan P 1222 with 4th Lt Armd Brig under command area Douebibina P 0478 in contact with enemy rearguards. Concentration 4th Ind Inf Div and 50th Inf Div In corps area continues (from Brereton night 13th 14th 70 RAF 4 medium bombers attacked St Marie Du Zit landing ground starting several fires. Fifty-five heavy bombers attacked Korba south landing grounds reporting 2 direct hits on dispersed aircraft. Two medium bombers crashed in own territory, 1 heavy bomber believed shot down over target. Fighter bombers despatched day 14th to attack shipping off Korda, failed to locate target owing to bad weather. Fighters covered forward areas without incident).

Bomber Command 9th Air Forces reports no operations April 14. Twelfth Group moving no report yet. Twelve fighters 57th Group carried out 5 missions as convoy escort. Sixty-four fighters 79th Group carried out 3 missions in fighter sweep. Fifty fighters 57th Group carried out 11 missions convoy escort mine sweep escort April 13 and on April 7th, 80 planes, 57th Group

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

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In reply cite: AMSME 5602 April 15, 1943

carried out 7 missions as fighter bomber dropping 27,400 lbs of bombs.

No Sig

G2 Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		✓
BRATTON		✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		
AIR		✓
E-A		✓
FE		
NA		
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COLL.		
SPEC.		
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CIG		✓
ZIC		✓
ONI		✓
WH		✓

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CSD Letter, 11sep, 3, 1972
By SLR Date FEB 11 1974

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF

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G2 Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRATTON		✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		
AIR		✓
E-A	✓	
FE		
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COLL.		
SPEC.		
GEOG.		
TRNG		
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PS		
PER.		
CC		
FIN		
POW		
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FL		
CIG		
MIC	✓	
ONI	✓	
WN	✓	

From: Algiers
To: War, British War Office
Info: All interested stations.
In reply cite: Unnumbered April 15, 1943

Land. G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 14th April. (Action AGWAR Troopers information 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps (18th Army Group pass) 2nd Corps) ADV NAAF EAC 12th Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Grp AFQ 5th Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower. Operations. Jefna. Sector. Nothing to report. Sidi Nsir Sector. Stiff enemy resistance J 3759.

Sidi Nsir Area

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Action: G-2

Information: OPD
CG AAF

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April 15
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From: OG Algiers
To: War
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In Reply Cite: A 0955 April 15, 1943

April 14th Part 3 673 (173) signed Eisenhower cite FHGT (AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group Mideast AFHQ Malta from Spaatz (Hq NWAAF Advanced) Ref No A0955 April 15th)Northwest African Strategical Air Force. April 14th P-38's Lightnings attacked beached M/V SE Cape Zebibnn scoring near misses. B-17's Fortresses with P-38's Lightnings escorting attacked airdromes at Elmas and Montserrado with fragmentation bombs which fell among aircraft. Other B-17's with Spitfires escort attacked El Aouina airdrome few aircraft seen on landing ground. In combat. 13 ME 109's 5 R 1001 1 FW 190 1 MC 202 destroyed 9 enemy aircraft probably destroyed 6 damaged no losses. Northwest African Tactical Air Force. Bisleys and Hurricanes attacked La Sabala landing ground and roads south of Tunis during night 13/14. P-40's and Hurribombers attacked met in Ksar Tyr area. Large number of sorties flown by Spitfires on fighter sweep and TAC/R. 1 ME 109 destroyed 1 damaged 1 Spitfire missing 1 damaged. Western desert Air Force. Night 13/14. Bostons and Baltimores attacked St Marie Zit landing ground. Wellingtons aid Albacores attacked

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To: War
In Reply Cite: A0955 April 15, 1943

Korba Landing Ground 1 Boston force landed 1 Wellington shot down. Day 14 Spitfires patrolled forward areas N WA Coastal A F. Tupsons and Beaufighters maintained constant escort to convoy night 13/14 and day 14. During day 14 escort continued with Hudsons P 39 and Hurricanes. 1 Hudson and 1 Beaufighter missing. Action USFOR. Information rest of addressees.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO: G-2
CGAAF
CGGN
GEN.DEANE(CCS)
ADM. KING
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To : War

In Reply Cite: Z1594 April 15, 1943

No trace Centauro. (Part 2 our AFHQ weekly review ref 4242) Possible operation part 31 tank regt Kairouan 11th April. Spezia and Triessw virtually captured entire. Young Fascists relitively untouches with few remnants Fisloia presumed behind Enfidaville position. Mannerini and remnants Saharan Group captured. XX and XXI Corps artillery believed withdrawn as far as transport has allowed.

No indications strength of individual units.

Personalities. Nil.

Strength estimate. 115, 500 German, L 2, 500 Italian, total 168, 000 of which estimated 2, 700 unevacutated wounded, 3, 600 routine casualties. Actual effectives 161, 700. Total prisoners 20th March to 11th April 22,000 Italian, 6,000 German 6 troopers. AGWAR, Mideast from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower Cite FHCBI).

Capabilities. Enemy forces to shorten his line in North and now holds positions approximating those before his offensive of 26th Feb energetic counter attacks in areas Sidi Nsir-Heidous reveals his determination to hold high ground here. Most units in North already depleted and reserves largely committed. Probable enemy

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From: Algiers
To : War

In Reply Cite: Z1594 April 15, 1943

will reinforce Pontdu Fajs area since ground in this area vitally important to him. Expected part of enemys armour willregroup in this area South-west of Tunis where it will be centrally placed for counter attack role. Enfidaville position enemy likely to develop his defences rapidly in order to free Forces as a central reserve.

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ACTION: G-2

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

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From: 18th Army Group
To: War

In Reply Cite: 0725, April 15, 1943

(Part one SITREP no 173 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 14 April.) (To Troopers pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Malta personal for F M Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army Rptd Jacques 242 Group Bone Area for Sois Hq L of C 12 ASC NASAF Tactical Bomber Force Con area for Adv NAAF (For Col MacDonald A 2) 2 US Corps 1st Army 9 Corps Main 8th Army from 18 Army Group 0/681 April 15 TOO 0725) From AFHQ signed C in C.

1. Section one 8th Army. (A) 10 Corps. 5 N Z Bde and 8 Armd Bde now in contact with enemy 2 miles south of Enfidaville and west to (T) P 2181. 7 Armd Div now concentrated in area south of Kairouan (T) P 1222 with 4 Lt Armd Bde under command operating in area Djebibina (T) P 0478 where enemy rearguards encountered. Concentration of 4 Ind Inf Div and 50 Inf Div in corps area continues. (B) 30 Corps. No change. Section two. South East Algeria. NTR. Section three. 2 US Corps. NTR. Section 4. 9 Corps. ADBC Hq 9 Corps now AA (O) 2704. Remainder of Corps less 6 Armd Div also in this area. 6 Armd Div in La Kessera area with Hq at O 4638. Section five. 1st Army. (A). 19 Corps. 450 PW were taken in this area yesterday. 7 R T M captured DJ Sefsouf O 8778 and

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are pushing forward to cut road 8580. Tabors on right flank are in area O 8880. (B). 5 Corps. 78 Div. DJ Ang and DJ Tiour were successfully captured during the day and by 1800 hrs the southern half of DJ Tannsouche was also occupied. 4 Div. Local attack launched by 10 Inf Bde in area J 3759 encountered very stiff resistance and was finally unsuccessful. 9 US Div assumed command of the northern sector. Section six. Air. The concerted night attacks by medium bombers on the enemy LGS was continued with success when 138 Bisleys Wellingtons Bostons Mitchells and Baltimores raided La Sebala Iorba south and Saint Marie Du Zit E and W LGS. During the day light bombers in three waves and fighter bombers attacked in support of the first Army. Low cloud interfered with other day operations and TAC/RS and offensive sweeps by 242 Group encountered few E/A but claimed 1 ME 109 destroyed for 1 Spitfire missing. Cite FHGCT.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To; War

In Reply Cite: 4215, April 15, 1943

173. (To USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18th Army Group Ad Liaison Group AFHQ Mideast Malta Adv NWAAF from G-3 Section AFHQ 4215 15 April too Nil. Part two SITREP). April 14.

1. Naval. 12th April 1 of our submarines obtained possible hit on a 2,000 ton supply ship in Gulp of Geboa. During night 12/13th April MTBS from Bone landed a Commando party on North Tunisian Coast. Party reembarked on completion of task without casualties. MTBS from Malta operated in Gulf of Hammamet. Night 13/14th April destroyers carried out sweep to Marittimo. Gap of 120 feet exists at entrance to Sousse Harbour. Berths available for LCTS and 2 larger ships but approaches have not yet been swept.

2. Movements completed. 39th LAA Regt arrived Constantine from Algiers coming under command 18th Army Group. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT.

3. L of C. All parachutists landed in area Laghouat have now been captured. Total number was 11 and not 14 as originally stated. Action USFOR Rptd AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, 18th Army Group Hq, Liaison Group AFHQ, Mideast, Malta, Adv NWAAF for information.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2 SS AAF CGGN ASF
GEN. [redacted] (OC/S) ADM. KING COPY LOG. 61

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April 14
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War
British War Office
GHA (info)
1st Army Advance at Constantine (info)
FA (info)
OG (info)
EAC (info)
Maison Blanche Algiers (info)
Oran (info)
Casablanca (info)
Malta (info)
Cairo (info)
Constantine (info)
WOUS (info)

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Part 3 Naval (AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18 Army Group (reencipher for 2 Corps) 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1st Armd Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom 4043 nil 14 April signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI) Photographic recce Maddalena 1000Z shows 8 inch cruiser Gorizia departed since 12 April. She was sighted 1200Z off Leghorn on northeasterly course at 15 knots escorted by 2 destroyers and 4 escort vessels. G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 13 April.

cf — 878

Part 2. Bomber recce. Two aircraft reported, 1 flew west of Oran contacting at 0900Z convoy northwest Oran, second aircraft reported early afternoon north Algiers. No reports recce activity from Sicily or south of France. From 2300 to 0300Z 14th April 2 aircraft active Algiers area probably search for ship-

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From: Algiers
To: War
In Reply Cite: 4043 April 14, 1943

ping. Contacted by beaufighters were 9 torpedo aircraft flying west from Sardinia 1800Z presumably to attack shipping. Torpedoes jettisoned. One bomber claimed destroyed, no reports long range bomber activity received. Between 1500 and 1600 Z about 40 JU 52's arrived Tunis. General. Enemy fighters active in defense airfields southwest Tunis. Few interceptions of allied aircraft reported. Encountered in early afternoon over Oudna landing ground were 3 FW 190's and 3 ME 109's. Defensive patrols against Allied raids and sweeps flown in Mateu sector. Italian fighters more active lately. Dive bombers and fighter bombers made 60 sorties to attack our forward troops (correction read part 2 Air (4-84)).

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ACTION: OPD

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

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4-14-43
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U R G E N T

From: OG Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: O/878, April 14, 1943

Part 3 173 (AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, 18th Army Group HQ Liaison Group, Mideast AFHQ Mata from NWAAF Adv Hq A O/878 , 14/4. April 13th) signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGT. NWA strategic AF. Night April 12/13. Wellingtons attacked Megrine Airdrom, bombs dropped in target area. 1 Wellington unable to find target so bombed docks at Tunis. P 38 carrying 1,000 pound bombs attacked cruiser Gorizia and Merchant Vessels. Direct hit and 2 near misses scored on Gorizia. 1 skip bomb passed through a freighter and exploded in a merchant vessel alongside. B 17 attacked Milo and Castlevetrano A/D's 50 to 80 A/C parked each A/D both targets well covered with frag bombs. 4 single engined A/C reported destroyed, 2 probables 2 damaged. 3 B 17 shot down by flak and fighters. B 25 attacked Oudna ASSD target well covered 2 FW 190 reported destroyed and 1 plus an unidentified A/C probably destroyed. Weather and recce photo missions flown by P 38 and F 4 and 5. NWA tactical AF. Night 12/13 Bisleys attacked Megrine A/D with incendiaries delayed fuse bombs and crowfeet. Explosions and fire followed bombing. Day 13. Spits flew fighter sweeps and recce patrols over Northern Tunisia (Part 1. Part 2 coming along) 1 ME 109 destroyed 3 probably destroyed and 3 damaged. Western Desert AF night 12/13 Baltimores and Bostons bombed Marie Du Zit A/D 1 fire and 1 large explosion observed. Mitchels bombed M/T.

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

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1435Z/15th
efg

CCWD
April 15, 1943
2250Z

PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 4242 April 14, 1943

AFHQ weekly review for period ending 1200 hours 11th April. (Troopers AGWAR Mideast from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 4242 14 April nil)

Part 1. A X D Position German units. Four seven G R which had reached Enfidaville enroute former location Fondouk area recalled to north. I Bn again in line. II Bn stated to be in support. IV Support Bn apparently continued journey south and identified in Pichon area. Reserves in north thus again reduced to II oblique 754 I R and II oblique 756 Mtn I R. Units Medjez area reinforced by 24 March Bn reduced to 2 company strength as result of casualties end February. Moved from rest area Pont Du Fahs. No changes eastern Dorsale. Mixed forces Pichon Fondouk area consist of IV oblique 47 G R, 190 recon, 90th Engineers Bn, I, possible also II oblique 96 Hone I R, March Battalions 24, 27, 28. Three three fourth mobile Abteilung and possibly 50th March Battalion believed in general area. Tenth Panzer withdrawing from El Guettar front 6th and 7th April through Meodd Oana, directed on 8th to Faid, switched eastwards on 9th to join 21st Panzer north La Fauconnerie. Both believed in Kairouan area 10th with 580th recce, 33rd recce, II oblique 25 flak. Two one Panzer not completely disengaged from Guettar

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To: WAR
In Reply Cite: 4242 April 14, 1943

front Mueller group reported captured. Composition possibly 104 A P G R, part 5 Tank Regt, part 155 A R. One five Panzer and 90 Light withdrawn in coastal sector. All P G Regiments heavily engaged. Prisoners also identify 115 P G R in Kairouan area 11th. One five Panzer to receive tank reinforcements on 9th. Possibly from 501st Battalion whose locations during week unknown. Kasta O B moved rear details to Sousse 6th. Located on road northwest Kairouan 11th. One Battalion P G R Afrika with 10 M oblique C Bn and 580th Recce.

Para 1 B. No indications strengths or tank state.

Para 2 I. Disposition Italian units. No change Superga. Five zero Brigade and 132 Anti Tank Regiment presumed in dissolution.

Part 2. Will follow.

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ACTION: G-2

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

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COMMORSEAFRON

From : C. in C. Med.

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BY SR DATE FEB 11 1974

BASEGRAM

Situation Report Number 79.

During night 11/12 April destroyers of force Q carried out sweep to Marettimo and destroyers of force K operated in Gul of Hammamet. M.T.B.'s from Bone proceede to search in vicinity of Bizerta Roads.

2. During night 12/13 April M.T.B.'s from Bone lan small Commando Party on North Tunisian Coast. Party re-emberked on completion of task without casualties. M.T.B from Malta were operating in Gulf of Hammamet.

3. During night 13/14 April destroyers of force K carried out sweep to Marettimo.

4. H.M.S. TRIDENT obtained possible Hit on 2000 ton supply ship in Gulf of Genoa at 1415/12.

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F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshall
Gen. Macready
COMINCH (2)
C.O.S.
Plans
N.I.
Lt. Col. Cook
S.O.(O) Personal
S.O.
N.M.C.S.
Brigadier Redman (8)

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From: GHA Algiers
To: War
London-USFOR
British War Office
Algiers
Cairo
Malta
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In Reply Cite: O/654, April 14, 1943

SITREP Number 172 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours, 13th April. (From 18th Army Group number O/654 dated 14 to Troopers pass USFOR,AGWAR,Freedom, Governor Malta - Personal for FM Viscount Gort, Mideast 5th Army Rptd Jacques, 242nd Group Bone Area for SOIS HQ L of C12 ASO NAYAF Tactical Bomber Force Advance NGAF, for Colonel McDonald A22 US Corps 1st Army Pine C rpt 8th Army. Part 1) From AFHQ signed CINC.

Part 1 begins.

Section 1. 8 early. During the day our patrols moved forward and forward troops moved North and made contact with the enemy in the Enfidaville position X. (A) 10th Corps. Patrols moved forward making contact with the enemy along general line P 3582 P 2980 P 2378 P 1472(1474)P 0375 O 9474. 5 NZ BDE and 8th Armd Bde Area P 3475 (3075) with 4th Light Armd Bde covering left flank. 6 NZ Bde area Akeurda P 55. 50th Division 4 Indian Division and 7th Armd Division under command 10th Corps and moving forward. (Y). 30th Corps. Nothing to report.

Section 2. South East Algeria. Nothing to report.

Section 3. 2nd United States Corps. Nothing

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To: War
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In Reply Cite: O/654, April 14, 1943

to report.

Section 4. 9th Corps, concentration of 9th Corps in area Kesra O 4540 is reported to be complete. This report so far unconfirmed by 9th Corps.

Section 5. 1st Army. (A). 19th Corps. Eastern Dorsale now reported clear of enemy Southwards from Karachoum O 8368. Advance continues and has reached DJ Sefsouf O 8778 still in contact with the enemy. (B). 5th Corps. 78th Division. Night 12/13 April 2 platoons patrolled to DJ Bou Diss J 5244 withdrew after repeated counter attacks and having suffered some casualties. At 1030 hours Battalion of 4th Division reached high ground J 4156 and were then counter attacked. (2nd and last cipher part follows) they withdrew to J 3955 and were there reinforced by another Battalion and although casualties were suffered attack was held. Patrols of 46th Division report no contact J 2969.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
ADM. KING
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Apr. 14, 1943
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: USFOR London (Action)
War, British War Office, Oudjda French Morrocco
GHA, NPY, Cairo, Malta and OG (Information)

In Reply Cite: 4073, April 14, 1943.

SITREP 172 Part 2 April 13 para 1. (USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18 Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ Mideast Malta Adv NWAAF from Freedom 4073 TOO nil 14 Apr). Naval. No reports.

Para 2. 5th Army CP 3rd Inf Div closes Port Lyautey and opens Port Aux Poules RU 89 1200 hours 14th April.

Para 3. L of C Railroad M 9697 demolished by paratroops night 12/13th April, repairs effected 1730 hrs. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. Three captured. Search continues. Fourteen paratroops dropped Area Laghouat XC 68 April 11th. One Italian Captain captured 11th April and 8 Italians captured 13th April Area Ain Elibel SX 94. Search continues.

Para 4. Movements completed. Seventy sixth HAA Regt arrived Constantine from Algiers. Movements commenced. Thirty ninth LAA Regt departed from Algiers for LeKef.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
GEN DEANE (CC/S)
ADM KING
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OPERATIONAL
PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: AMSME 9583, April 14, 1943

Forward patrols contacted enemy positions April 13th along general line P 3582 P 2980 P 2378 P 1472 P 0375 O 9474. 5th New Zealand Brig and 8th Armd Brig area P 3075 with 4th LT Armd Brig covering left flank. 6th New Zealand Brig area Akouda P 5558. 50th Div 4th Ind Div and 7th Armd Div now under command 10th Corps and moving forward area.

From Brereton. RAF fighter bombers and fighters carried out offensive patrols forward areas intermittently during day. Fighters covered Sfax bound convoy April 13th. During night 12th 13th 53 light bombers and 50 heavy bombers attacked Marie Du Zit west Korba south and Temame main landing grounds. 18 medium bombers attacked roads Enfidaville area at dusk. From above operations 1 heavy bomber missing.

9th Air Force 13th, Bomber Command carried out mission of 20 bombers on Caneania Harbor. Only 4500 lbs of bombs dropped target area account clouds. Report not yet received 12th Group. No report from 57th and 79th Groups.

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By SLR Date FEB 11 1974

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GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

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April 14, 43
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

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JCS LETTER, 7-5-72
BY SR . DATE FEB 11 1974

In reply cite: 3928 April 14, 1943

Land. Operations. Enemy counterattacked strongly in areas J 3758 (action AGWAR, Troopers information 18th Army Group (18th Army Group re-encipher for 2nd Corps), 1st Army, 2nd Corps, Adv NAAF, EAC 12th Air Force, MBS, ABS, Malta, Adv Liaison Grp AFHQ, 5th Army, Mideast from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 3928 undated) and J 4156 during morning and regained positions on high ground dominating Sidi Nsir station. Enemy subsequently abandoned Fentum J 3661. No activity reported other Northern Sectors. Enemy contacted Q 8778. Withdrawal from Eastern Dorsale therefore presumed complete. No reports enemy activity in Djebibina-Enfidaville sector. Now known 15 and 17 Bns 31 Italian Tank Regt (Centauro) engaged in Kairouan area 9 and 10 April operating with 334 Mobile Abteilung. Heavy casualties suffered. G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 13 April. Identification. One Bn 47 Gr J 4944, 6 Tp 2 Bn 22 AR J 4155. Confirmatory. Technical. 334 Mobile Abteilung reported using 75 MM PAK guns on Czech T 38 and French Lorraine chassis. Former mistaken for Mark 6 tank. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 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. General. Enemy now on Jofna-Sidi Nsir-Heidous line, determined maintain this in face strong Allied pressure. In Enfidaville position development of line continues. This likely to be enemy's main preoccupation as rapid strengthening of position will enable some formation to be withdrawn for regrouping.

ACTION: G-2 no sig
INFORMATION: OPD [redacted] GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

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From: Algiers
To: War

In reply cite: 3720 April 14, 1943

In the plains to the south of it Pj (message to Troopers rptd USFOR Mideast Britman Washington Armindia Delhi Paic Landforces Melbourne Dechiefs Pretoria Dechiefs Capetown Force Nairobi from G-3 Section AFHQ 3720 12 April 1943 nil)

6. Naval. Bad weather caused the postponement of several projected operations by light craft. Our submarines on patrol have sunk two enemy merchant vessels of 4500 tons and 2000 tons respectively.

A Naval party entered Sfax on 10th April and found the channel was blocked and quays blown up at intervals of 40 yards, but by PM 11th channel had been partially cleared and three berths were available in harbor.

Destroyers from Bone carried out sweep night 11th/12th April to Marittimo but sighted nothing.

7. Air. On 9th April all bombing missions of the strategic air force were cancelled owing to weather. On 10th April heavy bombers made three attacks on the harbor at La Maddalena, on the north coast of Sardinia, and several direct hits were scored on two Italian cruisers, one of which was sunk and one severely damaged. Fighters and bombers intercepted large formations of enemy transport aircraft and destroyed 40 of them. Airdromes in Sardinia were bombed night 10th/11th April. On 11th April 29 further enemy transport aircraft were destroyed and successful attacks were made on the harbors of Tunis, Marsala and Trapani.

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To:

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In reply cite: 3720 April 14, 1943

The tactical air force concentrated on retreating enemy transport and troop concentrations especially in the area of Enfidayille. Large numbers of enemy vehicles were destroyed and on many occasions enemy transport columns apeeared to be completely disorganized. Successful fighter sweeps were carried out in northern Tunisia and many enemy aircraft were destroyed.

8. Political. Nothing to report.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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April 14
1516Z

URGENT

From: GHA Algiers
To: British War Office
USFOR
War
Algiers
Malta
Cairo
Ouidja

In Reply Cite: O/654 April 14, 1943

3269-3676-3872. Night 12/13 April the relief of 138 Bde by 47 Combat Team was completed. Section 6. Air. Throughout the 24 hours (second and last cipher part of O/654 from 18 Army Group. Addressees as in part 1) Attacks on enemy landing grounds and offensive fighter sweeps continued. Night 12/13 light bombers of the Tactical Air Force combined with medium bombers of the Western Desert in a heavy attack on these enemy landing grounds mainly used as terminals for air transport aircraft. Many fires and explosions seen delay action bombs used in large numbers Hurricanes also straffed MT in Tunis area. One missing. Day 13th. Attack on landing groups continued by medium and light bombers. Fighters in offensive sweeps and escorts over forward area met some fighter opposition later in day destroying 1 ME 109 probably destroying 3 (*).

