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May 15, 1943
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To : War

No. 202 May 15, 1943

Sardinia May 14 (Part 3 202. Signed Eisenhower.) AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group Mid-east from NWA AF Adv Hq M 4012 E 15/5. Cite FHGT. NWA Strategic AF. Night 13/14 May. 23 Wellingtons bombed Cagliari bursts seen near barracks GCS works naval arsenal and dock area. Over 1,000,000 leaflets also dropped day 14 May. 14 P 38 Lightnings bombed a RR tunnel south west of Sassari RR intersection at Sassari and barracks at Alghero. 12 aircraft destroyed on ground and 4 seaplanes in water at Alghero. 1 P 38 destroyed 2 missing. 1 JU 87 probably destroyed and 1 damaged. 14 P 38 bombed Porto Torres and Alghero hitting a ship in harbour and destroying 12 enemy aircraft on ground by strafing. 14 P 38 bombed Abba Santa scoring hits on a factory there. 54 B 25 Mitchells escorted by 87 P 38 attacked Olbia dropping 83 tons of bombs and 10,000 leaflets. 1 unidentified aircraft and 2 MA 202 destroyed 1 unidentified and 1 MA 202 probably destroyed and 1 damaged. 1 P 38 destroyed and 2 well covered large fires started many explosions 3 large and 3 small M/V hit. NWA tactical AF. Day 14 May Spitfires flew naval protection sorties. NWA cy stal af. Night 13/14 May. Beaufighters damaged Pialgio 108 in Bone area probably destroyed 1 JU88 in Algiers area and damaged 1 enemy aircraft on Ecsillacidro Aifiro. Day 14 May usual run submarine hunt defensive and convoy escort missions flown. Action USFOR. Information AGWAR. Troopers 5th Army. 18 Army Group H. Q. Liaison Group. Middle East. Malta. *Sicily*

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:

G-2 CG AAF

ADM. KING

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GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

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May 16, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: London USFOR
WAR and other interested offices No. 1604

May 15, 1943

Part 2. Sitrep 203. Fourteenth May.

Para 1. Naval. (USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group Liaison Group AFHQ Malta Adv NWAFF from (Ops D) Section AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite PHGCT 1604 15th May nil). Our destroyers maintained patrol activity night 13th/14th and day 14th May but found small boat activity practically ceased. Total prisoners taken by HM ships and coastal craft since 9th May now 879. Night 14th/15th May MTBS patrolled off Pantellaria. One of our submarines operating off NW Sardinia reports sinking by gunfire 450 ton coaster and 300 ton steam trawler on 2nd and 6th May respectively. Same submarine sank 2,500 ton vessel in ports Torres Harbour by torpedoes 8th May. *Sardinia*

Para 2. Movements commenced. 335th Engr Regt departed Oran for Tabarka.

Para 3. L of C. Some 16 aircraft raided Bone on night 14th/15th May. Bombs were dropped in the town, in the harbour and near the airdrome. No reports received of damage or casualties.

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

T.O.O. 152359

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Rec'd : 16 May '43

Time : 1630

Addressed: A.I.G. 264

From : C. in C. Med.

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Situation Report Number 96.

1. Destroyer patrols have been maintained around the Cape Bon Peninsula on fourteenth May and fifteenth May. Small boat activity has practically ceased. Twentythree prisoners were taken off Plane Island on fifteenth May and at 1101/15 Dulverton boarded KT09 aground near Ras Idda. Ship was full of military cargo in flooded holds, six Germans were taken off. 879 emigrants have now been recovered by H.M. Ships and coastal forces during the operation.
2. Destroyers carried out patrol off Pantellaria on night 13th May 14th May and M.T.B's on 14th May, 15th May.
3. 16 mines were swept in Bizerta area on thirteenth May including 7 by H.D.M.L. 1236 fitted with mark five sweep. Approach channel to Tunis being swept 15th May.
4. Bizerta. Number one, two and three underground oil fuel storage tanks at Carriere appear sound. Total capacity 30,000 tons. One pump operative at 200 tons per hour. Deep water