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OSD letter, May, 1, 1972
By SLR Date FEB 11 1974

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April 13, 1943
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: USFOR (action)
WAR-British War Office-Oudjda French Morocco-Cairo-GHA-WFEK-Malta-OG (info)

In Reply Cite: 3849 April 13, 1943

(Action USFOR rptd AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Gp HQ, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta, Adv NWAAF for information from G-3 section AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 3849 13th April TOO nil) Part 2 SITREP number 171 dated 12th April. Part 1. Naval. Channel into Sfax cleared by afternoon 11th April for width of 60 feet. Depth of water 18 feet. Three berths available in harbour. Four destroyers from Bone carried out sweeps to Karittimo but did not sight anthing.

Para 2. Movements nil.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

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

ADM KING

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4/13/43
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 171 April 13, 1943

Part 1 SITREP no 171 for 24 hours ending 1800 hours 12 April. (from 18 Army Group 0/587 April 12 too 2300) to 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 NASAG Tactical Bomber Force con area for Adv NAAF (for Col McDonald A 2) 2 US Corps First Army 9 Corps from AFHQ signed C in C.

1. Section 1. Eighth Army.
(A) 30 Corps. No change in dispositions.
(B) 10 Corps. Our forward troops entered Sousse at 0800 hours and no contact with the enemy was reported. Patrol line Sousse P 5953 Hammam P 5557 K 5352 P 2433.

Section 2. South East Algeria. NTR

Section 3. 2 US Corps. 9 US Inf Div Continued movement to new location clearing of battlefields continued in all areas.

Section 4. 9 Corps. Prisoners taken by 26 armd bde still coming in increasing yesterdays total of 8 660 (643--1 76(262) armd bde moved to Sbikhj this morning and have reached a point 2000 yds north of the village where they are delayed by minefields. No resistance encountered. Contact was

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 171 April 13, 1943

established with the French at O 8843 and with 8th Army 4 miles north of Lai Rousn. 34 US Div. NTR.

Section 5. First Army.
(A). 19 Corps. Mopping up of Dj Ousselat completed yesterday. Movement forward continues.
(B). 5 Corps. 10 Inf. bde continues to push NE and FWD troops have now reached J 3835.

Section 6. Air. Follows later.

Part 2 follows. Cite FHG *

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

April 13, 1943.

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War

IN Reply Cite: 0595 April 13, 1943.

For 24 hours ending 2359 hours 12 Apr. (from 18 Army Group number O 595 dated 13 Apr. TOO 0810A. To Troopers for USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor 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 Force Adv NAAF for Col McDonald A 22 US Corps 1st Army 9 Corps. Part 1 SITREP number 171). From AFHQ signed C in C. Part 1 continues. Section 1 8th Army. Patrols moved forward slightly during afternoon and made contact with small enemy rearguards. (A) 30 Corps. NTR (B). 'L' force now under command 4 Light Armd Bde.(C) 10 Corps. 2 NZ Div and 8 Armed Bde concentrating area Sousse. Patrols T 2 NZ Div Cavalry (T) P 5460 (T) P 4760 and (T) 4655. 12 Lancers Patrols to (T) P 3848 and (T) P 3248. Section 49 Corps. Follows later. Section 6. Air. Continued successful attacks made by medium bombers of Tactical Air Force against forward landing grounds in Enfidaville-Bridgehead. Bisleys during night of 11/12 attacked St Marie Du Zit. Bostons and Mitchells attacked St Marif Du Zit and Oudnar during day 12th. Results were good. Fighters provided escort to bombers of Tactical Bomber Force as well as stratigical Air Force Bombers on their attack against enemy ports and shipping. Little enemy air opposition was encountered. 1 FW 190 was destroyed 7 ME 109s and 2 FW 190s damaged for the loss of 1 Spitfire and pilot during the days operations. Western Desert. During night 11/12 Baltimores Wellingtons Halifaxes and

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From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: O 595 April 13, 1943.

Albacores attacked St Marie Du Zit from last light. Many fires were seen and 1 building was blown up. 1 Wellington is missing. During day 12 fighters carri* end of continuation part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

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FOOTNOTE: WD CMC invites attention to CM-IN-7515 and 7610 (4-13-43) CCS

ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: Y 5243 April 13, 1943

Part 1 sitrep no 171 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 12. (From 18 Army Group 0/589 April 13 TOO 0515A. To Troopers Pass for 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 Force KGN area for Adv NAAF (for Col McDonald A (2) 2 US Corps 1st Army 9 Corps) From AFHQ signed C in C.

1 Section 1. 8th Army. Follows later.

Section 2. South East Algeria. Follows later.

Section 3. 2 US Corps. 1 US Armd Div concentrated Sheitla Area. 1 US Inf Div concentrating Morsott. 9 Div moving to 5 Corps sector.

Section 4. 9 Corps. Follows Later.

Section 5 Clearing of the Western Dorsale by 19 Corps continues and French troops are pushing north from Karachoum 0 8468 to regain contact. In the advance NE from Beja contact has been made with enemy positions SW of SI Nsir J 4159.

(A) 19 Corps. Dj Bou Dabouss 0 8254 Dj Teuila 0 8163 Dj Belloute 0 8467 Karachoum 0 8468 all occupied with little opposition. Advance continues in all sectors.

(B). 5 Corps. 1 Div patrols made no contact

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From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: Y 5243 April 13, 1943

in the Goubellat area. 78 Div. Patrols north of Chaouach made no contact in area J 5443 J 5243 J 5245 but observed activity J 5445 4 Div. 12 Inf Bde positions area J 4750 were under arty fire and MG fire from west and SE. 10 Inf Bde advance astride road towards Si Nsir came under MG and mortar fire from north and NE. Enemy positions area J 3960 being attacked. 46 Div patrol attacked enemy MG posts J 3470 some casualties believed inflicted. Section 6. Air. Follows later. End of continuation part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

No Sig

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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CCWD
Apr 13, 1943
1633Z

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

In reply cite: A 0819, April 13, 1943

Signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT. (AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18th Army Group Liaison Gp Mideast AFHQ Malta from NWAAF Adv. Hq A 0819, 13/4, April 12 Part 3 171)

NWA Strategic Air Force. Night April 11/12. Wellingtons attacked troops M/T and A/C in Enfidaville Zaghouan and Bou Ficha areas. 20 tons bombs dropped. Hits on L/G and X-roads fires started at Enfidaville. 1 Wellington missing. Day 12. B17 Fortresses attacked shipping Sicilian Straits Bizerte and Trapani. Hits and near misses on M/V and large tanker, fires started on quay Bizerte. One ME 109 destroyed 6 probables 5 damaged. B25 Mitchells escorted by fighters attacked L/G at St Marie Duzit and Oudna. Targets well covered several fires started.

NWA Tactical AF. Night 11/12. Bisleys attacked L/G St Marie Duzit. Target well straddled. Day 12. Numerous fighter sweeps and escort Sorties flown. One FW 190 destroyed and 6 ME 109 and 1 FW 190 damaged.

Western Desert AF. Night 11/12. Wellingtons Halifazes Baltimores and Albacores attacked St Marie Duzit L/G causing 19 fires. One building blew up one Wellington is missing. Spits flew few offensive patrols but saw no E/A.

NWA Coastal AF. Night 11/12. Usual C/V escort and anti U/B missions flown. Defensive patrols carried out by fighters. 1 JU 88 destroyed. Beaufighters

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To: War

In reply cite: A 0819, April 13, 1943

patrolled Algiers and Bone area and intruded over Sardinia 1 Beaufighter crashed into sea crew safe. Day 12. C/V escort patrols and U/B hunts flown. 1 JU 88 destroyed. Marauders flew armed recce Sicilian Channel and approaches Naples 1 Marauder missing (action USFOR information all addresses).

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CC/S)
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April 13
1450Z

URGENT

SUPPLEMENTARY COPY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 0/587

In reply cite: SITREP No. 171, April 12, 1943

(The following are corrected sentences previously sent to you containing garbles.)

Prisoners taken by 26 Armd Bde still coming in increasing yesterdays total of 669. 76 (262) Armd Bde moved to Sbikhj this morning and have reached a point 2000 yds North of the village where they are delayed by minefields. No resistance encountered. Contact was established with the French at 0 8843 and with 8th Army 4 miles North of Lairouan. 34 US Div. NTR. Section 5. First Army. (A) 19 Corps. Mopping up of Dj Ousselat completed yesterday. Movement forward continues. (B) 5 Corps. 10 Inf Bde continues to push NE and fwd troops have now reached J 3835. Section 6. Air. Follows later. End of Part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

No Sig

FOOTNOTE: Supplementary Copy of CM-IN-7515 (4-13-43)OPD

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April 14, 1943
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CORRECTION

PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: British War Office
War - USFOR London (Information)

In Reply Cite: 3684, April 13, 1943

Read as omission at beginning of message:

And by the end of the week the hill had been captured.

Para 2. (To Troopers info. To AGWAR USFOR From G-3 Section AFHQ 3684 12th Apr TOO nil). Location statement. Eighth Army with Tactical Hq at U 5907 consists of 30th Corps U 5505 and 10th Corps U 2851.

No Sig

FOOTNOTE: Supplementary copy to CM-IN-7905 (14 Apr 43) OPD.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
GEN DEANE (CC/S)
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OSD letter, May. 3, 1972
By SLR Date FEB 11 1974

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In reply cite: AMSME 5567, April 13, 1943

Patrols moved forward slightly during afternoon 12th and made contact with small enemy rearguard. Patrols 2nd New Zealand Cav P 5460 P 4760 P 4655 with 8th Armd Brig and New Zealand Div concentrated Sousse. 12th Lancers P 3848 P 3248. L force, under command 4th Light Armd Brig, on left flank with patrols west of Sebkra Kelbia P 25 in contact with 6th Armd Div. Forward troops entered Sousse 800 hrs GCT 12th (from Brereton).

Night 11/12th, 19 light and 60 medium RAF bombers attacked Mariesu Zit landing ground K 2314. Over 40 aircraft reported on ground. Several fires caused on landing ground. 1 heavy bomber missing. Day 12th fighters carried out few interception patrols forward areas but no contact made.

9th Air Force April 12th. 2 squadrons 376th Group of Bomber Command dropped 63 bombs 500 lbs each on Cosenza and 9 bombs 500 lbs each on Crotone by 6 and 1 bombers respectively. Bombs fell in railway yard and adjacent building. 2 squadrons 376th Group Bomber Command dropped 15,500 lbs of bombs on Naples primary target and 6,000 lbs of bombs on Pizzo secondary target. Results Naples unobserved due weather. Results Pizzo hit harbor installations next to wharfs. One MC 202 damaged. 6 bombers 178th Squadron RAF dropped 24,000 lbs of bombs on Palermo and 12,000 lbs of bombs on Messina, results unobserved account clouds. 12th Group report not yet received.

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In reply cite: AMSME 5567, April 13, 1943

57th and 79th Groups report no operations. Delayed report April 11th 18 bombers 98th Group dropped 108,000 lbs of bombs and incendiaries on Naples. Bombs seen to hit in target area. Incendiaries dropped over town. 3 enemy aircraft destroyed 5 probable. 1 B 24 destroyed over target pilot and 4 men seen to bail out. 18 bombers 12th Group dropped 31,500 lbs of bombs on concentration of motor transport target area. 2 B 25's lost 1 crew.

No Sig

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

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF

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April 13

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: O/595 April 13, 1943

During day 12 fighters carried out patrols but saw no enemy. End of continuation part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT

Note: Read portion being serviced at end of message as above.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
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YQVC42
1723/13
BMS

CCWD
1934z
April 13

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 3773 April 13, 1943

Off Algerian Coast 5 enemy bomber recce of which 1 destroyed by our fighters (AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th AF ABS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1st Armd Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 3773 North Djidjelli 0900Z and 2 operated West to Oran with the westbound convoy encountered off Cape Tenez morning by our fighters later damaged 4th enemy aircraft detected north of Algiers 1500Z from Sicily as far as Algiers usual weather flight morning. Between 2330z and about 0300z 13 Apr recce aircraft operated Algiers-Oran. Over northwest Mediterranean a number enemy aircraft reported morning. Nothing received on bombing activity over west Mediterranean for period covered. Arriving Tunisia during daylight 11th April about 60 JU 52 transports and 9 6 engines planes. Claiming to have destroyed 29 JU 52's ours encountered 3 formations of which 2 heading northeast and 1 towards Tunis during morning. General. Continuing on high level was enemy air activity Tunisia with main effort diverted to southern front where our advance elements during morning and afternoon were attacked by enemy dive bombers and fighter bombers. Above air fields in Oudna and St Marie Du Zit were continuous enemy protective patrols which performed many interception sorties against our sweeps and raids.

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Preceeding part two air of G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 12 April. Part 3 Naval. Nothing to report.

G2 Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRATTON		✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		
AIR	✓	
B-A		✓
PE		
NA		
LA		
COLL.		
SPEC.		
GEOG.		
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JSC		
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PS		
PER.		
CC		
FIN.		
POW		
REC.		
FL		
CIG		
FIC		✓
ONI		✓
WE		✓

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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OSD letter, May 1, 1972
By SLR Date FEB 11 1974

From: Hq 12th Air Force, Algiers
To : AGWAR

In Reply Cite: 0866, April 13, 1943

26 B-17's escorted by 26 P-38's attacked convoy in Sicilian Straits and 296-500 pound bombs were dropped from 15,500 feet. (From Spaatz Hq NAAF Adv to Arnold) One merchant vessel possibly hit. One near miss on small merchant vessel. The formation was engaged by enemy aircraft of which 1 destroyed, 6 probably destroyed and 5 damaged. 18 B-25's escorted by 24 Spitfires dropped 204-100 pound bombs from 9,000 feet on St Marie Du Zit Airdrome. Fighters damaged 3 ME 109's when engaged. Eighteen B-25's escorted by 36 Spitfires dropped 180-100 pound bombs from 9/10,000 feet same Airdrome. 18 B-25's escorted by 36 Spitfires dropped 216-100 pound bombs from 9/10,400 feet on Oudna Airdrome. 27 B-17's escorted by 33 P-38's and 24 Spitfires dropped 324-500 pound bombs from 25,000 feet on Bizerte. 1 medium vessel hit. Numerous hits on quay and in town. 18 B-17's bombed Trapani with 239-300 pound bombs from 23,000 feet. Hits observed on large tank and among 25 barges. Fire and smoke rose to 1,500 feet. Coastal carried out usual patrols. 1 JU 88 destroyed. Fighters carried out several sweeps. Operations at reduced scale due moving to forward Airdrome. Night 11/12 fifteen Wellingtons dropped an assortment from 3/7,000 feet on motor transport and troop concentration near Enfidaville and on St Marie Du Zit Airdrome. 1 Wellington missing. 14 Bisleys bombed St Marie Du Zit from 6,000 feet, well covering the Airdrome.

Statistics:
Sorties: 76 B-17's, 72 B-25's, 12 A-20's, 49 P-39's, 111 P-38's, 25 American Spitfires, 7 Recce P-38's, 15 Wellingtons, 15 Bisleys, 23 Beaufighters, 12 Hudsons, 3 Marauders, 2 Swordfish, 206 Spitfires, 21 Hurricanes.

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To : AGWAR
In Reply Cite; 0866, April 13, 1943

Losses:

1 Beaufighter, 1 Bisley, destroyed; 1 Marauder, 1 Mitchell, 1 Hurricane, 1 Wellington missing; 1 B-25 damaged.

Victories:

1 ME 109, 2 JU 88's, FW 190, destroyed; 4 ME 109's, 2 unidentified aircraft probably destroyed; 3 ME 109's, 2 FW 190's, 5 unidentified aircraft damaged.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

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

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U R G E N T

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

From: Algiers
To: War and British War Office
(Info: To all interested stations)
In Reply Cite: 3725, April 13, 1943.

At P 1643. (Second and last cipher part 3725 13th). Yesterdays identification 115 Pgr in Kairouan Area 11th April confirmed by PW from 1st and 2nd Bns indicating operations 15th Panzer Division this area in addition 10 and T 夏 1. Now believed small reinforcements tanks provided to 15th Panzer by 2nd Bn 5th Tank Regiment. Italian. Grodo Marine Bn O 74. Two fourth Bersaglieri Bn O 82. General. Prisoners evidence indicates reduced strength many front line units in North. Also enemy inability create reserve this area or divert units to other sectors. Evidence rearguards North Djebibina suggests withdrawal all units from Eastern Dorsale probably complete. Enemy engaged in defensive preparations on new line. Withdrawal has resulted in considerable losses and disorganization. Total prisoners 20th March to 10th April all fronts approximately 22,000 Italians 6,000 Germans.

No Sig

Action: G-2

Information: OPD
CG AAF

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From: Algiers
To: WAR British War Office (info)
USFOR (action)

In Reply Cite: 3720, April 13, 1943.

9th to 11th April. ((To Troopers information rptd USFOR Mideast Britman Washington Armindia Delhi Paic Land Forces Melbourne Dechiefs Pretoria Dechiefs Capetown Force Nairobi from G-3 Section AFHQ 3720, 12th Apr TOO nil. Summary of operations)). LINREP 37.

18th Army. The pursuit northwards continued with the 30 Corps advancing on the axis of the Gabes-Sfax road and the 10 Corps directed on Bou Thadi U 36. Mahares was occupied after some enemy resistance on 9th April while to the west the enemy was driven north of the Sfax-Sbeitla road. Our forces continued to advance and the same evening contacted a strong and stubborn enemy rearguard which was guarding the approaches to Sfax. Further inland a confused armored engagement took place about 40 miles west of Sfax on the road to Faid.

Sfax was occupied early on the 10th April. Little opposition was encountered throughout the day and by evening forward patrols had reached a general line running east and west through El Djem. The pursuit continued on 11th April and by nightfall our patrols were 8 miles from Sousse. No contact was reported during the day.

Sousse was occupied at 0830 A 12th April. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT action Troopers pass to HM Ambassador Madrid for US Ambassador Madrid, Resident Minister Achimota, Britmilat Ankara for MarshalI Chakmak, defender Wellington for Puttick.

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2.2 Corps after armored patrols made contact with 8th Army 7th April 2 Corps was ordered to stay west of Y 90 grid line. 2 Corps then turned north to clear enemy from Djebel Chemsi and Djebel Ben Kreir. Clearance of the battlefield was continued including removing mines from Faid Pass which is now open to traffic. Armd patrols moving north from Faid and to the east of the ridge have made contact with 9 Corps in the Fondouk area.

3. 9th Corps. The Combined British and American Forces under command 9 (Br) Corps consisting of British 6th Armd Div, US 34th Inf Div, Wn Inf Brigade and some Churchill tanks continued their attack on the Fondouk Gap with the mission of permitting the 6th Armd Div to pass through to the Kairouan area.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
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From: Algiers
To: War

In reply cite: 3720 April 12, 1943

Where it could threaten the enemy L of C (second part of message to Troopers rptd USFOR Mideast Britman Washington Armindia Delhi Paic Landforces Melbourne Dechiefs Pretoria Dechiefs Capetown Force Nairobi from G-3 Section AFHQ 3720 12 Apr) and inflict losses on any retreat from the south. The hills to the north of Fondouk were occupied during the afternoon of 9th April. In the face of strong opposition Engineers and Inf cleared a gap in the minefield enabling our armored forces to pass through the gap to the east during the night 9th-10th April. Good progress was made during 10th April and in the evening an armored battle was in progress to the south of Kairouan. The enemy withdrew to the north during the night 10th/11th April.

On 11th April Kairouan was occupied and contact was made with advanced patrols of 8th Army to the town. Our armored forces quickly followed up the retreating enemy. Twenty five enemy tanks were engaged 12 miles north west of Kairouan and 10 were destroyed.

4. First Army. French troops protected the north flank of 9th Corps by advancing and capturing Djebel Ousselat to the northeast of Pichon. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy and several hundred prisoners have been captured. The limited attack in the area north of Oued Zarga was successfully completed on 9th April our forces having advanced 5 miles over a 10 mile front to the line Cha-

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ouach J 5240-J 4650-Si Achour J 3848. Operations continued to improve our new positions. A further attack was launched 11th April northeast of Beja towards Mateur; No opposition was encountered but progress was slow due to enemy mines and by evening our troops had reached three miles southwest of Sidi Nsir.

5. Summary. In spite of the rapidity of the 8th Army's advance and the Allied attack through Fondouk, it appears that the enemy has succeeded in withdrawing the greater part of the German mobile forces to his next defensive positions along the line of hills from Djebel Fkirine to Enfidaville, but by the loss of a large proportion of their Infantry Italian effectives are seriously reduced. This, combined with the fact that our attacks in the n rth forced the enemy to commit his reserves in that area so that troops could not be spared for the preparation of his new defensive positions, suggests that the enemy's main preoccupation must now be the manning and elaboration of this line. A mobile screen is therefore likely to continue to operate.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
LOG

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From: Algiers
To: British War Office
Info-USFOR
War

In Reply Cite: 3684 April 13, 1943

After the successful break through by 8th Army 6th 7th April the enemy forces withdrew leaving much equipment behind and our armd forces were able to pass through to link up with 8th Army (to Troopers info to AGWAR USFOR from G-3 Section AFHQ 3684 12th Apr nil) the 2nd US Corps was ordered not to move East of the Y90 grid line and moved North to clear enemy from Dj Ben Kreir and Dj Chemni. Ninth Corps. On 8th April the 9th Corps consisting of 6th Armd Div, 128th Inf Bde, and 34th US Inf Div, attacked Fondouj Gap with the purpose of forming a bridgehead through which to pass the 6th Armd Div to the area of Ehqrouan in order to threaten the enemy L of C and inflict losses on any withdrawal from the South. The 128th Inf Bde supported by Churchill tanks crossed the Lued Marguellil and after hard fighting captured Dj Houfia 082. Later the 3rd Bn Welsh Guards captured the high ground just North of the Fondouk Gap on 9th April. The 34th US Inf Div failed to capture the village of Fondouk and the high ground to the South. Late 9th April 26th Armd Bde attacked the Gap. Engineers and the 10th Rifle Bde cleared a gap in the minefield in the face of strong opposition and by evening the 17/21 and 16/5th Lancers passed through and moved on Kaifouan. First Army. Having stabilized the positions in the area of Sedjenane brigades were rapidly regrouped. On 7th April the 78th Div with 11th, 36th, and 38th Inf Bdes attacked North and NE between Medjez El Bab and Munchar. Good progress

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was made against strong opposition. Supply by mules was necessary due to the difficult mountainous terrain. By the end of the period of this report the division had advanced about 5 miles along a 10 mile front to the line Chaiuach - J5240-J4650-SI Achour J3845. One thousand German prisoners were captured and severe casualties inflicted on the enemy. In the meantime the 19th Corps had the mission of capturing Dj Ousselat in order to protect the North Flank of the 9th Corps. Good progress was made in the face of opposition.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: British War Office
War (info)
USFOR(info)

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In Reply Cite: 3684 April 13, 1943

Fifth weekly summary. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT.

1. Summary of operations 2 to 9 April. (To Troopers info to AGWAR USFOR from G-3 section AFHQ 3684 12 Apr TOO nil) 8th Army carried out active patrolling 2nd to 6th April preparatory for attack on Akarit position. The enemy defensive position was occupied by the Pistola Div between Dj Haidoudi and Dj Beida in the West with Spezia Div, Trieste Div and the Young Fascists on the Coast. 90th Div and 164th Lt Div in reserve with 10th Pzr and 21st Pzr protecting the west flank from the threat of the 2 US Corps in the Be Guet Yr Sector. On 6th April 0415 A 30th Corps made a frontal attack with 51st Div in the east, 50th Div in the center and 4th Indian Div in the west. Attack made in dark with no moon and with complete surprise. All Divs penetrated enemys positions. Several enemy counter attacks were made gaining some ground on the 50th Div front but the Armd Regts of 8th Armd Bde were able to pass through during the afternoon. More than 5,000 prisoners were taken during the day. On the night 6-7 April the enemy withdrawal became evident. The enemy withdrew to the North with the 30th Corps pursuing on the Axis of the Gabes-Sfax Road and the 10th Corps moving on Bou Thadd U 36. Contact was made by the 8th Army and the 81st Rcn

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Bn of the 2nd Corps for the first time the afternnon 7th April in the area 6 miles east of Sebkret Si Mannsour Y 76. The 4th Indian Div, the 50th Div and a Brigade of the 51st Div were left to clear up the battlefield and to consolidate the Akarit position. Although rear guards fought strong actions during the retreat by 9th April the enemy had been driven north of Mahares and to the north of the Sfax-Sbeitla Road. More than 20,000 prisoners have been captured since the 1st attack on the Mareth position. Two US Corps. The 1st and 9th US Inf Divs continued attacks on the enemy positions on Dj Chemsi and Dj El Kreroua astride the El Guettar-Gabe Road but were unable to secure a bridgehead through which the armor could pass to threaten the west flank of the enemy forces in the Akarit position.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: WAR - UKW
Info: To all interested stations.
In Reply Cite: 3725 April 13, 1943

All activity in Northern sector on small scale. (To AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR information 18th Army Gp 1st Army II Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Gp AFHQ 1st Army pass I Armd Corps and VI Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 3725 13th. Enemy operations.) Enemy holding Dj Bou Touil J 3762 Dj El Hara J 3961 and high ground to southeast. Machine gun and mortar fire from these positions. Enemy forward positions contacted astride Sidi Nsir Oada J 3960 and J 4159. No enemy contacted north of Chouach in general area J 5443 but activity reported on Dj El Ang J 5546. Part 1 land of G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 12 April. Medjez Gogbellat and Bou Arada areas nothing to report. In eastern Dorsale Dj Bou Dabo SS O 8254 Dj Touila O 8063 Dj Belloute O 8467 Karachoum O 8468 cleared of enemy who offered only slight opposition. Forces on whole eastern Dorsale now probably withdrawn. No opposition Sbikha area. Minefields located 1 mile north of town. Enemy rearguard now believed north Djebibina P 0478. Full results tank engagement northwest Ka Rouan 11 April indicate total prisoners 660 tanks 12 guns 15. Enemy continued withdrawal coastal sector.

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To: WAR
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Main force at present concentrated Enfidaville Bou Ficha. Much movement MT this area. Fdls U Del construction O 9584-P 0083-P 0686. No further details new defense line. Identifications and locations. German. Two Bn 756th Mtn IR area J 38 formerly in reserve. Three Bn 756th Mtn IR east Chaouach J 54. Both by prisoners WAR. 69th PGR located P 0190, 86th PGR P 1186, probably elements 90th AR P 0886. Prisoners war of 43rd Marsch Bn at O 8468 PW from 961st IR.

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G2 Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRATTON		✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		
AIR		
B-A	✓	
FE		
NA		
LA		
COLL.		
SPEC.		
GEOG.		
TRNG		
JSC		
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FIN.		
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CIG		
TIC		✓
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To: AGWAR

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And by the end of the week the hill had been captured. Para 2. (To Troopers info. To AGWAR USFOR G-3 section AFHQ 3684 12 Apr TOO nil). Location statement. Eighth Army with Tactical Hq at U 5907 consists of 30th Corps U 5503 and 10th Corps U 2851. Thirty Corps consists of 7th Armd Div in square U 74. Fifty Div Z 1644. Fifty first Div U 8333. Fourth Indian Div Z 1147. Tenth Corps consists of 1 British Armd Div U 2 ZEUB 35. Two New Zealand Div unknown. Eighth Armd Brig. L force and Fighting French Flying Column. Adv Hq SE Algerian French forces Y 0462. Two Corps Y 0781 consists of 1st US Armd Div T 5266. First US Inf Div Y 1878. Ninth Inf Div S 6761. Ninth Corps O 8013 consists of 6th Armd Div O 6919. Thirty Fourth US Div O 7405 and 128th Inf Brig. First Army N 8498 consists of 19th Corps O 3043 and 5th Corps J 0818. Nineteenth Corps consists of Welwert Div O 3143. Mathinet Div O 4370 and 3rd British Inf Brig. Fifth Corps consists of 1 British Div J 4122. Seventy Eighth Div J 5229 and 46th Div J 1157. Fifth Army. No change.

Para 3. Comparison of strength. Read Allied Axis. Inf Bns. Eighth Army sector 40. 29. 2nd Corps 22. 0. 9th Corps 13. 11. 19th Corps 38. 10. 5th Corps 40. 23. Artillery pieces 8th Army sector 604. 200. 2nd Corps 240. 0 9th Corps 99. 40. 19th Corps 223. 74. 5th Corps 306. 142. Serviceable Allied tanks. Total Axis tanks. 8th Army 460. 70. 2nd

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Corps 271. 0 9th Corps 246. 60. 19th Corps 83. 25. 5th Corps 177. 25.

Para 4. Casualties. Read Officers and others 8th Army week ending 8th Apr killed 8. 98 wounded 39.

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Action: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 3556, April 12, 1943.

Information following received subsequent to our G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 11 April. (AGWAR Troopers information 18 Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Grp AFHQ 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 3556 12 April; Nil.) AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18 Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Pc Grp AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Positions. Northern Sector. Enemy withdrawal continues to approximate line from which offensive first launched on 26 Feb. Eastern Dorsale Sector. Rapid withdrawal during 11 April from Southern features eastern Dorsale. High ground Lou Dabobs O 85 and Dj Halfa O 84 and while Dj Oussepat O 73 cleared. Small infantry forces still resisting east Dj Chakeur O 84 withdrew north by evening. Prisoners this area include 200 Bersaglieri. Kairouan Sector. Enemy cleared Kairouan 1015 hours. City burning. Enemy armour engaged to northwest. Series skirmishes culminated in sharp encounter P 0146. Ten of 23 enemy tanks involved reported destroyed. Ten Panzer and possibly elements 21 Panzer operating this area in series battle groups. By evening enemy north of line O 95 E 54-O 9954. Patrols later reported Sebkra clear. Stragglers still in plains. Four hundred prisoners of war taken during day all German. Coastal

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Sector. Main body 90 light astride coastal road north of Sousse with 15 Panzer on right flank to Sebkra Kelbia P 25. Elements both divisions south of Sousse during day. Nineteen tanks reported area P 63 during afternoon. Probably joined by further small armoured elements seen moving east from Kairouan. All forces south of Sousse withdrawn by evening. Dockyards burning. Identifications. Kairouan area thru 34th Mobile Abteilung, 999th Recce Group, 962nd Artillery Battalion, 27th March Bn, 104th PGR, 115 PGR, also Italian 504 Anti Tank Battery. Two by prisoners of war.

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G2 Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		✓
BRATTON		✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
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E-A	✓	
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SPEC.		
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TRNG		
JSC		
EO		
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FER		
CC		
FIN		
POW		
REC.		
FL		
CIG		✓
JIC		✓
ONI		✓
WH		✓

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

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Part 3 Naval. Attacks of enemy units. With depth charges position 35 degs 53 mins north 02 degs 49 mins west 1010 Z our aircraft attacked enemy submarine. In position 38 degs 18 mins north 13 degs 15 mins east 2155 Z our aircraft attacked enemy MV. Attacks on own ships. Successfully reaching port our MV 1500Z torpedoed near Casablanca by enemy submarine probably. Sightings of enemy shipping. Southbound at 8 knots position 38 degs 30 mins north 13 degs 40 mins east 1117Z 5 enemy MVS with 2 escort vessels. Westbound at 8 knots position 39 degs 43 mins north 13 degs 18 mins east 1304Z 2 enemy MVS, 1 destroyer and 1 escort vessel with 2 aircraft. Northbound 5 knots position 38 degs 31 mins north 13 degs 23 mins east 1330Z 1 enemy MV with 1 E boat. South bound 5 knots position 38 degs 32 mins north 13 degs 03 mins east 1335Z 1 enemy MV with 1 aircraft. In position 37 degs 08 mins north 01 degs 38 mins east 2120Z enemy submarine. General. With adjacent berths being cleared Sfax Channel reported open 60 feet wide with 18 foot depth. 3 berths usable in harbor. G-2

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To: War
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report for 24 hours ending 2400Z/11th.

Part 2 Air. Four enemy bomber recce operated off Algerian coast daytime with westbound convoy contacted morning between Philippeville-Bougie and afternoon same between Bougie-Cape Corbelin. Shot down 90 miles north of Djidjelli about 1745Z. (First cipher part second part follows) 1 JU 88 shadowing. With several enemy aircraft operating from Southern France 1 additional reported 1st half.

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Information: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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U R G E N T

From: 18th Army Group
To: British War Office-USFOR London-War- Algiers
Malta-Cairo-French Morocco

In reply cite: 0/579, April 12th, 1943

Area J 6445 and J 6447. (Second and last part 0/579 18 Army Groups) 78 Div. 36 Bde relieved by 12 Bde now concentrated in area J 4741. 38 Bde concentrated area D 1840. Dj Mahdi drive bombed 4 times during day by FW 190's. 4 Div. 10 Bde continued to make progress against little opposition by 1800 hrs had reached general line J 3753-J 3757. 12 Bde with 5 Hamps and 16 Dli under command now in area J 4245-J 4750- J 4943. 46 Div no change.

Section 6. Air. From the night of 9/10 Rommels retreating forces have attempted to avoid air attack by disengaging Ttob the 8th Army and Western Desert Air Force but for the 2nd successive day and night the northwest African Tactical Air Force has continuously attacked his retreating mt with their flanking forces from the Central Tunisian Area. Night 10/11. 4 light bombers attacked throughout night enemy mt in Enfidaville Area. The results were most successful. Day 11. Fighters bombers and light bombers made continuous attacks on me in the Sousse-Enfidaville Areas. Fighter bombers also successfully attacked enemy L/GS in the north. The entire German Air Force in Africa now concentrated in the Tunis-Bizerte Area was heavily engaged by our forces in the northern sector. Results for day in this area 4 ME 109's 1 JU 87 and 4 JU 52's destroyed and 1 JU 87 probable. Our losses 3 fighter bombers and 5 Spitfires. Western Desert. Night 10/11 bombers attacked

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From: 18th Army Group Page 2
To: British War Office-USFOR London-War-Algiers
Malta-Cairo-French Morocco

In reply cite: 0/579, [redacted], April 12th, 1943

mt and L/GS in Enfidaville Area. Day 11. Little activity owing to targets being out of range. On occupation La Fauconnerie aerodromes Western Desert report over 30 enemy aircraft found destroyed or damaged. These L/Gs were under constant bombing attack by our air forces in (end of continuation part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT) Central Tunisia during Akarit battle.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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GS Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRATTON	✓	✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		
AIR	✓	
E-A		✓
FE		
NA		
LA		
COLL.		
SPEC.		
GEOG.		
TRNG		
JSC		
EO		
PS		
PER.		
CC		
FIN.		
POW		
REC.		
FL		
CIG		
JIC		✓
ONI		✓
WR		✓

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In reply cite: AMSME 5544, April 12, 1943

Patrol lines 2nd New Zealand Div Ksour Essar P 9710 west to road P 6706. 4th Lt Armd Brig continued advance north delayed in places by demolitions mines and difficult country. Little opposition until dusk April 11th upon contact with 19 enemy tanks square P 63. Patrol last night Si Naija P 8524, Touza P 7834, Si Baraba P 5725, Skret El Aioun P 4310, at El Melah P 2119 made contact with patrols from 9th Corps (from Brereton) April 11th RAF fighter bombers carried out armed rcn during day Eorward area found no targets. Heavy bomamcs attacked Enfidaville landing ground P 3385 and motor transport in Krea area (query P 3892) at dusk, later attacked Menzel Temine south landing ground. Both attacks caused several fires among motor transport and aircraft. Fighters patroled dusk and dawn with loss 2 planes per 9th Air Force April 11th reports 21 bombers of 376th Group carried out 1 mission. 1 shot down, 1 landed Malta, 3 unaccounted for. No further details. No operations reported 12th, 57th, and 79th Groups. Delayed report 57th Group carried out 5 missions 83 Sorties April 6th dropping 6,280 lbs of bombs during fighter bomber, escort, and armed rcn. 6 bombers of 178th Squadron RAF April 10th dropped 36,000 lbs of bombs on Palermo. Bombs landed in dock and warehouse area. 13 bombers 376th Group dropped 58,500 lbs of bombs on Naples April 10th claim 2 ME 109's probable. Near hits on sloop. Intercepted by enemy aircraft, no further observations, no losses.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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April 12, 1943
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: O 568, April 12, 1943

Were fired on by mgs Patrol Tolongstop J J 62[illegible] heard much movement area WOKDS J 6242. 78 Division. (cipher part 2 of O 568 from 18 Army Group. Addresses as in part 1) no change. 4 Division. TNN Infantry Brigade attacked from Hunts Gap area at 0500 hours 11 April by 0645 hours 1 battalion had reached J 3251 and 1 battalion J 3055 attack continues progress slow due to mines.

No Sig.

OPD Dist.	Action	Info.
[illegible]		✓
[illegible]NG		✓
[illegible]NNER		✓
[illegible]RATION		✓
[illegible]		✓
[illegible]FRC		✓
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U R G E N T

From: Casablanca
To: WAR

In reply cite: 170, April 12, 1943

Number 170 for period ending 1800 hours 11 April (From 18 Army Group number O 568 dated 11 to 2345 to Troopers pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor 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 Force 9 Corps 2 US Corps 1st Army Adv NAAF for Col MacDonald A 2. Part 1 SITREP) From AFHQ signed CINC.

Part 1. Section 1. 8th Army (A) 30 Corps. No change in dispositions. No contact. (B) 10 Corps. patrols 2 NZ Div Te Chedad Kshur Essal P 91 Cross-roads P 6706. 4 Light Armd BDE patrols reached Sidi Naija P 8524 Siji Bebaba P 5725 Sebkret El Aioon P 41 Ae Eldmelah P 2119.167 U 2296. London Force Chebka Tsaacha T 9979. No change other dispositions. No contact reported.

Section 2. Southeast Algeria. Follows later.

Section 3. 2 US Corps. 9 US Inf Division started move to 5 Corps Area 1 US Infantry Div Arty from Yafsa to Morsott area N 21. Clearing of El Guettar battlefield and minefields continues.

Section 4. 9 Corps. 6 Armd Division advanced to outskirts of Kairouan which was in flames. 26 Armd Bde met many small groups of tanks on the way and engaged them successfully: It is now concentrating area P 0123. 1 Guards Bde moved to objective area O 0027. Welsh guards still in Fondouk area 34 US

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From: Casablanca
To: WAR

In reply cite: 170 , April 12, 1943

Infantry Division reached objective area O 8413 and took over Rhorab from guards bde and dispatching force to hold high ground southeast of Pichon. Corps headquarters now at P 0828. Approx 500 PW take 10th April.

Section 5. 1st Army. A 19 Corps. Patrols to O 7342 and O 7049 without contact. Movement forward continues.

Part 2. MS from Mathenet division took some Italians prisoners area O 7753 before withdrawing. B 5 Corps One British Infantry division patrols reached J 7128 and J 7022 during night 10/11.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y

From: Algiers
To: War

In reply cite: 0568 April 12, 1943

Number 170 for period ending 1800 hours 11 April (from 18th Army Group number 0568. Dated 11 TOO 2345 Troopers pass USFOR AFRAD Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army rptd Jacques 242nd Group Bone Area for SOIS Hq L of C 12th AF NASAF Tactical Bomber Force 9th Corps 2nd US Corps 1st Army Adv AAF for Col McDonald A-2. Part 1 SITREP). From AFHQ signed C in C.

Part 1.

Section 1. 8th Army.
(A). 30th Corps. No change in dispositions. No contacts.
(B). 10th Corps. Patrols 2nd NZ Div reached Ksqur Esyal P 91-crossroads P 6706. Fourth Light Armd Bde patrols reached Sidi Maija P 8524-Sidi Bebaba P 5725-Sebkret El Aioun O 3534 41-Ae Eldmelsh P 2119-point 1678 U 2296. London Force Chebka Tsaacha T 9979. No change other dispositions. No contact reported.

Section 2. Southeast Algeria. Follows later.

Section 3. 2nd US Corps. Ninth US Infantry Division started move to 5th Corps Area. First US Infantry Div Arty from Gafsa to Morsott area nutf 21. Clearing of El Guettar battlefield and minefields continues.

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From: Algiers
To: War

In reply cite: 0568 April 15, 1943

Section 4. 9th Corps. Sixth Armd Division advanced to outskirts Kairouan which was in flames. 26th Armd Bde met many small groups of tanks on the way and engaged them successfully. It is now concentrating area P 0123. One guards bde moved to objective area O 0027(0047). Welsh Guards reached objective area O 8413 and took over Rhorab from guards bde and despatching G rpt E to hold high ground southeast of Pichon. Corps headquarters now at P 0828. Approx 500 Pw taken 10th April.

Section 5. 1st Army.
(A). 19th Corps. Patrols to O 7342 and O 7049 without contact. Movement forward continues. Goums from Mathenet Division took some Italians prisoners area O 7753 before withdrawing.
(B). 5th Corps. One British Infantry Division patrols reached J 7128 and J 7022 during night 10/11.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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U R G E N T

From: Casablanca
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 3444, April 12, 1943

Part 1 land. (AGWAR Troopers rptd 18 Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12 Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Grp AFHQ 5 Army from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 3444 undated nil) Qued Zargay Sector. Enemy opposition slight. Numerous mines and booby traps. Further withdrawal areas Sidi Nsir and Heidous: Kairouan Sector. Enemy armour enountered west and northwest Kairouan during day. Presumed 10 and 21 Panzer Divisions. G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 11th April. Coastal sector. 90 Light north of Fousse with 15 Panzer on right. 19 tanks reported P 6239 during afternoon. No trace Italians. Identifications. German 25 March Bn O 7082. 2 Bn 755 IR J 34 Italian. None. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18 Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12 AF NBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln GRP AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps rpt 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI General. North enemy continues slow general withdrawal. Withdrawal of forces at present on northern sector of Eastern Birshqi into Enfidaville - Fkirine line likely to become necessary. 10 and 21 Panzer Divisions will probably continue to engage our forces in Sbikha Plain to cover this. Enemys general intention on southern front must be to gain time for consolidation Enfidaville position. Anti tank ditches cover all approaches Enfidaville from south and southwest. Further ditches between Enfidaville and Takrouna, blocking valley at P 2387, and at P 1786.

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From: Casablanca
To: WAR

INCOMING MESSAGE

In Reply Cite: 3444, April 12, 1943

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Wiring, minefields and anti tank obstacles reported on general line northeast from Takrouna P 3085 to point on main coastal road approximately P 3616. Fuller reports will be shortly available. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

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G2 Dist	Action	Info
MC		✓
STRONG		
STRONER		
BRATTON		✓✓
SIT.		✓✓
CURR.		✓✓
DISS.		
AIR		✓✓
E-A	✓✓	
FE		
NA		
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TIC		✓✓
ONI		✓✓
WH		✓✓

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: USFOR London
WAR (info)

In Reply Cite: 3532 April 12, 1943

One hundred and seventy Part 2 April 11.

Para 1. (Action USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18 Army Group HQ Liaison Group AFHQ Mideast Malta Adv NWAAF from Freedom 3532 TOO nil 12 Apr SITREP) Naval. No reports. Signed Eisenhower, cite FHGCT.

Para 2. Movements completed. First Bn 67th AA Regt, less 2 Btrys, and 433rd CA Bn AA Sep arrived Algiers from Oran. Destination of First Bn 67th AA Regt was changed from Bougie to Algiers.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
GEN DEANE (CCS)
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From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 569, April 12, 1943

(Part 1 Sitrep no 170 for 24 hrs ending 2359 11 April). (From 18th Army Group 569 April 12 TOO 0830A to Troopers pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army rptd Jaques 242 Group Bone Area for SOIS Hq L of C 12 ASC NASAF Tactical Bomber Force 9th Corps 2nd US Corps 1st Army Adv NAAF (for Col McDonald A 2) from AFHQ signed C in C.

Part 1 continued. Section 1. Eighth Army. During afternoon Armd Car Patrols continued to advance in coastal area. (A). 30th Corps. No change. (B). 10th Corps. 4 Lt Armd Bde continued to advance northwards delayed by demolitions mines and difficult terrain. Very little opposition reported until last night when 29 enemy tanks were contacted in area P 63.- Patrol line at last night Touza P 7834 - Bebababk P 5825 - P 4314 - P 2020. At P 2020 contact made with 9th Corps patrols.

Boundaries (South of Faid)

Section 2. Southeast Algeria. NTR.

Section 3. 2nd US Corps 1st US Armd Div remained concentrated in Sbeitla - Faid Area. CCA at nr 8688. 9th US Inf continued movement to new location.

Section 4. 9th Corps. 6th Armd Div report

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Kairouan clear of enemy and mines and Div advanced north to Sbikha P 0358. 26th Armd Bde engaged 25 enemy tanks at O 0246 at 1700 hrs. Some destroyed remainder withdrew. 128th Bde cut road to 8844 Welvert Div. Forward troops reported at O 8032 at 1130 hours with Goums patrols (8844) O 8943). Enemy opposition believed rearguard only. ** Rulm road A 1642 held by 1 88 MM gun and some Inf at 1400 hrs.

Section 5. First Arty. Advance continued steadily on Eastern Dorsals and NE of Beja. Little opposition encountered progress in north hampered by mines and booby traps. 15th Tabor took 1 Coy Italian prisoner at Arne Djeloula RM 8542. (A). 19th Corps advance continued but exact posn forward troops not yet reported. (BS). 5th Corps. 1 Br Inf Div. Considerable movement reported (BS). 5.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
Gen. Deane CC/S
Adm. King
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 0787, April 12, 1943.

NWA strategic AF (AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 8818 Army Gp Hq Liaison Gp Mideast AFHQ Malta from NWAAF Adv. Hq 0787.15/4 12/4 April 11, part 3, 170 signed Eisenhower cite FHGTK) night 10/4 11 Wellingtons attacked Pecimoaknu and Moneerrato A/D scoring hits on A/D and near misses on munition dump. Day 11/4, P 38 Lightnings flew numerous sorties to intercept enemy transport A/C between Sicily and Tunisia. 75 JU 52, one unidentified transport, and 5 other enemy A/C destroyed 7 probables 1 damaged. Four P 38 Lightnings lost. B 17 Fortresses attacked harbour at Tunis, Marsala, Trapani. Several hits and many near misses on large M/V at Tunis 1 small freighter sunk Marsala direct hits on 3 merchant vessels at Trapani, Dock areas of all 3 hit. One ME 110 destroyed and 3 ME 109 damaged. B 26 Marauders attacked A/D at Oudra scoring hits on enemy A/C on ground. B 25 Mitchells bombed A/D at St Marie Du Ziyes. Tactical AF. Day 10/4. A 20 Bobtons escorted by Spitfires attacked enemy concentrations and transports in battle area scoring hits and near misses. Hurribombers with Spitfire escort attacked crossroads. P 40 Warhawks bombed enemy transports and flew fighter sweeps. Spits flew offensive sweeps over battle area. Night 10/11 April. Bisleys attacked enemy transports on roads near Enfidaville. Day 11/4. P 40 Warhawks carrying bombs and others escorting attacked roads and M/T.

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

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 3199 April 11, 1943

Jefna Sector. Nothing to report. Sidi Nsir Sector. Enemy (to AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers Pass USFOR 18 Army Gp First Army 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Gp AFHQ 5th Army Pass 1 Armd Corps and*13 Corps from Freedom 3199 nil signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI) withdrew from positions J 4650 and J 4350 after slight opposition. Medjez Sector. No activity reported. Prisoners in this area now exceed 1000. Goubellat-Bou Arada Sector. No contact with enemy between J 7030 and J 7037 and in general area J 6620. Ousseltia Sector. Oppostion continues on O 7838. Pichon-Foudouk Sector. Enemy armour opposing our advance in Kairouan area. Foregoing Northern Tunisia part 1 land G-2 report for 24 hrs ending 2400 Z 10 April. Central Tunisia. Enemy withdrawal continued with rearguards covering Kairouan and Sousse. Dispositions. 10 and 21 Panzer Divisions Kairouan Area. 15 Panzer on main road El Djem-Sousse with flanking elements area Sidi El Hami P 3333. 90 light on coastal road area Moknine P 8434. 164 still south of Sousse in morning but believed withdrawing NW during afternoon. No further trace Italians. Identifications. German. Five Coy 755 IR J 3152 by PSW. One coy 755 IR J 3646 by deserters who complained war weariness. Italian. None. General. Further withdrawal rearguards in Kai-

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rouan and Sousse areas anticipated. Remaining Italians presumed in Enfidaville position. No indications future disposition troops now holding eastern Dorsale. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

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From : C. in C. Med.

Situation Report Number 28

1. Bad weather has prevented projected operations by light craft, both from Bone and Malta. Sailing of convoy M.K.S. 11 from Bone also delayed 24 hours by weather.

2. H.M.S. TORBAY reports sank 2,000 tons Southbound merchant vessel off Cape Scalea (39 degs. 50 North 15 degs. 46 East) at 1038/28 and sank Motor Fishing vessel by gunfire at 1006/1 off Licosa point (40 15 N. 14 54 East).

3. DS DOLFYN reports at 0912/29 sank 4,500 tons Southeast bound merchant vessel in approaches to Cagliari.

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F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshall
Gen. Macready
COMINCH (2)
C.O.S.
Plans
Plans M (2)
Brigadier Redman (8)
N.I.
Lt. Col. Cook
S.O.(O) Personal
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April 11
1515Z

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR
USFOR

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BY SR DATE FEB 11 1974

In reply cite: 0547, April 11, 1943

While remainder bde moved forward to high ground P0025 in support 26 Armd Bde. 128 Inf Bde occupied Dj Ech Cherichera P82 and Welvert Div 19 Corps secured Southern half (part my 0547 dated Apr 11) Dj Ousselat 073 thereby arresting operation. Several hundreds of prisoners taken this front during last 48 hrs. Section 5. First Army (A) 19 Corps. See section 4 for operation by Wlevert Div. (B) 5 Corps. One Div. Si Naceur J5437 occupied. Patrols found no enemy West of road J6620 Goubellat J6423 or between J7030 K7037. 78 Div. J4650 occupied with little opposition. Some prisoners taken. 4 Div. 2 Bns 12 Inf Bde relieved 2 Bns 38 Inf Bde after latter had reached J3748 and J 3946. 10 Inf Bde occupied J 3157. 46 Div. Active patrolling. Section 6. Air. (A) Continuing the pressure exerted by the Western Desert Air Force the Tactical Air Force made intensive attacks on retreating enemy concentrations. Escorted light and fighter bombers continuously attacked MET in the Sousse Kairouan Enfidaville areas with excellent results fires explosions and much disorganization caused and conservatively estimated more than 50 MT destroyed or damaged. Escorting fighters claimed 5 ME 109 destroyed. Strong fighter sweep Medjez district where enemy aircraft had been operating resulted in 5 ME 109's destroyed and probably destroyed and 8 damaged for loss of 1 Spitfire. End of part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FBGCT.

No Sig

G2 Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRAYTON		✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		✓
AIR		✓
E-A	✓	
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NA		
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COL.		
SPEC.		
FOG.		
ENG.		
ISC		
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PS		
PER		
CC		
FIN.		
POW		
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CIG		
MIC		✓
ONI		✓
WH		✓

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
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CM-IN 11, 1943.
1504Z

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo.
To: War

In Reply Cite: AMSME 5536 April 11, 1943.

Enemy broke contact along whole front and withdrew north during night 9th, 10th. Sfax reported clear of enemy by 815 hrs got 10th, 51st Div concentrated Sfax area by midnight. 7th Armd Div concentrated area U 74. 30th corps forward patrols reached Mt Louleche Q-0384. Patrols 4th Light Armd Brig Elbdjem U-7295, La Smale U-5798, Chuorbane U 4390, West to road and track junction U-1281. Patrols L force left flank area high ground Chekka Msaacha I-9978. 1st Armd Div concentrated area Bou Thadi U-3371 (from Brereton) day 10th low clouds prevented RAF locating target closely packed motor transport reported moving North on road.

No Sig.

G2 Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRERETON		✓
SIT		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		
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E-A	✓	
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JIC		✓
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WH		✓

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By SLR Date FEB 11 1974

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

CM-IN-6490 (11 Apr 43) 1629Z bjm

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April 11,1943
2203Z

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y

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JCS LETTER, 7-8-72
BY SR , DATE FEB 11 1974

From: Algiers
To: War

In reply cite: 3351 April 11, 1943

Of which one between Bone-Algiers with other on recce of coast from Algiers to 3 degrees West, (to AGWAR Troopers rptd 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Grp AFHQ 5th Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 3351 undated nil) also contacting west of Oran about 1000Z our westbound convoy, two enemy bomber recce off Algerian coast. Toward Bone and thence toward Tripoli morning usual meteoro flight. With one reported between Bone and Philippeville midnight and two additional recco operated during night. While no bombers detected western Mediterranean, over Tunisia evening about 10 JU 88's on mission. Landing at both Tunis and Menzel Temime 9th April, of which preponderance afternoon, over one hundred flights by JU 52's plus perhaps 10 ME 323's enemy transport. General. With some heightening of activity German Italian fighters daytime intercepted our attacks on air transport north of Cape Bon. Our MT vicinity Oued Zarga strafed by enemy figher bombers and ground attack ships morning and late afternoon while allied low level operations Medjez and Pont Du Fahs areas encountered defensive patrols. In Enfidaville area little resistance to our attacks enemy MT. Foregoing Part 2 Air G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 10th April.

3. Naval. Attacks on enemy MV proceeding southeast off Caroli Island enemy MV 4500 tons attacked sunk by Royal Netherlands submarine 29 March. With both ships reported badly damaged bombers NWASAF attacked 10th April two, 8 inch cruisers Gorizie and Trieste. La Maddalena.

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From: Algiers
To: War
In reply cite: 3351 April 11, 1943

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Attacks on our ships. Near Alboran Island 1103Z enemy submarine discharged torpedo missing our cruiser. By destroyer escort prompt counter attack made. Sightings on enemy shipping. Proceeding northeast at 15 knots 1600Z four enemy destroyers off Gulf of Tunis northbound at 6 knots 2135Z three enemy MVS with four small vessels north of Kerkennah Islands. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF KAC 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. General. With demolitions, progress and efforts to block harbour entrance reported by our air recce at * Sousse morning 10 April. Partially blocked by Siebel Ferry morning 10th April dredged channel at Sfax. Believed to be removable is blocking giving access for landing craft and barges.

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*This is the portion that was missing from original message.

FOOTNOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-6691 (4-12-43) G-2

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CC/S)
ADM KING

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1126Z/11th April 11, 1943
efg 1316Z

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S U P P L E M E N T A R Y C O P Y

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 3199 April 11, 1943

Supplement to first portion of the above message.

Jefns Section. Nothing to report. Sidi Nsir Sector. Enemy (To AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Originators number 3199 nil).

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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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FL		
CIG		
MC		✓
ONI		✓
WH		✓

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CCWD
April 11, 1943
1614 Z

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: A 0743 April 11, 1943

April 10 part 3 170. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGT. (AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18 Army Group HQ Liaison Group Mideast AFHQ AFHQ Malta from NWAAF Adv Hq A 0743 E 11/4.) NWA Strategic A F. Night April 9/10. Wellingtons attacked troop and transport concentration in vicinity of Enfidaville. Results unobserved. One Wellington missing day April 10. B 17's attacked 2 cruisers sub base and harbour installation at Madellena. Direct hits scored on 2 cruisers. Explosion seen on 1. Munitions depot, hangar and sub base well covered. Three small M/V left burning. B 25's on shipping sweep reported destroyed 10 JU 52 and Two JU 88. P 38's on sweep and escort of Sicilian Straits report destroyed 30 JU 52 two MA 200 one FW 190 one ME 109 one ME 110 and one JU 88. Damaged 10 E/A. B 26's attacked roads and concentrations near Enfidaville. Barracks area, supply dumps and gun emplacements well covered. P 38's flew weather rcn and photo missions. Losses. Destroyed one P 38 missing 1 Wellington damaged 1 Wellington NWA Tactical A F. Day April 9. Spitfires and Hurribombers flew sweeps in Northern Tunisia and attacked road near Enfidaville. Reported destroyed one ME 109 and damaged one ME 109 day 10. Spitfires and Hurribombers flew sweeps over northern Tunisia and attacked concentration of troops

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To: WAR
In Reply Cite: A 0743 April 11, 1943

and M/T. Many lorries and M/T hit. Reported destroyed five ME 109 probably destroyed one FW 190 damaged 6 (end part 1 part 2 and last part follows) enemy aircraft.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

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

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filed 1133Z/11
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INCOMING MESSAGE

Dated April 11, 1943
1718 Z

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: A 0743 April 11, 1943

One Spitfire destroyed. Western Desert. Day 10. Weather interfered with operations early in the day. Later targets found were out of range. (Part 2 and last part of my A 0743 E from NWAAF Adv Eq 11/4) NW coastal AF. Night April 9/10. Hudsons flew UUU boat missions. Beaufighters Airocobras and Spitfires flew local defense patrols day April 10. Hudsons Swordfish and Fighters flew local defense and escort patrols. Marrauders flew armed rcn missions of Sicilian channels and approaches to Naples. (End Message) Action USFOR. Information rest of addresses.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

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

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filed 1126A/11 April 11, 1943
fb 1316 Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 3199 April 11, 1943

Jefna Sector. Nothing to report. Sidi Nsir Sector. Enemy (to AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers Pass USFOR 18 Army Gp First Army 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Gp AFHQ 5th Army Pass 1 Armd Corps and 13 Corps from Freedom 3199 nil signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI) withdrew from positions J 4650 and J 4350 after slight opposition. Medjez Sector. No activity reported. Prisoners in this area now exceed 1000. Goubellat-Bou Arada Sector. No contact with enemy between J 7030 and J 7037 and in general area J 6620. Ousseltia Sector. Opposition continues on O 7838. Pichon-Foudouk Sector. Enemy armour opposing our advance in Kairouan area. Foregoing Northern Tunisia part 1 land G-2 report for 24 hrs ending 2400 Z 10 April. Central Tunisia. Enemy withdrawal continued with rearguards covering Kairouan and Sousse. Dispositions. 10 and 21 Panzer Divisions Kairouan Area. 15 Panzer on main road El Djem-Sousse with flanking elements area Sidi El Hami P 3333. 90 light on coastal road area Moknine P 8434. 164 still south of Sousse in morning but believed withdrawing NW during afternoon. No further trace Italians. Identifications. German. Five Coy 755 IR J 3152 by PSW. One coy 755 IR J 3646 by deserters who complained war weariness. Italian. None. General. Further withdrawal rearguards in Kai-

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
In Reply Cite: 3199 April 11, 1943

rouan and Sousse areas anticipated. Remaining Italians presumed in Enfidaville position. No indications future disposition troops now holding eastern Dorsale. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

No Sig

G2 Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRETTON		✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
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JIC		✓
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WH	✓	

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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April 11
1828Z

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: USFOR - London - WAR

In Reply Cite: X 2826, April 11, 1943

roads North and East Faid now open for traffic. Section 4.

No Sig

Supplementary correction to CM-IN-6523 (4-11-43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
GEN DEANE (CCS)
ADM KING

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Filed 0100A/11
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INCOMING MESSAGE

CCMD
April 11, 1943
1400 Z

1000 EWT

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

Number: 0547

In Reply Cite: 169, April 11, 1943

Number 169 for 24 hrs ending 2359 hrs 10th Apr. (Part 1 Sitrep. From 18 Army Group 0547 Apr 11 TOO 0315A. To (1) Troopers (2) USFOR (3) AGWAR (4) Freedom (5) Governor Malta Personal for FM Viscount Gort (6) Mideast (7) 5th Army rptd (8) Jacques (9) 242 Group (10) Bone Area for SOIS (11) Hq L of C (12) ASC (13) NASAF (14) Tactical Bomber Force (15) 9 Corps (16) 2nd US Corps (17) 1st Army (18) Adv NAAF (for Col MacDonald A2 from AFHq signed C in C.

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Part 1 begins. Section 1. Eighth Army. (A). 30 Corps. During afternoon advance was continued along all front by armored car patrols. On Rbast road patrols have reached Melloulerhe U Q 0384. 7 Armd Div concentrated area square (T) U 74 and 51 Div Sfax. (B). TN Corps. NZ Div area La Hancha. 4 patrols 4 Lt Armd Bde El Djem (T) U 79 La Smala (T) U 59 Chourbane (H) U 49 Kel El Khelifia (T) U 37 thence west to road and tracks Junction (T) U 1281. Patrol L for E left flank area ground Chebka Tsiacha (T) T97. First Armd Div concentrated area Bou Thadi.

Section 2. South east Algeria. Follows.

Section 3. Two Corps. One US Inf Div clearing up battlefield area Gafsa. 60 CT same

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task area Maknassy shortly to join 9 Inf Div which is refitting area Bou Chebka S 6661. One US Armd Div Area T 5266 with CCA moving towards Fondouk last reported having made contact with 34 US Div 08609. No opposition encountered other than Mites area Faid S 7959 and to south. Road * and east Faid now open for traffic.

Section 4. Nine Corps. Six Armd Div continued advance towards Kairouan P 1332 during morning forcing enemy to withdraw from high ground south east Fondouk which was later occupied by 34 Div. Offensive recce Bj Derby Yeo on wide front closely followed by 26 Armd Bde made good progress and last night reports indicated tank battle in progress south Kairouan. No details yet. On the north 1 Bn 1 Guards Bde held Fondouk Gap.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
SEC. GEN. STAFF
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
ADM. KING
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4-11-43
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 3352, April 11, 1943

Part 2 SITREP Number 169, 10th April.

Naval. Naval party has arrived Sfax. Channel partially blocked, access possible to lcts. Quays blown up at Fort yards intervals. Commercial Quay will be ready for lighters by morning 12th. Coast Defense Guns mounted by us on South Quay. Submarine on patrol sank a 4500 ton laden enemy merchant vessel in approaches to Cagliari.

Movements completed. 91st Rcn Squadron has arrived Tebessa from Rabat coming under command 2nd Corps. Movements commenced 433rd Ca Bn AA Sep departed Oran for Algiers (action USFOR added AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group Hq, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta, Adv, NWAAF, for information from G-3 section AFHQ, signed Eisenhower, cite FHGCT).

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CGGN
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
Adm. King
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April 10
1323Z

Received 4/10 6 P.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In reply cite: AMSME 5525, April 10, 1943

Mahares entered by forward troops 30th Corps 1250 hrs GCT April 9th after some enemy resistance few miles Southwest of town. Contacted Axis rearguards 2 miles beyond town last night. 11th Hussars approx 6 miles East Mahares 1200 hrs GCT 9th. 51st Div moving North along coast road in rear 70 Armd Div. Forward troops 8th Armd Brig with 2nd New Zealand Div contacted enemy rearguards area U 25 1200 hrs GCT 9th, moved North of main road Sfax Sbeitla approx 5 miles South AGD Southwest Bou Thadi. First Armd Div moved Northeast from Mezzouna area with 12th Lancers and L Force covering left flank 1200 hrs GCT 9th. Enemy tanks area Trabeisis U 16 avoided being brought to action by First Armd Div and indications are future withdrawal Northward reported.

From Brereton. RAF day 9th fighters made 5 missions but found no good targets. Air Hawks dispatched to attack ship reported entrance Sfax harbor could not find target. Heavy bombers attacked road targets Sousse Sfax and Sousse Town. Fighters strafed road Mahares Sfax. Traffic on road dispersed off road and held up.

9th Air Force Bomber Comd, 12th and 79th Groups report no operations April 9th. 22 P-40's dropped 8,000 lbs bombs on Sfax. As yet no available details.

G2 Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRATTON		✓✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
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AIR		✓
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By SLR Date FEB 11 1974

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CG AAF [redacted]
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JCS LETTER, 7-5-72
BY SR . DATE FEB 11 1974

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 3043 April 10, 1943

G2 Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRAYTON		✓
SH		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		
AIR	✓	
E-A		✓
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CIG		
JIC		✓
ONI		✓
WH		✓

Part 3. Naval. Nothing to report. G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 9 April.

Part 2. Air. Of which 2 near Oran (with 1 reported over harbor at 1715Z later flying towards south of France) 5 enemy bomber recce off Algerian coast. Two patrolled between Bone-Algiers. Normal weather mission flown from Sicily over Sicilian Straits to Tripoli. With no indication of bomber activity over Tunisia night 9-10 April about 0300Z 10th April 3 enemy bombers went near Algiers but returned east without unloading. With some 6 engined planes between 60 and 70 German transport landed Tunis and Aerodrome Menzel Terime during day (AGWAR Troopers information 18 Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Grp AFHQ 5th Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 3043 10th April nil). AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 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.) General. Continuing on reduced tempo were enemy air operations over Tunisia with 1 offensive sweep south of La Favconnerie morning plus several small patrols over Bombline southern front. Against our sweeps fighter defense weak. Over Beja, Medjez and Pont Du Fahs areas patrolling by German fighters with, afternoon, protective patrols over Tunis and Bizerta.

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD, CG AAF

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1500Z/10th April 10, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

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(21 Panzer Div)

Latter probably engaged during day north La Fauconnerie U 26. Fifteen Panzer withdrew on peak to coastal road via Nakta U 61 and last reported south of Sfax. Location 90 light unknown. One six four presumed completely withdrawn with remnants Spezia and Pistoia. No trace Trieste. Signboards indicate young Fascists withdrew by coastal route. No fresh estimates prisoners or guns. Italians captured in south now known to include Mannerini and 500 survivors Saharan group. Moeller group of 21st Panzer reported among prisioners taken El Guettar front. Identifications. German. One and 3 coys 47 Gr J 4944, 1 Bn 755 IR and 1 Bn 756 MTN IR area J 34. (No. 2982 date nil. too nil, from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower) in Fondouk area 1 and 2 Bns 961, 27 March Bn, 190 Recce Unit. All by PW. Italian. None. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC 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. General. Enemy has been compelled to commit part of small remaining infantry reserves in north. No evidence yet of reinforcement in Fondouk area but employment 10th Pz Div to meet lateral threat to Kairouan still considered probable. Heavy casualties and disorganization Italian Inf render any major stand on broad Tunisian waistline improbable. Delaying action by rearguards likely to continue where possible. Heavy movement traffic into main bridgehead indicates most probable new defence line Enfidaville-Djebel Chirich. Parts 2 & 3 will follow.

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ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD, CG AAF

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April 10, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: War

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BY SR, DATE FEB 11 1974

In Reply Cite: 2982, April 10, 1943

Jefna and Sidi Nsir sectors. Nothing to report. Oued Zarga-Toukabeur sector. Enemy abandoned Sidi Naceur J 5437 April 8 and during night 8/9 April was cleared from ridge J 4836 and Toukabeur village J 5039. On 9 April after light resistance enemy evacuated Chouach J 5241. Unsuccessful enemy counterattack 2 company strength .667 J 4944. Prisoners identify 1 Bn 47 Gr. Two Bn stated now in reserve this area. No enemy opposition high ground J 3846, J 3945. (To AGWAR Troopers 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Grp AFHQ 5th Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 2982. Date nil. TOO nil.) Unconfirmed report enemy withdrawing northeast from Chassart Teffaha J 5842. Prisoners captured this sector since offensive opened totalled 500 all German by 1100 Z 9 April. One one zero further prisoners during afternoon. Three antitank and 4 infantry guns included in material taken. Enemy Stukas attacked our Armor 5 times area J 4444. Medjez sector. Enemy mortars again active night 8/9 April. Goubellat, Bou Arada, Ousseltia Valley sectors. No activity reported. Pichon-Fondouk sector. Enemy resistance favored by difficulties of terrain. Opposition continues western slopes Djebel Ousselat O 73. During morning 9 April enemy resisted strongly Djebel Rhorab O 8117 and on high ground south of Fondouk. These positions abandoned

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by enemy 1500 Z. Enemy tanks engaged 3 miles east Fondouk. Three claimed destroyed. Nationality not stated. So far no indication fresh units at present engaged this sector. All identifications normal. Rear guards. Continued very heavy traffic through Kairouani and north and south Enfidaville. Foregoing northern Tunisia part 1 land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 9 April. Central Tunisia. General withdrawal continued during day. 7 Gan Panzer Division believed moved north east from Faid to general area U 19 where probably renewed contact with remnants 21 Panzer.

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OZ Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRATTON		✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
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AIR		✓
E-A	✓	
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PER.		
CC		
FIN.		
POW		
REC.		
FL		
CIG		✓
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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: War

In reply cite: 0/53 April 10, 1943

5. First day. (A). 19th Corps. Our troops occupied Argoub El Negrila 08028 and Pt 422-08029. Junction effected with 128th Bde area Pt 362 P 7925. (B) 5th Corps. 78th Bde. 11th Bde occupied Chaough J 54 and ground to north west and Dj Mahdi J 4244. Two Bns 38th Bde etc.

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NOTE: Supplementary copy of CM-IN-5885 (10 Apr 43) OPD.

ACTION: OPD

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

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April 10
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR (action)
WAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta, Adv NWAAF

In Reply Cite: 2897 April 10, 1943

(Action USFOR addsd AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group Hq, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta, Adv NWAAF for information from G 3 section AFHQ 2897 9th Apr 43) SITREP number 167 party 2 April 8th.

Para One. Naval. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. Bad weather has caused the postponement of several projected operations by light craft. One of our submarines sank a 2000 ton merchant vessel by torpedo and a motor fishing boat by gunfire during a recent patrol. Movements nil.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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BY SR, DATE FEB 11 1974

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 537 April 10, 1943

(Part 1 Sitrep no 168 for period ending 2359 hours 9 April. From (to troopers (pass USFOR) USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta (personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 4th Army rptd Jacques 242 group Bone Area BE SOIG H_1 L of C 12 ASC NA OE Tactical Bomber Force Con Area for Adv NAAF (for Col McDonard A 2 2 US corps First Army 19 Corps from 18 Army Gp. 537 April 10 TOO 0800 most secret .) AFHQ signed C in C.

Part 1 continue. Section 6. Air. Enemy met retreating northwards was again successfully attacked by fighter bombers. Targets moderate and much damage done. 1 fighter bomber attack Oudna L/G. Fighter sweeps over forward areas intercepted the few E/A on offensive missions during day, 8 JU 88's 1 MA 109 destroyed 1 JU 88 probable 3 JU 88 1 MA 109 damaged for loss of 1 Spitfire. Western desert force. No good targets found by fighter bombers during day. Spitfires patrolling forward areas encountered no enemy aircraft. During night 8/9 heavy and medium bombers attacked front targets Sousse-Sfax and Sousse town. Hurricans straffed road Mahares-Skatg dispersing and holding up traffic. End of continuation part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGOT.

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

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BY SR, DATE FEB 11 1974

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In reply cite: No. 0 53, April 10, 1943

For period ending 2359 hours 9th Apr. (from 18 Army Group number 0 53 dated 10 Apr. TOO 0635A. To Troopers (pass UFSOFR) (2) USFOR (3) AGWAR (4) Freedom (5) Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort (6) Mideast (7) 5th Army rptd (8) Jacques (9) 242 Group (10) Bone area for SOIS (11) HQ L of C (12) 12 ASC (13) NASAF (14) Tactical Bomber Force (15) ADV NAAF for Col McDonald A 2 (17) 2 US Corps (18) 1st Army (19) 9 Corps.

Part one SITREP number 168 from AFHQ signed C in C. Part one begins. Section 1. 8th Army. (A). 30 Corps. After some enemy resistance a few miles South-west of Mahares leading troops entered the town at 1350 hours and by last night had reached a point approx 2 miles beyond the town. There they were in contact with enemy rear-guards. North of Mahares in area square (T) U 52 Seven Armoured Div were in contact with enemy forces withdrawing East of Sfax. (M). 10 Corps. Forward troops NZ Div moved North on main road Sfax-Sbeitla approx 5 mls South and Southwest Bou Thadi. Enemy tanks in area Trabelsia (T) U 16 avoided being brought to action by First Armoured Div and indication is future withdrawal Northward there reported. Section 5. First Army. (A). 19 Corps. Our troops occupied Argoub El Negrila 0 8028 and UD 1422 - 0 8029 (*) carrying out recce in force to J 3837 (3847) - J 3947. Reached J 3846. 78 Div now captured all objectives allotted for the attack 7/9 Apl. 975 prisoners taken. End of part one. Part two follows. Cite FHQCT.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, [redacted], Gen. Deane(CC/S), Adm King

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From: Algiers
To : USFOR London-War
No. : 3103
In Reply Cite: BOC344,April 10, 1943

Interrogation prisoners of war regarding pertinent chemicals already started North Africa and Egypt. Action USFOR information AGWAR signed Eisenhower cite FHAOB. BOC 344. In reference to POTEAT letter March 17. Sanger also tapping other sources.

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ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
G-2 (Col Sands)
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April 11 '43
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

In reply cite: 168 April 10, 1943

(Part 1 Sitrep no 168 for 2100 hours 10 Apr (to Troopers pass USFOR USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta (personal for Viscount Gort) Mideast 5th Army rptd Jacques 242 Group Bone area for SOIS Hq L of C 12 ASC NASAF Tactical Bomber Force Adv NAAF for Col McDonald A-2) 2nd US Corps 1st Army 9th Corps 0546 fm 18th Army Group 10 Apr TOO nil) from AFHQ signed C in C.

1.

X. 8th Army. (A). 30th Corps. Advance continued at first light and by 0825A hrs Sfax was reported clear of the enemy. At 1130A hrs forward troops of 7th Armd Div had reached (T) U7545 and 51 Div moving up coastal road were five miles south of Sfax. (B) 10th Corps. Leading troops 2nd Nz Div reached La Hencha (T) U77. 1st Armd further east concentrated area Sc (T) U15 and (T) U25 with patrols at (T) U1280 and U0576 moving north towards Kairouan. 4th Lt Armd Bde with under command 12th Lancers less one squadron Kdg and Royals have been ordered to operate up to line El Djel (T) U79 Kairouan.

4. 9th Corps. 6th Armd Div and Derby Yeo continue to follow up enemy towards Kairouan. Some casualties to our tks owing to heavy mining in Fondouk Gap. 6th Armd Bde now in area PJ025 with recce forward on approx line PI313 P 0333. 128th Bdl and 34th US Div following up and clearing up areas north and south of Fondouk Gap.

2. South east Algeria. NTR.

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3. 2nd Corps. NTR.

5. First Army. NTR.

6. Air. NTR. (Cite FHGCT)

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ACTION: OPD

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

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By SR Date FEB 11 1974

From: Algiers
To: WAR & USFOR

In Reply Cite: 2860, April 9, 1943

Today's press publishes the text of Giraud's message to the committee of Legislative Revision set up in pursuance of the policies (information AGWAR State Dept and Combined Chiefs of Staff USFOR British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHCIV NAF 205 2860 9th) outlined in his speech of March 14 and decrees relating to it. The Committee met for the 1st time yesterday and will proceed to the examination of all Vichy Legislation with a view to its adaption to the principles and laws of the French Republic. Giraud reviewed the progress already made in the reestablishment of the elected assemblies in Algeria Morocco and French West Africa and reported that 213 of the 308 municipal councils of Algeria have been reinstated and that the Conseils Generaux have been convoked for April 19. He stated that the Jewish children have regained complete freedom to attend schools, Jewish property will be restored 10 days after inventory is made. Instructions have been sent to the Courts to permit the reinstatement of Lawyers, Jewish doctors are re-opening their offices and that measures by which the Jews will reacquire their citizenship will shortly be put into effect. Full text by airmail.

ACTION: CCS No Sig.

INFORMATION: OPD
SGS
ADM KING
GEN ARNOLD
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR - London
WAR (info)

In Reply Cite: 3128, April 10, 1943

168 April 9 Part 1.Naval (Action USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ Malta Adv NWAAF from G-3) Section AFHQ 3128 10th April 43 Part 2 Sitrep number no reports. Signed Eisenhower (Cite FHGCT).

Movements commenced *

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Action: OPD

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

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Apr 10, 1943
1902Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 0513, April 10, -1943.

AFHQ signed CINC. Part 1 continues. ((From 18th Army Group number 0513 dated Apr 10 TOO nil. To Troopers (2) USFOR (Troopers pass) (3) AGWAR (4) Freedom (5) Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort (6) Mideast (7) 5th Army (8) Jacques (9) 242nd Group (10) Bone Area for Bois (11) Hq L of C (12) ASC (13) NASAF (14) Tactical Bomber Force (15) 9th Corps (16) 2nd US Corps (17) 1st Army (18) Adv NAAF for Col MacDonald A 2. Part 1 SITREP No 168 for period ending 2400 hrs 9th Apr. FROM))

Section 3. 2nd Corps. Quiet day no contact. 1st Armd Div clearing mines from Faid Pass.

Section 4. 9th Corps. Attack in Pichon Area resumed on broad front. Good progress made up south west slopes DJ Ousselit against enemy resistance. Enemy resistance strong Fondouk Gap on DJ Rhorab 08117 and on high ground north and south of Fondouk. By 1600 hrs enemy driven off DJ Rhorab and ride south Fondouk enabling our armour pass through to east. Air recce 1430 hrs revealed enemy AFVS and MT advancing west from 09220 1630 hrs our engagement commenced 3 miles east Fondouk. Reported 3 enemy tanks knocked out remainder withdrew east. South. Enemy withdrawal north and north east continued

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To: WAR

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traffic north towards Kairouan reported heavy. Similar on coast road. 1400 hrs columns MT moving north through Enfidaville.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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April 10, '43
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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y

From: Algiers
To: War USFOR

In reply cite: 3128 April 10, 1943

(Action USFOR addsd AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group Hq, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta, Adv NWAAF for information from G-3 Section AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 3128 10th April '43) Part 2 Sitrep number 168. April 9th.

1. Naval. No reports.

2. Movements commenced. First Br 67 AA Regt, less two Btrys, departed Oran for Bougie. 76th HAA Regt (Br) departed Algiers for Constantine.

no sig

NOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-6111 (11 Apr 43) OPD.

ACTION: OPD

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

CCTD
April 10, 1943
0510 Z

From: Aligers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 2882, April 9, 1943

On 7th April contact was made with elements of 8th Army along the Gafsa-Gabes Road. (AFHQ 2883 9th Apr) There was no change in the Maknassy Sector.

3. In Central Tunisia an attack was launched 8th April by combined British and American Infantry and Armored Forces Fondouk and Pichon were occupied and fighting is now going on in the hills to the east of these towns.

4. First Army. In the French Sector our progress continued towards the eastern dorsale and Djebel Ousselat, north of Pichon, has been occupied. In Northern Tunisia our troops have attacked north of Oued Zarga with a view to occupying the high ground overlooking the Alad Beja to Medjez El Bab. Preliminary objectives were captured and fighting continues.

5. Naval. Mines were laid in the Sicilian channel. One of our submarines successfully attacked 2 large merchant vessels and probably sunk 1 of them. Motor torpedo boats have operated off Bizert end in the Sicilian channel without incident.

6. Air. On 5th April our Strategic Air Force attacked enemy airfields in Sicily and Northern Tunisia. During sweeps in the Sicilian straits an

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enemy destroyer was blown up and other vessels were left burning. Eighteen enemy transport aircraft were shot down. Night 5/6 April Wellingtons attacked docks and shipping at Tunis. Enemy shipping was again successfully attacked on 6th April both in convoy and in the harbor at Trapani: 3 ships were sunk, 3 ships were lost in flames and many others were reported hit. Bomber missions were restricted on 7th April by weather but Marshalling Yards at Tunis were heavily bombed. Following 8th Armys successful break through Akarit position all available light and fighter bombers of the western desert and Central Tunisian Air Forces attacked on the heaviest scale that has ever been put against Rommels retreating forces.

7. Political. General Degaulles statement broadcast from London that General Eisenhower had directed the postponement of his visit to North Africa has dominated the political situation here. The problem raised by Degaulles misinterpretation was treated locally by General Eisenhower's statement that he had read the communication with surprise and that inasmuch as the communique had been made public in London, he had no doubt complete disclosure of the circumstances would come from that source. This action by Degaulle is clearly a setback to negotiations which had been progressing well. General Catroux leaves afternoon 8th April for London.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: Y 5681 April 9, 1943

Part 3 Naval. Nothing to report. (AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers PASS USFOR 18 Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps ADV NAAF EAC 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast ADV Ln Grp AFHQ 5 Army Pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G-2 Freedom 2769 TOO nil 9 Apr secret signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI) G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 8 April.

Part 2 Air. Of which 1 between Bone-Algiers and other west of latter point to Cape Tenez, 2 enemy bomber recce Western Mediterranean morning with no operations detected afternoon or evening. Near Sicily both morning afternoon few active. Not determined whether on offendive mission were between 15 and 20 enemy bombers from Sicily evening. Using Menzel Temime, Tunis and El Aouina about 50 JU 52's plus few 6 engined aircraft arrived Tunisia as transport 7 April. General. Largely defensive in nature, enemy operations on smaller scale with protective flights made in El Djem-La Fauconnerie Areas against our offensive recce and sweeps. Evading fight ME 109's and RE 2001's were encountered. In Pichon-Kairouan Area and above Sfax- Mahares Road German flyers operated while small fighter patrols active Medjez El Bab Area.

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Information: OPD, CG AAF

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BRATTON		✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
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AIR	✓	
G-A		✓
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COLL.		
SPEC.		
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JIC		✓
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From: 18th Army Gp
To: War

In Reply Cite: 167, April 9, 1943

To (1) Troopers (2) USFOR (Troopers Pass) (3) AGWAR (4) Freedom (5) Governor Malta Personal for FM Viscount Gort (6) Mideast (7) 5th Army rptd (8) Jacquei (9) 242 Group (10) Byne ARAA for Sois (11) Hq L of C (12) 12 ASC (13) NASAF (14) Tactical Bomber Force (15) 9 Corps (16) 2 US Corps (17) 1st Army (18) ADV NATAF (For Col Mac Donald A2 from 18 Army Group number 0 501. Too 0325Z dated 9th Apr) SITREP No.167 for period ending 2359 hrs 8th April. From AFHQ signed C in C.

1. Section 1. 8th Army. To follow. Section 2. South East Algeria. To follow. Section 3. 2 US Corps. During day 8th April Benson's Force reconnoitered Djebem Ben Kreir and passed at Y6375 now reported in Harbour Area 66065 ready to move to Sbeitla 9th April. 9 US Inf Daujw in area Y 2475 (Y 2474) ready to move North. 1 US Inf Div position unchanged. 1 US Armd Div intend join CCA near T 46648 9th April leaving CCB with 60 CT under comd to defend areas T 71 T 72 T 81. At 2045 hrs 60 CT patrols reported to have reached hill at U 0104 without opposition. Moves completed. 2/6 Armd Inf from El Guettar to Sbeitla 894 TD Bn to Bou Chebka 26 Inf plus 33 FA Bn to vicinity Sbeitla under comd CCA. Section 4. 9 Corps. 34 US Inf Div. 34 Div Troops now reported holding ground 08216 08213. Hampshires have reached 08121 and 0805245. 19 Corps Troops have reached 07825, 07528, 07532, 07334 and 07338. 6th Armd Div intends capture high ground area 8127 tonight. 17/21 Lancers now at

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7728. 6 th Armd Corps Hq now at 6889. Resistance encountered during the day in the immediate vicinity of the pass and mines encountered northwest of Pichon but our tanks now in the town. Section 5. 1st Army (A). 19 Corps.

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ACTION: OPD

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

From: Algiers
To: British Army Staff

In reply cite: 2882, April 9, 1943

36 (SITREP). Summary of operations (action Troopers pass to HM Ambassador Madrid for US Ambassador Madrid, Resident Minister Achimota, BRITMILAT Ankara for Marshal Chakmak, Defender Wellington for Puttick rptd USFOR Mideast BRITMAN Washington ARMINDIA Delhi PAIC Land Forces Melbourne DECHIEFS Pretoria DECHIEFS Capetown Force Nairobi from G-3 Section AFHQ 2882, 9th Apr 43 signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT). 5th to 8th April.

Para 1. 8th Army.

Early on 6th April our forces attacked the enemys positions on the Wadi Akarit. The attack was made with the 20th Corps advancing on the Axis of the coastal road and the 10th Corps on the left. It was preceded by a very heavy artillery barrage. The enemy resistance quickly collapsed and our forces occupied the first objectives of Djebel Tabaga and Djebel Roumana. New Zealand forces followed by an armoured division then proceeded to pass through the gap between these two hills. During the afternoon 8th April German troops counter attacked and very heavy fighting ensued. These attacks were held and during the night 6/7 April the enemy withdrew to the north closely followed by our troops. A short armored engagement was fought on the 7th but by evening our

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To: British Army Staff

In reply cite: 2882, April 9, 1943

forces had reached La Skhirra. Part of our Infantry was left to clear the battle field and consolidate the Akarit position. On the morning 8th April the enemy withdrawal to the north and northeast continued. A tank action took place in the vicinity of Mezzouna, and in view of our pressure in this vicinity indications are that the enemy will not attempt to retain the line from the Maknassy Gap to the sea. He has already withdrawn the majority of his forces and only a rearguard is left. Over 9500 prisoners have now been captured by 8th Army since 6th April.

Para 2. 2nd Corps. In the El Guettar Area our troops continued their attacks on 5th April but the terrain was difficult and progress slow. However these actions succeeded in containing the bulk of the enemy armor thus greatly assisting the attack of the 8th Army. The following day the enemy commenced to withdraw to the east and northwest closely followed by our forces.

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Action: Gen. Deane (CC/S)

Information: OPD
G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
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SUPPLEMENTAL CORRECTION

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 0691, April 9, 1943

Insert following at omission:

Eight fighter bomber pilots and 1 Spitfire pilot missing.

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Supplemental correction of CM-IN-5425 (9 Apr 43) OPD

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 2727 April 9, 1943

Jefna Sector. Nothing to report. (AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18 Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G-2 Freedom 2727 TOO nil 9 Apr signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI.) Oued Zarga-Toukabeur sector. Extensive enemy minefields encountered. Enemy abandoned point 512, 2 miles west Toukabeur J 4839 and point 667 J 4943 by 1500 Z. Small number tanks employed area J 4646. Two destroyed, at least 2 damaged by own artillery and enemys own bombing. Four three eight prisoners taken all German including OC 3 Bn 755 IR. Four infantry guns captured. Medjez sector. Enemy mortar fire active. Goubellat and Bou Arada sectors. Nothing to report. Ousseltia Valley. All quiet. Pichon sector. Enemy abandoned Maison Des Eaux, Djebel El Halfa and Pichon O 72. Strong resistance Kef Gitoun O 73. Considerable shelling area O 8025 from batteries at O 8626. Foregoing Northern Tunisia part 1 land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 8 April. Central Tunisia. Faid sector. Reliable indications 2 Panzer Division forming up in area Faid Pass and to north east after withdrawal during day on enemys western flank. No indication what German units, if any, still remain Gueztar area. Southern front. Enemy withdrawal from Ligne Mezzouna U 00-La Skirra Z 27 continued during night 7-8 April and all day 8 April. Fifteen Panzer Division believed with-

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drawing in direction Agareb U 63 with 164 Division on right. Ninety Light Division moving in axis of coastal road and forming rearguard. One one five PGR still in action Chebet En Nouiges U 2000 early in afternoon but main German forces to north of railway Mezzouna-Maharesx. Two one Panzer Division unlocated during day.

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MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRATTON		✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
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AIR		✓
E-A	✓	✓
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Information: OPD
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MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRATTON	✓	
BIT.	✓	
CURR.	✓	
DISS.		
AIR	✓	
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 2727 April 9, 1943

Part 501 possibly now in support 15 Panzer. (2727 from Freedom) No indications location Italians. Eight Army estimate prisoners up to midnight 7 April total 8,000. 6,230 counted. Identifications. German. Three COY March Bn 24 J 4943, 1 and 3 Bns 755 IR Area J 44, 1 Bn 961 IR, 1 COY 90 Engineer Bn Foundouk Area. All by PW. Italian. None. General. Enemy unlikely attempt retain line Mezzouna-coast. Indication of 10 Panzer Division Area Faid suggests possible intention employment his force against Fondouk threat whilst remaining forces withdraw northwards. Rearguard apparently reduced to 90 Light and remains 21 Panzer though latter unlocated yesterday. Eight Army report of large numbers Italians surrendering suggests that remnants Italian Divisions will be too severely reduced to enable any decisive stand at present. Enemy will, however, make every effort to stage local (parts 2 and 3 will follow) counter-attacks object of delaying Allied advance.

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STRONG		
KRONER		
BRATTON		✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		
AIR		✓
E-A		✓
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CIG		✓
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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In reply cite: AMSME 5516, April 9, 1943

Northward enemy withdrawal hotly pursued afternoon 17th. Throughout area 8th Army advanced much equipment and more prisoners captured. Considerable congestion enemy vehicles on roads reported. Forward troops 30th Corps reached Skhirda area. Forward troops 10th Corps moved North of Sfax Gafsa road morning 8th following enemy Northerly and Northeasterly. Enemy anti-tank screen is holding Nspur (query) Northeast Mezzouna and small tank actions reported South thereof.

(From Brereton.) Afternoon 7th RAF reports heavier movement Eastward along El Guettar Achichina track provided better targets and good results observed from bombing and strafing. Few enemy aircraft encountered, RAF fighters claim 4 ME 109's. Western Desert and Central Tunisian air forces attacked on heaviest scale ever employed against Rommel's retreating forces. Much damage and confusion caused his columns moving North.

No operational report from Bomber Command of 9th Air Force April 8th. No report 12th or 57th Groups. 178 fighters of 79th Group carried out 15 sorties strafing and as bomber escort. 19 motor transport damaged, 1 armored car, several fires. One flamer 3 medium tank damaged tent house and trailer and much personnel hit.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 0502 April 9, 1943

Medium and fighter bombers continued all out effort on retreating enemy MT in Mahares-Mezzouna area. Northern Troopers USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta-personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army (R) Jacques 242 Group Hq L of C 12 ASC NASAF Tactical Bomber Force 9 Corps 2 US Corps 1st Army Adv NAA for Col MacDonald A 2 from 18 Army Group number 0502 April 9 TOO 0940 A. From AFHQ signed C in C. Part 1 continues. Section 6. Air and central air effort was on a reduced scale due to bad weather. Fighters provided the only activity flying recces sweeps and tac rs. One ME 109 was destroyed and 1 damaged for no losses Western Deserts Wellingtons and Albacores attacked Sfax railway yards and MET converging on the town. The medium and fighter bombers succeeded in destroying at least 130 vehicles and some 200 damaged. Spitfires patrolling forward areas met with negligible opposition. The days bag 1 ME 109 probably destroyed 3 damaged and 3 JU 88's damaged. 8 fighter bomber pilots and 1 Spitfire pilot have not yet returned. End of continuation Part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: O 501, April 9, 1943

(To (1) Troopers (2) USFOR (Troopers pass) (3) AGWAR (4) Freedom (5) Governor Malta - personal for FM Viscount Gort (6) Mideast (7) 5th Army rptd (8) Jacques (9) 242 Group (10) Bone Area for SOIS (11) Eq L of C (12) 12 ASC (13) NASAF (14) Tactical Bomber Force (15) 9th Corps (16) 2nd US Corps (17) 1st Army (18) Adv NATAF (for Col MacDonald A2 from 18th Army Group number O 501. TOO 0325A dated 9 Apr.) Part 1 SITREP no 167 for period ending 2359 hrs 8th April. 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 US Corps. During day 8th April Bensons force reconnoitered Djebel Ben Kreir and passed at Y 6375 now reported in harbor area Y 6065 ready to move to Sbeitla 9th April. Inf Div in area Y 2474 ready to move north. One US Inf Div position unchanged. One US Armd Div intend join CCA area T 4664 9th April leaving CCB with 60 CT under comd to defend areas T 71 T 72 T 81. At 2045 hrs 60 CT patrol reported to have reached hill at U 0104 without opposition. Moves completed. 2/6 Armd Inf from El Guettar to Sbeitla 894 TD Bn to Bou Chebka 26 Inf plus 33 FA Bn to vicinity Sbeitla under command CCA.

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Section 4. Nine Corps. 34 US Inf Div. 34 Div Troops now reported holding ground 08216 08213. Hampshires have reached 08421 and 0805245. 19 Corps troops have reached 07825 07528 07532 07334 and 07336. Six Armd Div intends capture high ground area 8127 tonight. 17/21 Lancers now at 7728. Six Armd Div Hq now at 6829. Resistance encountered during the day in the immediate vicinity of the Pass and Mines encountered northwest of Pichon but our tanks now in the town.

Section 5. First Army. (A). 19 Corps.

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Information: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 0508 April 9, 1943

Amendment to Part 1 SITREP No. 167 for period ending 2359 hrs 8th April. (18 Army Group No. 0508 9th Apr TOO 1100A to Troopers Pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army rptd Jacques 242 Group Hq L of C 12 ASC NASAF TAC Bomber Force 9 Corps 2 US Corps 1st Army Constantine Area for Adv NAAF (for Col MacDonald A 12) My No. 0 501.

Section 4. Six Armd Div intends capture high ground 8117 not 8127. 17/21 lancers now at 7718 not 7728. Six Armd Div Hq now at 6819 not J 6829.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

In reply cite: 167, April 9th, 1943

(Second and last part of part 1 SITREP no 167 V% 4%. 18 Army Group. Already reported under Section 4. (B). 5 Corps. Attack by 78 Div continued and all todays objectives taken. 11 Inf Bde reached J 4848 J 4838 J 4840. Advance slow owing to minefields. 36 Bde captured point 667 J 492438 and point 642 J 501432. 2 enemy tanks destroyed area J 4646 by field artilldery. Total PW taken since early 7th April now over 400 all of these Germans.

Section 6. Air. To follow. End of part 1 part 2 follows.. Cite FHGCT.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2
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Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 2250

In reply cite: BOK 167, April 8th, 1943

Part one SITREP BOK 167 for period ending 1800 hours 8 Apr. (from 18 Army Group to Troopers USFOR (Troopers Pass) AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army (R) Jacques 242 Group Bone Area for SOIS BQ L of C 12 ASC NASAF Tactical Bomber Force 9 Corps 2 US Corps 1st Army ADV NAAF (for Col MacDonald A 2) 0/500 8 Apr too 2250 A. P from AFHQ signed CINC)

Section 1. 8th Army. Enemy withdrawal from line Skhirra and Sebkret En Noual continued to north and northeast during morning 8 Apr with our forces in pursuit. Considerable congestion of enemy vehicles on roads leading northwards. (A) 30 Corps. Forward troops have reached Skirra Area. Advance continues on Axis of coast road. (B) 10 Corps. Forward troops moved north of the Sfax-Gafsa road this morning and are following up enemy in north and NE direction. An enemy anti tank screen is holding spur of Mezzouna and small tank actions are taking place to the south of this position.

Section 5. Air. Follows later... end of continuation part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

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Action: OPD
Information: G-2, CG AAF, CGGN, ASF, Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 2422, April 8, 1943

Sedjenane Sector. Enemy evidently preparing for resumption (To AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAF 12 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 FREGBI 2422 nil) our offensive. Considerable activity in preparation new defense line Jefna Hills J 3576. Oued Zarga Sector. Enemy withdrew from Djebel En Nahel after unsuccessful counterattack area J 4243. Pockets of resistance holding out east of this feature. One hundred fifty prisoners taken. Identifications reported normal. Medjez, Goubellat, Bou Arada Sectors. Nothing to report. Grande Dorsale Sector. No activity Ousseltia Valley. Enemy reported in some strength Djebel El Halfa O 7231. Pichon Sector, nothing to report. Air recce indicates heavy road traffic towards Kairouan from all directions except north. Foregoing northern Tunisia part 1 land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 7 April. Central Tunisia. Fondouk Sector nothing to report. Faz Sector. Enemy artillery opened fire from high ground vicinity Fams. Explosions heard this area possibly indicate demolitions in pass. Maknassy Sector. Small groups tanks moving southwards during day. Indications some mobile elements may be withdrawing. Guettar Sector. Enemy withdrawal continued Djebel Chemsi Area and road Gafsa-Gabes. Isolated pockets resistance remaining. General direction enemy

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movement northeast. Considerable traffic congestion tracks and passes north and south Djebel Ben Kreir. 2,000 prisoners counted by 2300 Z. Eighth Army Front. Fierce counterattacks continued till last light 6 April. Fifteen Panzer and whole 90 Light involved. Decision to abandon whole Akarit position taken night 6/7 April. Retirement continued during morning 7 April. By afternoon enemy on general east west line immediately north Sebkret En Noual Z 09. Part enemy armour withdrawn from Guettar front then believed on enemy right flank between Rebaia Z 09 and Mezzouna U 00. Prisoners taken 6 April total 5311 including 98 German. No estimates 7 April. Much equipment claimed. Identifications. Ten deserters Algerian Volunteer Bn 0 7230. General. Enemy surprised by frontal attack Akarit position having 2 Armd Divs committed on Guettar Front. Strong local German counterattacks 6 April indicate first intention endeavor hold position. General withdrawal at present in progress from Guettar and Akarit fronts. Rearguard position manned from Mezzouna to sea. Enemy likely to attempt delaying action on this line to cover withdrawal Administrative Echelons further north. Indications latter reaching Kairouan area by last night. Any further threat to enemys north south communications will make speedy retirement essential to prevent severance northern and southern armies. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

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BRATTON		✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		
AIR		✓
E-A	✓	
FE		
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 0/498 April 8, 1943

Section 1. 8th Army. Follows later.

Section 2. South East Algeria. Follows later

Section 3. 2nd US Corps. 1st US Inf Div consolidating positions. Benson Force clearing enemy from Chemsi Pass at 6375. 9th US Div Artillery (Less 60th and 34th FA Bns) 15th Engr Bn 47th Inf (Less 2ne Bn) and Div Service Troops moving from El Guettar Y2373 area to assembly area vicinity Bon Chebka S6662. 1st US Armd Div. No change in position. Artillery engaged in counter battery fire. Williams Force no change in position now known as CCA under command 1st US Armd Div. 3rd Bn 1st Armd Regt from 1st US Armd Div area Maknassy to CCA Sbeitla T 3074.

Section 4. 1st Army.

(A) 19th Corps. Maisia Des Eaux 07427 and Henchir El Louz H 7326 occupied. Advance continues.

(B) 9th Corps. 128 (128) Inf Bde crossed Ouel Marguellil in Pichon Area and were making good progress at last report. 23 PW captured from 961 IR. 34th US Inf Div. Crossed Easting grid 81 southwest of Fondouk but were held up by heavy fire from area 08017.

(C) 5th Corps. 1st Br Inf Div NTR. 78 (77) Br Inf Div 11th Inf Bde captured Poput 512 at J 4839 (4836) this morning. Attack continues with squadron of recconaissance regt operating on left flank northeast from J 4444. 4th

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LOCAL RESISTANCE → Br Inf Div. Patrols located enemy positions at J 3150 and J 3149. Patrols to J 3348 and J 3248 no contact. 46th Br Inf Div. NTR.

Section 5. Follows later.

Part 1 SITREP no 167 for period ending 1800 hrs 8 Apr. (To Troopers USFOR (Troopers pass) AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army (R) Jacques 242 Group Bone Area for SOIS Hq L of C 12 ASC NAAF Tactical Bomber Force 9th Corps 2nd US Corps 1st Army ADV NAAF for COP MacDonald A 2) From 18th Army Group 0/498 8 Apr TOO 2050Z) From AFHQ signed CINC.

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Information: G-2
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 2537, April 8, 1943.

Part 3. Naval (To AGWAR Troopers information 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Advance LN Group AFHQ 5th Army from Freedom 2537 TOO Mil 8 Apr) Nothing to report. G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 7th April.

Part 2. Air. First part of morning 4 enemy bomber recce off Algerian coast daytime of which 1 as far west as Oran, remaining 3 contacted shipping east of Algiers of Djidejelli also between Bone Phillppeville morning. Weather flight performed, with no record operations Western Mediterranean there were indications night bomber attacks in Tunisia. Believed no German transports arrived 6 April Tunisia. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group, 1st Army, 2nd Corps, Adv NAAF EAC 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. General. Both German Italian defensive fighter patrols flown over coast road from Chekira-Sfax while to intercept our raids same area and on La Fauconnerie landing ground German fighters rose. Recce over battle area executed by ME 109's. Opposing our sweeps and raids against Bizerta and Tunis many enemy fighters. In Mateur and Medjez El Bab Sectors afterward considerable operations JU 87's and attack aircraft.

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Information: OPD
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OSD letter, May, 3, 1972
By SLR Date FEB 11 1974

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: AMSME 5499, April 8, 1943

During night 6/7th enemy withdrew from Akarit position pursued by 30th Corps on main Gabes Sfax road and 10th Corps inland farther to west. Forward patrols 8th Army and 2nd US Corps made contact area Y 9056 afternoon 7th. Fifty First Div less 153rd Brig plus 23rd Armd Brig and 201 Guards Brig under command with left flank protection by 7th Armd Div less 4th Lt Armd Brig and 131st Brig advanced along coast road. Seventh Armd Div reached area approx 5 miles southwest La Skhirra 1800hrs GCT after forcing enemy withdrawal following short armd engagement area Z 1777. Fiftieth Div 4th Ind Div and 153rd Ind Brig clearing battlefield and forming firm base area Akarit bridgehead position. Second New Zealand Div with 8th Armd Brig under command and 1st Armd Div on left flank continued pursuit. Afternoon 8th Armd Brig was cutting enemy screen in center, northwest line from landing ground Skhirra-Bebkret Em Noual. Enemy tanks engaged. L Force operating against small parties enemy remaining area northwest Akarit position.

From Brereton April 7th RAF bombers and fighter bombers attacked dispersed motor transport withdrawing on coast road Skhirra Sfax following early reconnaissance.

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Ninth Air Force reports 21 bombers 98th Group of Bomber Command carried out mission on Palermo report not yet received. No report yet from 12th or 57th Groups 98 Fighters of 79th Group accomplished 9 missions as rcn and bomber escort destroyed 1 enemy plane damaged 1. Seventeen planes of 12th Group April 6 dropped fifty five thousand and four hundred lbs of bombs on motor transport on roads causing fires and explosions, crews wounded.

No Sig

GE Dist.	Action	Info
MG		✓
STRONG		
KROMER		
BRATTON	✓	
BTY.	✓	
CONR.	✓	
DGRS.		
AIR	✓	
S-A	✓	
PE		
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JIC	✓	
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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite 0484 Apr 8, 1943

7 April Number 166 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours from 18 Army Group number 0484 dated 8th to Troopers pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta- Personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army Jacques 242 Group SOIS Bone Hq L of C 12 ASC NASAF Tactical Bomber Force 9th Corps to US Corps 1st Army Advance NAAF for Colonel McDonald A 2 part 1 SITREP) from AFHQ signed CINC. Part 1 continues. Section 1 8th Army continuation (A) 30 Corps. by 1800 A hours the area approx 5 miles south west of La Skhirra has been reached after a short armoured engagement in area (T) Z 1777) in which 7 Armd Division forced the enemy to withdraw. 50 Division 4 Indian Div and 1 Brigade 51 Div are clearing the battlefield and forming a firm base in the Akarit bridgehead position. (B) 10 Corps. Two NZ Division with 8 Armd Bde under command continued pursuit moving north from centre Akarit position with 1 British Armd Division covering left flank. In late afternoon 8th Armd Bde was in contact with an enemy screen in centre and north west of line Skhirra and north east end Sebkret El Noual. Enemy tanks were engaged and fighting continues. (C) L Force. Are operating against small parties of enemy remaining in area to north west of Akarit position. Section 5 Air. following 8th Army's successful break though Akarit position all available light and fighter bomber of the Western Desert and Central Tunisian Air Forces attacked on the heaviest scale that has ever been put against Rommel's retreating forces. Much damage and confusion caused among his columns moving northwards.

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

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From: Algiers
To: War

In reply cite: 0484, April 8, 1943

Number 166 Part 2 7th April.

Para 1. Naval. (To USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Grp AFHQ Malta Adv NWAAF from G-3 AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 2474 8th April nil. Sitrep) No reports.

Para 2. Movements completed. 431st CA Bn AW SEP less Btry B has arrived Tebessa from Casablanca coming under command 2nd Corps.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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GEN DEANE (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

In reply cite: 0/483 April 8, 1943

For 24 hours ending 2359 hours 7th Apr. (from, 18 (18) Army group number 0 483 dated 8th April. TOO 0540A. (1) Troopers (2) USFOR (Troopers Pass) (3) AGWAR (4) Freedom (5) Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort (6) Mideast (7) 5th Army rpted (8) Jacques (9)242 group (10) Bone area pass SOIS (11) HQ L of C (12) 12 ASC (13) NASAF (14) Tactical Bomber Force (15) Nine Corps (16) Two US Corps (17) First Army (18) Adv NAAF for Col McDonald A 2.

Part one Sitrep number 166 from AFHQ signed C in C.

Section One. 8th Army.
The northward withdrawal by the enemy continued during afternoon hotly pursued by our troops. In late afternoon engagement; took place between our own and enemy armd forces between Pa Skhirra (5) 227 and Sebkretael Noual. Throughout area covered by our advance mech equipment and more prisoners fell into our hands.
(A) 30 Corps. 51 Div less one Bde and 23 Armd Bde and 207 (201) Gds Bde under Command advanced along axis of coast road 7 Armd Div protecting their left flanks.

Section Two. South East Algeria.
Owing to signs of enemy withdrawal our northern troops attacked enemy positions. Resistance from rear-guard encountered. Our elements reached Bir-ols B Ali making liaison 9th American Inf Div on Gafsa-Gabes road.

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In reply cite: 0/483 April 8, 1943

About 50 prisoners and important material including 20 guns captured. Our casualties light. Advance was delayed by many minefields.

Section Three. Two US Corps.
Ninth Inf Div reorganizing on high ground Y3758 to Y 4264 (Hill.) Benson force is located at Y7777 engaged in fire fight 2 miles north east kilometre post number 80 on El Guettar Gafsa Road. Benson force in contact with 8th Army at Y8868 as of 1610 hrs. (End of part one part two follows) 2000 PWS reported at kilometre post number 80. First US Armd AEC no change in position. Artillery

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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General Deane (CCS)
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To: War Office

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SITREP 35

Summary of Operations 1st to 4th April.

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10th Army.

Concentration of our forces has continued. Our patrols have been in contact throughout the period with the enemy (in?) his new defensive positions along the line WADI AKA? IT - DJE EL ZEMLET EL B?IDA.

2 Corps.

No material change has occurred in the El Gueatar and Maknassy Areas. The enemy has been reinforced in these Areas and our attempts to break through towards Gabes and the Coast have been unsuccessful. In the Fondouk Area no material change.

Signed EISENHOWER Cite FHGCT

Action War Office pass to HM Ambassador Madrid for U. S. Ambassador Madrid, Resident Minister Achimota. Brit. Military Attache Ankara for Marshal Chakmak, N. Z. Forces HQ Wellington for Puttick.

1st Army.

In the French Sector our Forces have established themselves a few miles west of Pichon and east of Ousseltia. Our patrols have been active in the region of the Oued Kebir and positions have been occupied about 8 miles south of the Reservoir.

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Considerable progress in difficult country has been made in Northern Tunisia. Our forward troops have pushed east and north of Sed Enane causing the enemy to evacuate the ground between Enane and Cab Serrat. On the Coast Cab Serrat has been occupied by a combined Naval and Military Detachment.

Naval motor torpedo boats operating from Bone attacked and enemy convoy off Bizerta night 31st March/1st April. 1 enemy merchant vessel was sunk and 1 probably sunk. Our submarines have successfully attacked many targets off the coast of Sicily and the toe of Italy. A heavy explosion was heard after an attack on an Italian cruiser but the results are unknown.

Air

New known that attacks on Sardinian airdromes on 31st March succeeded in destroying about 70 enemy aircraft on ground. All strategic bombing missions were cancelled on 2nd and 3rd April owing to weather. Heavy bombing attacks were carried out on 4th April on Naples and in the vicinity. Tactical Air Forces have continued to make successful attacks on enemy landing grounds, troops and motor transport.

Politically nothing to report.

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
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General Deane (CC/S)
Admiral King

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KRONER		
BRATTON		✓
SIT.		✓
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AIR		✓
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: 0483, April 8, 1943.

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ONI		✓
WD		

Active of enemy columns (part 2 of 0483) east of Dj Douau T 80 MR Williams Force in demonstration against Faid Pass drew enemy fire from high ground vicinity Faid. First US Inf Div most advance elements vicinity Madolla Y57. Section 4. First Army. (A). 19 Corps. Thickening up of our troops opposite eastern Dorsale continued without incident. Patrols report enemy in strength Dj El Halfa O 7231. (B) Five Corps. One Div. No Change. 78 Div. Our attack made further progress during the day. During morning attack 120 PW taken. 36 Bde captured Mergued Chouach J 4642 during afternoon. 38 Bde completed occupation northern end DJ Si Maydi J 4246. 78 Div operations today were carried out against stiff enemy resistance on a front of 10 miles all objectives were captured and operations are continuing tomorrow. Four Fiv. Some enemy shelling J 3442. 46 Div. Patrols report enemy activity area Dj Aiegouna J 3182 and Veheasing track from there to J 4479. Part 5. Air. To follow. End of continuation of part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2, CG AAF, LOG

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From: Algiers
To: War

G2 Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRATTON		✓
SIT		✓
CURR		✓
DISS		
AIR		✓
S-A		✓
FE		
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CHG		
TIC		✓
ONI		✓
WH		✓

In Reply Cite: 0484, April 8, 1943.

Western Desert Force main effort against concentrations on the Cekhira-Sfax Roads. (0484 from 18 Army Group.) targets improved during day and excellent results observed from bombing and straffing. Few enemy aircraft encountered. Of these 5 destroyed 1 probable and 3 damaged. One Spitfire missing. Hurricane 2 D's attacked tanks Cekhira Area setting 2 on fire despite intense flak opposition. Six pilots not yet returned. Night 6/7 Wellingtons found good targets Maharos Area. One JU 88 destroyed of few enemy aircraft bombing in forward area. From the west light and fighter bombers made successful attacks on enemy concentrations on 2 Corps front thus assisting that Force in joining up with 8th Army. Good results observed. Two early attacks also made on La Fauconnerie landing grounds also many offensive sweeps. Four enemy aircraft destroyed. (TOO 0715 A THI 080925) 2 own aircraft missing. In north fighters intercepted 20 JU 87 A and escort (end continuation part 1. Part 2 follows cite FHGCT) destroying 9 JU 87's probably destroying 5 and damaging 2 without loss.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

In reply cite: 2241, April 7, 1943

(Action AGWAR Troopers information 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12 Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Group AFHQ 5th Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 2241 undated). G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 6th April.

Part 1. Land.

Northern Tunisia.

Sedjenane Sector. Enemy continues cover slow withdrawal direction Jefna by considerable mining and road cratering. On enemys left flank patrols now report areas J 3171 and J 3073 clear of enemy.

Sidi Nsir Sector. Enemy mortar fire on road at J 3343.

Heidous Sector. Enemy reported digging area J 5841.

Madjez, Goubellat, Bou Arada Sectors. Nothing to report.

Grande Dorsale Sector. Enemy shelled Ousseltia O 6546 and Ferme Joyeuse O 6848 during morning.

Pichon Sector. No activity reported.

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To: War

In reply cite: 2241, April 7, 1943

Central Tunisia.

Fondouk and Faid Sectors. Nothing to report.

Maknassy Sector. Enemy patrols observed movements our troops.

Guadtar Sector. Stubborn enemy resistance and concentrated MG fire high ground Y 3763 south Gafsa-Gabes road. Considerable westward movement of tanks and MT reported yesterday has not resulted in opposition by enemy armour. 15 tanks encountered Y 4064 believed operating in rearguard role. Infantry and artillery active.

8th Army Sector. Enemys main organized position Djebil Fatnassa Z 05 and Djebel Roumana Z 15 collapsed 0530Z. Enemy withdrew from point 1122 140583 after temporarily successful counter attack. 16 enemy tanks reported Z 0960. Enemy collecting up areas Z 0706 but no indications major counterattack. Eastward movement vehicles observed Sidi Mensour area Y 77 possible concerns withdrawal armoured forces from Guettar front. Considerable number PW presumed mostly Italian. 2 battalions 6 (5th HR) Trieste taken complete.
Part 2 follows.

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 2241 April 7, 1943

One one five PGR astride coastal road, Young Fascists on left (action AGWAR, Troopers information 18th Army Group, 1st Army 2nd Corps ADV NAAF EAC 12 Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast ADV Liaison Group AFHQ 5 Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 2241 undated), remnants Trieste on right. Two zero zero PGR counterattacked area Z, 1458. Three six one PGR not committed. Fifteen Panzer reliable reported moving south. Identification. None. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps ADV NAAF EAC 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. General. In north and centre no essential change. Enemy continues on defensive. Intimations strong rearguard action intended Guettar sector but main bodies 10 and 21 Panzer Divisions probably withdrawn eastwards. Enemy may rally small mobile elements to delay our forces north of lost key position in Akarit Bine.

Parts 2 aadd3: Will follow.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
CGGN
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In reply cite: AMSME 5485 April 7, 1943

Attack launched 0415 hrs GCT April 6th by 30th Corps. 201 Guards Brig holding area between coast and track. 51st Div to west of Guards area of Mand with 153d Brig Roumana feature. 50th Div made good progress during afternoon completing 5 crossings over Wadi. 4th Ind Div captured Dj Tebaghrtvagga replused all counter attacks. Confused fighiing Roumana area. Second Armd Regt Group of 8th Armd Brig led the Brig and second New Zealand Div through opening by 50th Div. First Armd Div still defensive nouthwest 50th Div. Many prisoners reported taken.

From Brereton RAF 60 fighter bombers reconnoitered attacked and reported enemy's movements. Upon development enemy main plan 5 attacks each light bombers and fighter bombers made in immediate rear his counter attack par 20 bombers of 376th Group Bomber Command dropped 114,000 lbs of bombs from 20,000 to 23,500 feet on Messina Ferry. Direct hits on ferry building and slips. Hits seen at pin points. One MC 202 seen to crash in strait. One Staff Sgt killed 1 wounded 1 Lt wounded. Twelve planes of 12th Group dropped 48,000 lbs of bombs from 8,700 to 9,500 feet. Scored 1 direct hit on buildings, 1 tank on fire, 1 direct hit on bank. Twentyfive M/T bombed. Seven B-25's hit with ack ack men wounded. No operational report yet from 57th Group. Seventytwo planes 79th Fighter Group carried out 5 missions strafing and bomber escort fighter sweep. Twentyseven damaged M/T, 1 water bowser, 1 jeep, 1 armored car, 2 staff cars, 3 inch gun emplacement hit addition to tentage and personnel.

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From: Algiers
To: War (Info)

G2 Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRATTON		✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		
AIR		D
E-A	✓	
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PER.		
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FL		
CIG		
JIC	✓	
ONI	✓	
WH	✓	

In reply cite: 2161 April 7, 1943

1.Captured orders Italian 16 Corps 5 and 20 Nov 1942 indicate 213 Coastal Division includes 120 Inf Regt Emilia and following coastal units: 101 Bn, 447 Bn, 369 Bn, 435 Bn, and 121 Regt. Artillery: 90 Bty Frontiel Guard, 230 Bty 100/22, 122 Bty 305/17. Also 103 antitank Bn, 153 MG Bn, 7 MG Coy. (Troopers information Mideast AGWAR from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Part 2 follows.

2.206 Coastal Div includes 381, 374, 437 Bns.

3.134 Coastal Regt includes 429, 384 Bns and 106 Mortar Coy.

4.16 Corps controls 26 and 54 Inf Div. Also 10 Bersaglieri Regt, 131 Tank Regt, 6 Raggr Arty, 44 Raggr Arty (Coastal Defence), 74 Troop of 25 Bty, 226 Troop of 22 Raggr, 12 MG Bn, 104 MG Bn, 615 MG Coy, 8 Engr Bn, 434 Coastal Bn, 94 L/T Coy.

5.Deductions. 16 Corps boundary northeast-southwest line inclusive Messina, Caltbnisetta, Agrigento. Inclusion of Infantry and Antitank Bns in organization of Coastal Divisions indicates existence of intermediate support units between static coastal defence and field divisions in interior. Photostats of documents to follow at earliest opportunity.

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 2311, April 7, 1943.

Your message Halma M 2685 repeated herewith. ((AGWAR 5th Army ADV NWAAF from Freedom 7th 2215 A. SITREP 6 April number 165.

1. Naval. (Action USFOR addsd AGWAR, Troopers 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group, Hq, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta, ADV NWAAF for information from G-3 Section AFHQ 2311))signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. MTBS operated from Bone off Bizerta night 4-5 April and also from Malta in Sicilian Channel night 5-6 April. No incidents. Mines were laid in Sicilian Channel night 6-7 April. One of our submarines attacked a 6,100 ton enemy tanker which later disappeared believed sunk. Same submarine also hit 6,000 ton merchant vessel.

2. Movements. Nil.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: War

In reply cite: 166 April 7, 1943

Number 166 for period ending 2000 hrs 7th April. (From 18th Army Group number 0 980 7th 2330A. To (1) Troopers (2) USFOR (Troopers pass (3) AGWAR (4) Freedom (5) Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort (6) Mideast (7) 5th Army rptd (8) Jacques (9) 242 Group (10) Bone area pass Sois (11) Hq L of C (12) 12th ASC (13) NASAF (14) Tactical Bomber Force (15) Adv NAAF for Col MacDonald A-2 (16) 2 US Corps (17) 1st Army (18) 9th Corps. Part 1 Sitrep.) From AFHQ signed C in C.

1.

1. Eighth Army. During night 6/7 April the enemy withdrew from the Akarit position. Withdrawal followed by 30th Corps on the Axis of Gabes-Sfax road and by 10th Corps further inland. During afternoon 7th April forward patrols made contact with patrols 2nd US Corps area Y 9056. Much equipment and many prisoners taken in battle area.

2. South east Algeria, N T R.

3. Second US Corps. Enemy withdrew to east and north east. 1st US Inf Div Benson Force and 9th US Inf Div advanced contact made with patrols 8th Army area Y 9056.

See Map

4. (A) 19th Corps. Patrol activity. (B) 5th Corps. 78th Div. First objective taken with approx 60 prisoners. Forward elements 1530 hrs J 4736

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To: War
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5. Air. Follows next Sitrep. Cite FHGCT.

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Information: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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CCWD
4-7-43
1652Z

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 2262, April 7, 1943

Please observe our 45065 March was appreciation enemy position and intentions that date and estimate possible build up. Your 5380 of 6 April. Figures for strength on 15 March calculated on 5 March naturally conjecture only. Actually Axis strength never reached this total. G - 2 weekly summaries give periodic estimates total strength with allowance for casualties sustained. Maximum estimated here 200,000 quoted in summary 29 of 15 March. For AGWAR from G-2 Freedom, signed Eisenhower, cite FHGBI. Estimate for 3 April 186,400 including some unevacuated casualties, composed 121,400 Germans, 65,000 Italians exclusive Air Forces. No evidence evacuation any troops apart from casualties except possibly small numbers surplus L of C personnel.

Line of Communication.

5380 is CM-OUT-2309 (6 Apr 43) No Sig. G-2
4506 is CM-IN-2637 (6 Mar 43) G-2

G2 Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRATTON	✓	
SIT.	✓	
CURR.	✓	
DISS.		
AIR	✓	
E-A	✓	
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 0463 April 7, 1943

Part 1. SITREP no. 165 for 24 hours (FM 18 Army Group to Troopers 2 USFOR 3 AGWAR 4 Freedom 5 Governor Malta (personal for Viscount Gort) 6 Mideast 7 5th Army 8 Jacques 9 242 Group 10 Bone area for SOIS 11 Hq. L of C 12 ASC 13 NASAF 14 Tactical Bomber Force 15 Constantine area for ADV NAAF (for Col. McDonald A2) 16 (2) US Corps 17 First Army 18 (9) Corps 0463 April 7 TOO 0645A) ending 2359 hours 6 Apr. from AFHQ signed C in C.

1. 8th Army. Nothing further to report.
2. South East Algeria. Quiet day. Usual arty. activity. Many lorries and M/CS round Henchir embarek. New 105 MM gun bty. near Henchir Bouarada. Camel Platoon maintaining liason with 8th, Army El Hamma area. Kebili area nothing to report.
3. 2 US Corps 9 US Inf. Div. failed to take hill 369 736. Heavy losses sustained this area. Benson's Force most advance elements at Y 4367. 1 US Inf. Div. patrols reached Y 4569. 1 US Armd. Div. 200 yds. short of objective pass at T7230, Williams' Force demonstration against Faid pass occupied Djebel Lassouda T 6567. 65th Armd. F A Bn less 1 bty. from Benson's Force to Williams' Force. 34 Inf. Div. area quiet no change in position. (Fondak)

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4. 1st. Army. (A). 19 Corps. Patrols active some prisoners reported taken. No details yet available. Adv Hq. 19 Corps moved to Maktar 3144. (B). 5 Corps. Reconnaissance in force occupied point 556 at J 2360. Some arty. activity during day.

5. Air. Continuing offensive against enemy air in northern and central Tunisia fighter escorted light and medium bombers made 8 attacks on enemy landing grounds. Fighter sweeps were flown over forward area. Western Desert. Fighter bombers and bombers attacked enemy preparations for counter attack on 8th Army later enemy retreating north along coast successfully attacked by fighter bombers.

Part 2. Follows cite FHGCT. (corrctn. for 03044 (3144) insert 03044 (3044)

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 0/464 April 7, 1943.

Part 1. SITREP no 165 for 24 ending 2359 hrs. 6 Apr. from (1) Troopers pass USFOR (2) USFOR (3) AGWAR (4) Freedom (5) Governor Malta (personal for Viscount Gort) (6) Mideast (7) 5th Army rptd (8) Jacques (9) 242 Group (10) Bone area for SOIS (11) Hq L of C (12) ASC (13) NASAF (14) Tactical Bomber Force Con Area for (15) ADV NAAF (for Col McDonald A2) (16) 2 US Corps (17) First Army (18) (9) Corps from 18 Army Group 0 464 April 7 TOO o935A) AFHQ signed C in C. Part 1 continues.

Section 1. 8th Army. Operations this afternoon were continued with object of first establishing the bridgehead gained during morning. Despite several enemy counter attacks these operations proceeded satisfactorily. 5000 prisoners were taken.

(A). 30th Corps. At approx 1600A hrs enemy counter attacks were mounted against the Roumana features on 153 Bde front and SW end of Dj Tebaga on 4 Indian Div front. Some penetration was effected in Roumana area and confused fighting followed resulting slight gain enemy. The counter attacks on 4 Indian Div were repulsed. 50th Div made good progress in centre during afternoon completing 5 crossings over the Wadi through which 2 Armoured Regiment Groups of 8th Armd Bde were passed.

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(B) 10th Corps. Assumed command of NZ Div.

End of continuation Part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

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GEN DEANE (CC/S)
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April 7, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

In reply cite: 0589 April 6, 1943

Sixteen B-25's escorted by 26 P-38's dropped from 6100 feet 70 - 500 pound bombs on convoy 48 degrees 15 minutes North of Cape Bon. (To Arnold from Spaatz HQ NAAF Adv) Direct hits and several near misses on all 3 large merchant vessels in convoy; also 1 destroyer blown up and 2 barges hit. Intense flak over target. A formation of about 50 JU 52's escorted by ME 109's and 110's were encountered just before target was reached. Seven JU 52's, 1 ME 110, 1 ME 210, 3 ME 109's and 3 JU 87's were destroyed, 3 probably destroyed and 6 damaged. One B-25 lost, 4 P-38's missing. Thirty-four B-25's escorted by 15 P-38's attacked Bo Rizzo Airdrome well covering it with 2442 - 20 pound fragmentation bombs where 80 - 90 planes were poorly dispersed. The formation was attacked immediately after leaving target. Six enemy aircraft were destroyed, 1 damaged. Two B-25's shot down but made good landings in water near Agadi Islands. Eighteen B-17's attacked Sidi Ahmed airdrome. Twenty-three B-17's attacked El Aouina airdrome. Two planes on ground definitely set on fire, other fires started. Two caused by explosions took place. Eighteen B-17's attacked Boca di Falco airdrome well covering field where 50 to 100 planes were parked. Twenty B-17's escorted by 11 P-38's attacked Milo airdrome. Thirty of about 80 planes and

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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR

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In reply cite: 0589 April 6, 1943

1 hangar was destroyed. The first 3 B-17's flights were attacked near targets. Three enemy aircraft destroyed, 2 probably destroyed and 1 damaged. Twenty-three P-38's pm sweep over Sicilian Straits intercepted a large flight of escorted JU 52's of which 16 were destroyed and 4 damaged. Two P-38's are missing. A similar sweep was made in the afternoon without results. Thirty-four Spitfires attacked 2 enemy boats off coast Tunis leaving 1 smoking. Three ME 109's encountered. One destroyed, 2 damaged. One Spitfire shot down, 2 damaged. Numerous fighter sweeps made in Tunis area. Eighteen A-20's escorted by 50 P-40's attacked El Djem airdrome. Five engagements with enemy aircraft took place. Four enemy aircraft were destroyed, 2 damaged. Eighteen A-20's escorted by 60 Spitfires attacked Le Fauconnerie airdrome and were engaged by 3 enemy formations of which 1 probably destroyed and 4 damaged. Many flights were made over the El Guettar - Gafsa area fighters flew 738 sorties. In addition reports above, 5 enemy aircraft were destroyed and 2 damaged. Coastal flew usual convoy and recce patrols. Night 4/5 April 15 Wellingtons bombed Trapani docks and shipping. Statistics: 91 B-17's, 54 B-25's, 54 A-20's, 11 Welli P-38 F 4's, 146 P-38's, 107 P-40's, 129 American Spitfires; 15 Wellingtons, 17 Hurribombers, 356 Hurricanes and Spitfires, 26 Beaufighters, 5 Albacores, 15 Hudsons, 2 Marauders. Losses: 1 Spitfire, 2 A-20's, 3 B-25's destroyed; 6 P-38's, 1 A-20 missing; 2 Spitfires, 7 A-20's, 12 B-17's damaged. Victories: 18 JU 52's, 6 JU 87's, 1 JU 88, 18 ME 109's, 1 ME 110, 1 ME 200, 1 ME 210, 1 MA 202, 1 FW 187 destroyed; 1 JU 87, 1 ME 109, 1 MA 202, 1 FW 190, 4 unnamed enemy aircraft 1 ME 201's probably destroyed; 1 JU 52, 11 ME 109's, 1 ME 200, 2 MA 202, 1 FW 190, 8 unnamed enemy aircraft damaged.

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

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 1966 April 6, 1943

All sectors coast to Bou Arada nothing to report. Point 470 0 7792 (to AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18 Army Gp 1st Army 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1 A-md Corps and 6 Corps from Freedom 1966 nil nil secret signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI) reported strongly held and protected by mines and wire. 100 MT seen 1530 hrs moving NW on track O 9365 to O 8568. Preceeding Northern Tunisia.

Part 1 Land G-2 report for 24 hrs ending 2400Z 5th April. Parts 2 and 3 will follow. Central Tunisia. Enemy patrolling SE of Pichon with Infantry and Armoured cars. Maknassy area increase in enemy mining and defensive preparations. Guettar front during afternoon considerable movement MT and tanks general area Y 4060 last reported moving west on road south of Dj Berda. Tanks may include some Mark 6. Infantry Debussing Y 4354. Akarit line no activity reported. Young Fascists and Trieste coastal sector supported by regiment 90 light. Remainder 90 light probably in support Spezia and Pistoia. Part Spezia now reported forward edge Roumana Feature Z 15. Identifications. German. Three Coy 3 Bn Sonderverband 287 known as Deutch Arabisches Leh Bataillon Y 4569. Italian.1/91 IR Grado Marines Bn O 7152. General. 21 Panzer Division now clearly on left flank Hen Panzer.

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May indicate possibility spoiling attack Guettar sector but other dispositions generally defensive. Some indications enemy interest in organization defensive line Enfidaville area.

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Action: G-2

Information: OPD
CG AAF

G2 Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
KRONER		
BRAYTON		✓
SIT		✓
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E-A	✓	
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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR USFOR (info) - British War Office (action)

In Reply Cite: 1981, April 6, 1943.

27 March to 2 April. 8 Army. On 26 March (To Troopers rptd AGWAR USFOR from G-3 AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 1981 5 April Nil. Fourth Weekly summary. Para 1 summary of operations).

Ten Corps Hq with 1 British Armd Div took over from 2 New Zealand Corps as reported in last weekly review and the same day attacked enemy positions SW of El Hamma. Assisted by excellent air support the 2 N Zealand Div broke through the enemy main position. The 1 British Armd Div went through the gap and reformed for attack on the next day. By noon on the 27 they had reached a point 2 miles from El Hamma having pushed the 15 TF and 21st Panzer Divisions to one side. At the same time the 4th Indian Div cleared the Matmata Toujane feature capturing many prisoners. 30 Corps observing that the Mareth Line was being evacuated advanced towards Gabes leaving the 50 Div to clear up the battlefield. At end of period covered by this report the enemy had been pushed back to a defensive position along the line Wadi Akarit - Djebel Zemlet El Beida. By this time it was estimated that the 15 Panzer Div no longer was an effective unit as a result of battle Lojaes Ud heavy casualties also were inflicted on the 21 Panzer Div and the 164th Light Div. As a result of this operation many prisoners were captured in addition to the 2000 reported in the previous summary.2 IS Corps Gafsa having been captured for use as supply depot for 8th Army an attack was planned

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To: WAR

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along the Gafsa - Gabes road for the purpose of cutting off enemy retreat from Mareth. The 1st and 9th US Inf Divs with a part of the 1 US Armd Div attacked 28th to obtain high ground Djebel Berda - Djebel Chemsi. Balance of 1 US Armd Div was left to hold Maknassy. Progress was made in the attack over difficult country and both German and Italian prisoners were captured.

Some tanks broke through an enemy minefield but the enemy reached positions covering the road. 34th Div advanced 27th Mar towards Fondouk Gap but have been held up by the enemy in positions along high ground between Continue

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ACTION: OPD

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

CCWD April 7, 1943 0240Z

Sent 6:50 p.m. Washington Time

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 0/461 April 6, 1943

Part 1 Sitrep No. 165 for period ending 2000 hours 6 April. (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 Force Constantine area for Adv 5 (for Chl McDonald A 2) 2 US Corps 1st Army 9 Corps Q/46 April 6 top 2230A from 18th Army Group) From AFHQ signed C in C.

Part 1.

Section 1. Eighth Army. Attack by 30 Corps launched 0415 hrs 6 April. Enemy resistance on organized position appears to have collapsed 0630 hrs. At 1100 hrs move 10 Corps started with 2 N Z Div leading. Reports indicate large number of PWS taken.

Section 2. South East Algeria. NTR.

Section 3. 2 US Corps. 9 Inf Div attacked today south of Gafsa Gabes road but failed to take high ground about Y 3763 owing to MG fire. Benson Force moved forward about 1600 hrs by held up by enemy tanks about Y 4064. 15 German tanks seen believed to be enemy rear guard and unlikely many more tanks this area. 1 Inf Div report no change in position and still in contact with 2 German Inf Bns. Believed 2 Corps only in contact today with rear guard.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
In Reply Cite: 461 April 6, 1943

Section 4. First Army. NTR.

Section 5. Air. Follows next Sitrep.

Part 2. Follows. Cite FHGCT.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
GEN.DEANE (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 2047 April 6, 1943

Four four seven tons stores. Discharged in 4 and 1/2 hours (part 2 of Msg 2047 6 to AGWAR Troopers from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower) each were 2 of landing craft.

Part 2. Air. Increased enemy bomber recce during day with 1 JU 88 Gibralter 0900Z and another over Oran Harbor 0815Z. Additional 4 detected off Algerian coast between Bone and Oran with convoy preceeding west off Bougie contacted late Afternoon. Also operating over Malta and Central Tunisia morning were further enemy recce, Off Cape Corbelin 4 Italian torpedo bombers claimed destroyed by Allied Fighters after being over Algiers area at dusk. On escort activity Sicilian area were a large number ME 110's and JU 88's. About 150 German transports arrived daily Tunis on 2nd, 3rd, 4th April, seen frequently between 0700 and 0800Z and between midday and 1400Z. Our fighters claim 18 JU 52's destroyed in addition to number of escort aircraft during 2 encounters 5 April between Sicily and Tunis. General. Comparitively small scale operations by enemy aircraft over Southern Front comprising early morning attack on Gabes by bombers and ground attack aircraft with similar operation against El Hamma late afternoon as well as number recce battle area Medenine and Djerba. In Maknassy and El Guettar sectors German fighters and fighter bombers made several offensive sweeps with Thelepte attacked morning by escorted

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To: WAR
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bomber. Fauconnerie Sfax Cekhira Sector, many defensive flights operated with interception fighters against ours attacking El Aquina and La Fauconnerie. In Tunis area about 15 ME 109's and FW 190's were encountered with about 50 ME 109's and FW 190's plus 3 ME 202's during attacks on La Fauconnerie.

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ACTION: G-2

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

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 2085 April 6,1943

No mention to be made operations of any divisions 8th Army. (Troopers information AGWAR from Censorship Branch (INC) AFHQ 2085 6th April nil) for IP 3 r repeated AGWAR from McClure signed CINC cite FHINC. Including regimental names since fall Gabes.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)
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From: Algiers
To : War

In Reply Cite: 1981 April 6, 1943

Djebel Touil and Fondouk. As result of these postiions the enemy has observation over all western approaches to (To Troopers rptd AGWAR USFOR from G-3 AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 1981 5 April 2nd cipher part 3rd and last part follows) Fondouk. The 34 Div has withdrawn for reorganization and rest to positions south of Djebel Trozza, 1st army. 46 Div attacked on a 3 Brigade front from positions in Djejul Abiod area 28 March. There was confused fighting in difficult country but the attack was successful and on 30 March Sedjenane was captured. Our forces pushed east and north of the town causing the enemy to evacuate the ground between Sedjenane and Cap Serrat. Almost 1000 prisoners have been captured. At present fighting has subsided.

Location statement. 8 Army with HQ at A 1169 consisted of 30 Corps Z 3428 and 10 Corps Z 1531. 30 Corps consists of 7 Armd Div Z 3322. 50 Div Z 5614 51 Div Z 2546. 4 Indian Div Z 1642 and 23 Armd Brig. 10 Corps consists of 1 British Armd Div Z 0834. 8 Armd Brig Z 1344. 2 New Zealand Div Z 2235. L Force and Fighting French Flying Column. Adv HQ SE Algerian French forces Y 0467. 2 US Corps Y 0781 consists of 1 US Armd Div T 7805. 1 US Inf Div Y 2372. 9 Inf Div Y 2663 and 34 Inf Div O 7405. 1st Army N 8498 consists of 19 Corps N 7939 and 5 Corps J 0818. 19 Corps consists of Welwert Div O 3143. Mathenet Div O 4370 and 3 Br Inf Brig. 5 Corps consists of 1 British Div J 4122. 78 Div

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In Reply Cite: 1981. April 6, 1943

J 1424. 46 Div J 2039 and Para Brig. Army Group Reserve consists of 9 Corps N 6868 and Armd Div N 5078 5 Army. 15 Inf Rgt. Port Aux Poules RU 89. No other changes.

Comparison of strength. Read Allied Axis. Inf Bns. 8 Army sector 43. 66. 2 Corps.

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ACTION: G-2

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

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 2047 April 6, 1943

Attacks by HM submarines. Apparently sunk off Policastro enemy 6600 ton tanker (to AGWAR for WDGBI, Troopers, pass USFOR, 18th Army Group, 1st Army, 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC, 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 2047 nil nil) proceeding south 22 March. Near northeast coast Sicily 24 March enemy 2500 ton tanker proceeding east escorted by E boat sunk. Two seven March in Millazzo Harbor 2 merchant vessels of 800 and 5700 tons each of which the bigger observed be settling by stern, further observation stopped by shore battery. Perhaps sunk 30th March merchant vessel proceeding south laden of 6,000 tons escorted by destroyer 2 trawlers and 2 aircraft off northwest coast Sicily. Also 30th March with about 600 total tonnage 4 schooners off northeast coast Sicily hit by gunfire of which 3 sunk 1 left Derilict. This part 3 Naval of G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 5 April. AGWAR for WDGBI, Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group, 1st Army, 2nd Corps, Adv NAAF EAC 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. Following enemy shipping observed. Proceeding south 8 knots 39 degs 10 mins north 13 degs 56 mins east 1304Z 5 April 3 merchant vessels 2 E boats 7 aircraft. Proceeding south 7 knots 39 degs 10 mins north 14 degs 08 mins (east) 1351Z 5th April 5 merchant vessels 2 destroyers 2 aircraft. Proceeding north 6 knots 39 degs 40 mins north 14 degs 00 mins east 1434Z 5th April 2 merchant

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vessels 1 destroyer 1 aircraft. General. At Gabes discharged 4th/5th April from landing craft with working time 26 hours (not including time for repairs air raids and shifting berths.

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

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From: Algiers
To: London USFOR (Info to WAR)

In Reply Cite: 2146 April 6, 1943

Sitrep part 2 5th April number 164.

Part 1. Naval. (Action USFOR addsd AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta, Adv NWAAF for information from G-3 Section AFHQ 2146) No Reports. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT.

Part 2. Movements completed. Twelfth Infantry Brigade 4th Infantry Division, has arrived area Souk El Arba. Movements commenced. Nine one RCN squadron departed Rabat for Tebessa.

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ACTION: OPD

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

From Algiers
To: War

In reply cite: 0/445, April 6th, 1943.

(Part 1 SITREP No 164 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 5 April. From 18 Army Group 0/445 April 6 TOO 0750A most secret to 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 Force Adv NAAF (for Col McDonald A2) 2 US Corps 1st Army 9 Corps) from AFHQ signed C in C. Part 1 begins. Section 1. 8th Army. Nothing to report. Section 2. South East Algeria. Follows. Section 3. 2 US Corps. At 1530 hours 3 columns of enemy vehicles including 50 tanks were reported moving north west area Y 3761. At 1830 hours same concentration now reported to include total of 75 tanks with infantry was seen moving west on road south of Dj Berda Y 25. 2 US Corps prepared to reinforce General Boisseau's force should it become necessary. Situation quiet and no change to report in areas Maknassy T 80 Faid T 75 Fondouk O 81. 3/26 Infantry with 1 battery 65 FA Bn moves to area Sbeitla T 27 178 FA regt less 1 BN from El Guettar Y 27 to Area Fondouk. 133 Rat from Sbeitla to Fondouk under command 34 Inf Div. Hq and 2 Squadrons Derby Yeomanry moved from area T 2737 to under command 9 Corps. Section 4. 1st Army. (A). 19 Corps. Patrols North East Ousseltia O 64 captured 3 Italians. No identification yet mak pass Squadron 48 R tanks and Bn REI to Bou Arnda J 60. Sukesul rtm to O 6461. 51 R tanks less Squadron now under Command 9 Corps. (B). 5 Corps. Our patrols made contact with enemy north of road Oued Zarga J 4235-Medjez El Bab J 53. No details. Patrol towards Jefna J 4276 met enemy area J 3275 Hq 4 Div Assumed command sector North East of Beja J 2038. Section 5. Air. Full scale offen-

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To: WAR

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sive opened against enemy air with most successful attacks by our aircraft on all fronts. Northern Tunisia. Fighters. Maintained intensive offensive sweeps in Tunis-Bizerta area in support of co-ordinated operations by bombers and long range fighters against enemy air transport. Fighter bombers attacked aircraft on ground at Enfidaville. (O/445 SITREP) Central Tunisia. Fighter escort to light and medium bombers engaged substantial enemy air opposition with success. Fighter bombers attacked enemy Mt and fighters flew offensive sweeps and recces in forward areas. Results of fighter combats in both sectors were 8 E/A destroyed 5 probables and 17 damaged. Our losses were 6 Spitfires and 1 B 25. Western Desert. Sfax town was attacked during night of 4/5. Fire reported in railway depot. Fighters and fighter bombers continued to harass the enemy Mt thrcughout the area. Addendum. 9 Corps including 6 Armd Div 128 Inf Bd T51 R tanks led Squadron Completed Concentration Foret Defenses area O 44 with 34 Inf Div in Fondouk area under command. (Cite FHGCT.)

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: British WAR Office (action)
WAR - USFOR (info)

In Reply Cite: 1981, April 5, 1943.

31 14, 19th Corps 38 14, 5th Corps 42 24. Artillery pieces. 8th Army (to Troopers rptd AGWAR USFOR from G-3 AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 1981 5th April nil.) Sector 614 390. 2 Corps 371 112. 19 Corps 267 74. 5th Corps 334 154. Serviceable allied tks. Total Axis tanks. 8th Army Sector 467 120. 2 Corps 341 130. 19th Corps 104 25. 5th Corps 363 30.

Para 4. Casualties. Read officers and others. 8th Army week ending 30th March killed 29 205. Wounded 80 875. Missing 3 168. Total 112 1248. First Army less 19th Corps week ending 2 April killed 4 46. Wounded 12 225. Missing 6 129. Total 22 400. 2 Corps no reports.

Para 5. Prisoners. Read German Italian. 8th Army week ending 30th March 55 3768. 2 Corps 5 days ending 30th March 130 275. First Army excluding 19th Corps week ending 2nd April 222 652.

Para 6 Administrative summary. General administrative situation satisfactory. Situation 8th Army not known but assumed satisfactory. 18th Army Group establishing fwd dump to assist in meeting 8th Army needs

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if calls are made. Situation 2nd Corps. Consumption pol and ammunition constitute heaviest demands.

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ACTION: G-3

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
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From: Algiers
To: WAR (action)
USFOR (information)

In Reply Cite: 1798 April 5,1943

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The first phase of General Alexanders projected tactical plan will be completed when the 8th Army, assisted on the left by the 2nd United States Corps, breaks through the enemy present position in the Wadi Akarit. Review number 34 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff from the Commander in Chief. NAF number 202. Immediately upon the completion of this phase an attack will be launched eastward through Fonduk by the British 9th Corps in which will be incorporated for that particular operation the United States 34th Division already in that area. Simultaniously, the 9th United Stated Division will move northward to take over a coastal sector, in order to permit the greatest possible concentration for the 5th Corps attack eastward through Mejes El Bab. The 2nd United States Corps, temporarily less these two divisions, will , upon the completion of the 1st phase, available for offensive action by moving further to the north. The 34th Division will undoubtedly revert to control of the Corps as quickly as Alexanders special operations in the Fonduk region permit.

As the whole operation progresses, airfields will be rapidly seized and developed, so as to keep up the continous pounding on the hostile communications and to facilitate rapid and decisive advance by the ground

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forces. Another will be to render difficult any escape of hostile forces from this region.

Throughout the region our forces are situated at the ends of extremely long and difficult lines of communication. However, the work that has been done through past weeks in the building up of supplies is, I believe, about to bear fruit and I foresee no great difficulty in keeping the forces maintained throughout the period necessary for the complete development of the tactical plan.

It is obvious that when the enemy is forced into his final defensive lines, we will encounter a tremendous concentration of flak, both heavy and light. However, this is a difficulty to which we are fully alive and I have no fear that we will overcome it successfully.

I am not prepared as yet to make firm promises as to the date for the completion of this operation. All ranks are alive to the necessity for speed and everything possible is being done to secure a complete victory here at the earliest possible moment.

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ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
General Strong
Admiral King
General Arnold
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OSD letter, May, 3, 1972
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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: 0532 April 5, 1943

91 of 106 B-17's, having returned (to AGWAR from HQ NAAF ADV) early, bombed shipping facilities airdromes and marshalling yards at Naples. (For Arnold from Spaatz) Direct hits made on tanker and large merchant vessel and another ship set on fire. Estimated 25 planes destroyed on ground. Docks and railroad yards were hit, also 2 small merchant vessels 1 of which exploded. 18 B-25's escorted by 72 fighters attacked El Djem airdrome. Estimated 8 planes destroyed on ground. Bursts observed on truck convoy on road east of target. One B-25 hit by Flak and missing. 16 B-25's escorted by 22 P-38's bombed from 8000 feet a convoy of 1 medium merchant vessel 2 small merchant vessels and naval escorts. The medium and 1 small merchant vessel were set on fire. Enemy heavily attacked over target of which 4 were destroyed. 1 ME 109 after being hit crashed into a B-25. Several parachutes were seen to open before B-25 went into sea. 15 B-25's escorted by 24 P-38's bombed from 6000 feet a concentration small boats at Carloforte Sardinia. 9 small boats and a coaster were hit. Numerous bursts were observed in dock area. GPK P-38's escorted by 8 P-38's bombed from 500 feet M beached freighter southeast of Cape Zebit. A direct hit and 2 near misses observed. 18 B-25's escorted by 36 P-40's and 24 Spitfires attacked El Djem airdrome. 1 B-25 hit by Flak went down near target. 3 formations of 18 A-20's each escorted by P-40's and Spitfires attacked LAXFA Connerie airdrome. Another similar formation attacked vehicle concentration at T 7564. Coastal flew COH TDKMXKKOLS and recce of Sicillian Straits. One Hudson crashed in flames Northeastern Area. Fighters made 649 sorties, destroyed

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To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: 0532 April 5, 1943

10 enemy aircraft and damaged 13. One P-40 and 1 Spitfire lost and 1 Spitfire damaged weather cast. Statictics: *ONLES: 186 American Spitfires, 144 P-40's, 20 P-39's, 71 P-38's, 106 B-17's, 72 B-25's, 72 A-20's; 228 British Spitfires and Hurricanes, 12 Beaufighters, 4 Albacores, 2 Swordfish, 9 Hudsons, 3 Marauders.

Losses:

1 P-40, 2 B-25's, 1 Hudson, 1 Spitfire destroyed; 1 B-25 missing; RU Spitfires damaged.

Victories:

6 ME 109's, 4 FW 190's and 2 aircraft destroyed; 1 FW 190 probably destroyed; 9 ME 109's, 1 RE 2001's, 3 Krog 90's and 1 unidentified aircraft damaged.

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* Being serviced.

GE Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
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BRATTON		
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
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ONI		✓
WH		✓

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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Apr 5, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: War (info)
USFOR (action)

In Reply Cite: 1807, April 5, 1943.

Part 2 SITREP number 163. April 4th.

Para 1. Naval. (Action USFOR information AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta, Adv NWAAF. From G 3 Section AFHQ. 5 1807.) Mines were laid in Sicillian Channel during night 4/5 April. Our submarines on patrol off north coast of Sicily have carried out following operations. Sunk 2500 ton eastbound tanker. Sunk 3000 ton merchant vessel and believed sunk 6000 ton merchant vessel both at anchor off Palermo. Attacked ships in Milazzo Harbor, 1 of which appeared to settle by stern. Sunk 3 schooners and damaged a 4th by gunfire and sunk schooner by torpedo. Another submarine attacked large southbound tanker off Toe of Italy, estimated 1 hit.

Para 2. Movements completed 10th Infantry Brigade arrived forward area.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King
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From: Algiers
To : War

In reply cite: 1716 April 5, 1943

Very little enemy ground activity. (to AGWAR troopers information 18th Army Group 1 army 2 corps advance NAAF BOC 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast adv liaison group AFHQ 5 Army from Freedom 1716 too nil 5th Apr) Intermittent shelling Toukabeur area J 5039 and south of Medjez road J 5137. Enemy divebombed and later shelled our positions Sloughia area J 52 first light. Small enemy force engaged by artillery south of Goubelliat J 6918. Ousseltia Valley nothing to report. Foregoing Northern Tunisia part 1 land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 4th April.

Central Tunisia, Pichon Area:

Enemy patrols 07033. Small enemy force 07022. Patrol of 9 armoured cars operated southwest Pichon later withdrawing AC enemy shelled areas 06825 and 06524.

Fondouk Area:

Nothing to report.

Maknassy Area:

Quiet. At 1600Z TAC recce reported column MT moving Northeast on road from T 8726 to junction road Faid-Sfax.

Guettar Front:

Enemy counterattacked night 3-4 April and regained

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ridge of Djebel Berda Y 3363. Little activity during day. Column tanks and artillery moving southwest Y 5865 at 1630Z. Sixteen tanks appear immobilisee general area Y 4364. Possibly damaged tanks of force observed same area previous day and engaged by our artillery.

8 Army Front:

No activity reported. General disposition enemy forces unchanged. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18 Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps adv NAAF EAC 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast ADIC Ln Crp AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Identifications, German 28th March Battalion 07140 by PW. Italian, none, general. North and centre no change. Possible slight movement reinforcements Maknassy to Faid or Fondouk areas. Main weight enemy's armour still Guettar front where readily available to switch to (parts two and 3 will follow) position.

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G2 Dist.	Action	Info.
MC		✓
STRONG		
BRONFER		
BRATTON		✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
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AIR		✓
G-A	✓	
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WH		✓

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April 5, 1943
2217Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 177 Y April 5, 1943

Observed during day by 3 JU 88's enemy bomber recce, Algerian (to AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Gp 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABSYR MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1st Armd Corps and 6th Corps from Freedom 177 Y nil nil signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI part 2 air) Coast of which 2 between Algiers - Bone 1 as far west as Oran and another operating at 1940 near convoy contacted between Phillippsville and Bone. Reconnoitred by several afternoon was sea area near Sicily. Off eastern Tunisian coast and along Algerian coast to Algiers weather flight. GWK G-2 report for 24 hrs ending 2400Z 4 April. Attacked by 3 torpedo bombers early morning (see report 3rd April) and again by another same evening was eastbound convoy between Algiers and Bone. Ships not reported damaged. Of which 1 claimed destroyed 25 miles north of coast 5 JU 88's at 2005Z reported over Bone. On convoy escort duty Sicilian area number of enemy aircraft. General. Battle Arek north of Gabes night 3-4 April about 18 JU 88's with daylight activity continuing high tempo. Also over southern battle area and near Maknassy early morning recce with attacks by Ju 88's escorted by ME 210's morning followed by ground strafing by FW 190's and ME 109's. Also southern area morning afternoon fighter bombers operated. Above landing grounds west of Sfax and over Sfax Chekira area enemy fighters put up defensive and interception patrols. After lapse of 3 days Italian fighters again seen performing frequent offensive sweeps southwest of Maknassy and afternoon sweeps in Sbeitla area were German fighters.

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During day west and SW of Medjez El Rab Axis fighters carried out offensive sweeps.

Part 3. Naval. Nothing to report.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: O/432 April 5, 1943

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Part 1. Sitrep No. 163 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 4 April. (To Troopers USFOR (Troopers pass) AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army (R) Jacques 242 Group Bone area for Sois H L of C 12 AASC NASAF Tactical Bomber Force Adv NAAF(for Col McDonald A 2) (Ton Arta pass) 2 US Corps 1st Army 9 Corps. From 18 Army Group O/432 5th April too 0740 from AFHQ signed C in C. Part 1 continues.

Section 5. Air. Most successful attacks on enemy landing grounds and Mt were carried out by aircraft from western desert and by our aircraft based in central and N Tunisia western desert fighter bombers attacked Met west of Cekhura and a landing ground at Zitouna fighters intercepted JU 88's near Gabes and enemy fighters heading for 2 US corps front 5 ME 109's destroyed 1 FW 190 and 1 ME 109 damaged for loss of 1 Kittyhawk pilot believed safe. In the center and north light and medium bombers of the tactical air forces made 4 attacks on enemy landing forces at La Faucounerie and St Marie Du Zit. One attack on water target by Hurri-bomber good results and some fires observed despite intense flak. Enemy fighters attempted interception and 5 E/A destroyed 1 probable and 6 damaged for loss of 2 our aircraft pilots safe. Offensive fighter sweeps over central and south. front uneventful. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGOT.

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INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CGGN, Gen Deane(CCS), Adm King.

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: AMSME 5453 April 5 1943

Mechanical enemy transport indicated South Skret Siki Manlsour Area Y 7064 by air rcn. Fourth Ind Div patrols in contact with enemy. From Brereton escorted fighter bombers attacked landing grounds Zitounx Area U 2236 twice dropping bombs among dispersed aircraft on ground. Also attacked motor transport west of Cakeura with loss 1 fighter believed force landed enemy territory. Without loss fighters claim 5 ME 109's destroyed 1 ME 109 and 1 FW 190 damaged on interception of 9th Air Force April 4th. Twenty five B 24's of 376th Group took off, target Naples. Some returned early. Others bombed dock area hits observed. Complete report not received. Six B 17's of 178th Squadron took off, target Palermo. No report yet. No tactical missions 12th and 79th Groups. No report yet from 57th Group.

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MC		✓
STRONG		
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BRATTON	✓	
SIT.	✓	
CURR	✓	
DSS		
AIR	✓	
E-A	✓	
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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: 0/431, April 5, 1943

For 24 hours ending 2359 hours 4th April. (From 18th Army Group number 0/431 dated 5th to (1) Troopers for USFOR (2) USFOR (3) AGWAR (4) Freedom (5) Governor Malta personal for F M Viscount Gort (6) Mideast (7) 5th Army rptd (8) Jacques (9) 242nd Group (10) Bone Area for SOIS (11) Hq L of C (12) 12th ASCE (13) NASAF (14) Tactical Bomber Force (15) Adv NAAF (for Col McDonald A 2) (16) 2nd US Corps (17) 1st Army (18) C 9 Corps. Part 1 SITREP No 163. TOO 0605A). From AFHQ signed C in C9 part 1 begins. Section 1. 8th Army. 4th Ind Div in forward area with patrols in contact with enemy. 50th Div now in area Z 1745 with 69th BDE in same area and 151sth BDE in Gabes. Section 2. South east Algeria. Contact still maintained in Dj Berda area. Owing to suspected enemy withdrawal small operation carried out to verify contact. Strong enemy art and infantry encountered. Section 3. 2nd US Corps. Enemy counter attack on Dj El Kreroua U 3763 during night 3/4 Apr drove 47 CT off this hill. During day 4th Apr however Bensonm Force attacked SSE towards Kebili Road. This advance reached Y 4264 but owing to heavy arty fire and enemy tanks force was compelled to withdraw to original positions. Attack on our position at Y 4271 was driven off some MPW being taken. No other material change on this front. Section 4. 1st Army. Patrols active on 19th Corps front. Some arty activity on both sides on 5th Corps front. No casualties to own troops. Successful shoot reported on enemy infantry

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and Mt in area J 6918. Hq 10th Inf Bde took over from Hq 128th Inf Bde in sector NE OJ Beja. 128 Bde now concentrated in area of Beja. Section 5. Air. To follow. End of part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite PEGCT.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
GEN.DEANE (CC/S)
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April 4, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 1577, April 4, 1943

No enemy opposition at Cap Serrat (to AGWAR Troopers information 18th Army Group Advance NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS 1st Army ABS Malta Mideast Advance Liaison Group AFHQ 5th Army 2nd Corps from Freedom 1577 too nil 4th Apr). Activity in whole Sedjenane Sector negligible. Some shelling our positions southwest of Medjez. Goubellat Area 60 MT moving east. Five stationary tanks south of Sebkret Kourzia. No activity Ousseltia Valley. Foregoing Northern Tunisia.

Part 1. Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 3rd April. Central Tunisia. Two small enemy attacks with respectively 9 and 4 tanks west of Pichon during morning. Fifteen tanks seen 3 KMS southwest of Fondouk during afternoon These subsequently withdrew northeastwards. Twenty five MT some towing guns seen by TAC recce moving into Fondouk. No activity reported Maknassy Area. Guettar Sector. Thirty tanks including some Mark 6 reported in area Y 4467 during afternoon. Four tanks claimed destroyed by our artillery. Some regrouping enemy artillery this sector. Eighth Army Front. Wadi Akarit position considered stronger than originally believed. Enemy lay out believed similar to that at Mareth. Trieste and young Fascists not yet identified but possibly 20th Corps again in coastal area

Guettar area

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with 90th Light Division in reserve. Pistoia holding pass at Y 9846 with Spezia holding high ground on its left 164th Division in support of 21st Corps. Movement, believed reliefs noted area Z 15 night 2-3 April. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps ADV NAAF EAC 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. Identifications. Three Coy 961st IR Pichon Area by PW Italian. None. General. No change in north. Increase defensive preparations Fondouk Area. No indications any present intention to abandon Akarit Line or positions on El Guettar Front. Enemy ability to hold Akarit position depends largely on blocking our advance in El Guettar Area. Possible therefore he may be reinforcing this sector. Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

CCWD
April 4, 1943
2201Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

In Reply Cite: 1625 April 4, 1943

Off Algerian coast (part 2 air) 3 enemy bomber recce between Bougie-Algiers (to AGWAR Troopers information 18 Army Group Advance NAAF EAC 1st Army 2nd Corps 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Advance Liaison Group AFHQ 5th Army from Freedom 1625 too nil 4th April) with no evidence convoy contacted 2nd April again picked up during day. While no indications of recce from Sicily, Balearics were covered early morning. Over battle area Tunisia indications bomber operations 1st 2nd halves night 3rd-4th April perhaps more activity than customary. Vicinity eastbound convoy between Algiers ACM Bougie few torpedo bombers reported 2nd half night 3rd-4th April with no reports damage received. Other than usual escort by ME 110's of JU 52nd formations no indications such operations. G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 3rd April. General. With about 55 sorties performed during day by German fighters fighter bombers and ground attack aircraft in vicinity Sedjenane Medjez El Bab enemy air operations generally over Tunisia higher tempo. Also in Sedjenane-Medjez El Bab areas German bombers active early afternoon. To counteract Allied raids between Sfax and Chekira enemy opposed at different times. Over enemy landing grounds and in Tunis sector defensive patrols operated. Against our positions El Guettar came fighters and fighter bombers driven off by ours were about 15 JU 87's, 8 FW 190's, 6 ME 109's bombing northern slopes Djebel Berda. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps ADV NAAF EAC 12 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.

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To: [illegible]

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In Reply Cite: 1625 April 4, 1943

Part 3. Naval. Proceeding North Sicilyan Channel 0911Z 24th March enemy convoy 2 merchant vessels with 2 destroyers attacked by HM Submarine with believed hit 1 merchant vessel of 3500 tons. South of Messina HM Submarine attacked light cruiser. No known outcome but large explosion near. Indicated by photo recce of ports where such light cruisers are based taken same day suggests attacked vessel from Ancona. Presence 2 light cruisers in Ancona revealed by photo recce taken 23rd December 1942.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)

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April 4, 1943
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: USFOR-War

In reply cite: 1588 April 4, 1943

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Number 162 April 3rd.

1. Naval. Two MTBS from Bone attacked an enemy convoy (to USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18 Army Group Hq Liaison Gp AFHQ Malta Adv NWAAF from G-3 Section AFHQ 1588 4 April Sitrep part 2) off Bizerta night 31st March 1st April.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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CCWD
April 4, 1943
1506Z

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR (Action) WAR (Info)

In Reply Cite: Unnumbered April 4, 1943

* One enemy ship was sunk by torpedo and another probably sunk. Enemy escorting vessels then engaged each other. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. Cape Serrat was evacuated by enemy 2nd April and occupied by combined naval and military detachment on 3rd April. A 3500 ton enemy merchant vessel was torpedoed by a submarine east of Marittimo. Other submarines Habuet attacked an enemy convoy and an Italian cruiser off the toe of Italy. A 2000 ton merchant vessel was torpedoed and is believed sunk. Heavy explosion resulted from attack on cruiser but results unknown.

Para 2. Movements commenced. 431st CA Bn AW Sep, less Btry B, departed Casablanca for Tebessa. Action USFOR addsd AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group EQ, Liaison Gp AFHQ, Malta, Adv NWAAF for information.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: 0415 April 4, 1943

162 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours third April (from 18 Army Group number 0415 TOO 040825A. To Troopers pass USFOR (2) USFOR (3) AGWAR (4) Freedom (5) Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort (6) Mideast (7) Fifth Army (8) Jacques (9) 24 Group (10) Bone Area for SOIS (11) Hq L of C (12) 12th ASC (13) NASAF (14) Tactical Bomber Group (15) ADC NAAF for Col McDonald A 2 (16) 2 US Corps (17) First Army (18) Nine Corps.

Part 1 SITREP number) from AFHQ signed C in C. Part 1 continues.

Section 4. First Army. Five Corps.

Section 5. Air. Spitfires on offensive sweeps intercepted Stukas and fighter bombers attacking our landing grounds at Souk El Khemis and forward area El Guettar sector. A total of 13 were shot down and 7 damaged for the loss of 3 of our aircraft and 2 damaged 2 pilots missing. Escorted light bombers successfully attacked St Marie Du Zit L G . Dust interfered with operations by the Western Desert Air Forces only 1 Kittybomber attack and a few interception patrols carried out without incident. End of part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

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INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CGGN, GEN DEANE (CC/S)
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INCOMING MESSAGE

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

In Reply Cite: 0/414 April 4, 1943.'

(Part 1 Sitrep No 162 for 24 hrs ending 2359 hrs 3 April (from 18 Army Group 0/414 4 April TOO 0650A to Troopers pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast Fifth Army rptd Jacques 242 group Bone Area for SOIS Hq L of C 12 ASC NASAF Tactical Bomber Gp Con area for Adv NAAF (for Col McDonald AAWL 2 US Corps First Army 9 Corps) from AFHQ signed C in C.

Part 1 begins.

Section 1. Eighth Army. Signs of enemy met movement in area (T) Z 1957 was reported last night. Own tps no change.

Section 2. Southern Algieria. Contact maintained with enemy. Heavy arty activity. Small raid by camel troops area Foumkel Asker Y 1545 resulted capture 12 Italian prisoners.

Section 3. 2 Corps. Southern sector. 9 US Inf Div carried out attack on limited objective vicinity Y 3564 with partial success. 1 US Inf Div made slight advance area Y 4470. Other sectors quiet.

Section 4. First Army. (A) 19 Corps Welvert Division. Enemy infantry attacked West from Pichon 072 at 1030 hrs with 9 tanks and again at 1040 hrs with 4 tanks. Both attacks repulsed by our arty. Mathenet Division following new positions have been consolidated. 2/7 Rtm O 7468 1/7 Rtm O 7672 2/29 Rta 07279. Moves. 3/7 Rtm to Col Du Sidga O 6660. 2/2 Rta from Maktar 03043 to Ebba Ksour N 9650 X.B.5 Corps. 1 British Inf Div slight shelling area J 5132 and Rtm to Col Du Sidga O 6660 2/2 Rta from Maktar 03043 to Ebba Ksour N 9650. (B) 5 Corps. 1 British Inf Div slight shelling area J 5132 and area

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To: AGWAR
In Reply Cite: 0/414 April 4, 1943 Page 2.

bridge J 5731 during afternoon. 46 Inf Div Bags Al Party with Goums and detachment Corps Franc D'Afrique occupied Cap Serrat J 1796 without opposition moves. 36 Inf Bde now at Testour 5/522.

Section 5. Air to follow, end of part 1 part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
CGGN
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
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Situation Report Number 76.

1. MTB 266 and 315 on sweep from Bone carried out unseen attack on convoy of 3 MV heavily escorted south of Cani Rocks at 2345/31. MTB 266 fired torpedoes at one target which sank. MTB 315 proceeded through survivors to fire at her target which received 2 hits and is [redacted] also sunk. Escorts then engaged each other. [redacted] sustained damage from heavy sea on return journey.

2. Cape Serrat evacuated by enemy 2nd April and occupied by Naval and small Commands Party 3rd April

3. H.M.S. UNISON reports attacked 2000 MV probably tanker at 1409/23 in position 37 57 N 16 10 E. One torpedo hit vessel believed sunk.

4. H.M.S. UNSEEN reports in position 37 52 N 11 27 E at 1011/24 estimated one torpedo hit on 3500 ton MV in Northbound Convoy Five. H.M.S. UNBROKEN attacked one presumed Regolo Class Cruiser in position 37 48 N 15 38 E at 1501/3. One heavy explosion but results unknown.

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Air Marshall	Lt. Col. Cook
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SITUATION REPORT NO. 76.

1. MTB 266 AND 315 ON SWEEP FROM BONE CARRIED OUT UNSEEN ATTACK ON CONVOY OF 3 MV HEAVILY ESCORTED SOUTH OF CANI ROCKS AT 2345/31. MTB 266 FIRED TORPEDOES AT ONE TARGET WHICH SANK. MTB 315 PROCEEDED THROUGH SURVIVORS TO FIRE AT HER TARGET WHICH RECEIVED 2 HITS AND IS ESTIMATED ALSO SUNK. ESCORTS THEN ENGAGED EACH OTHER. MTB 266 SUSTAINED DAMAGE FROM HEAVY SEA ON RETURN JOURNEY.

2. CAPE SERRAT EVACUATED BY ENEMY 2ND APRIL AND OCCUPIED BY NAVAL AND SMALL COMMANDS PARTY 3RD APRIL.

3. HMS UNISON REPORTS ATTACKED 2000 MV PROBABLY TANKER AT 1409/23 IN POSITION 37-57 NORTH 16-10 EAST. ONE TORPEDO HIT VESSEL BELIEVED SUNK.

4. HMS UNSEEN REPORTS IN POSITION 37-52 NORTH 11-27 EAST AT 1011/24 ESTIMATED ONE TORPEDO HIT ON 3500 TON MV

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IN NORTHBOUND CONVOY FIVE. HMS UNBROKEN ATTACKED ONE PRESUMED REGOLO CLASS CRUISER IN POSITION 37-48 NORTH 15-38 EAST AT 1501/3 ONE HEAVY EXPLOSION BUT RESULTS UNKNOWN.

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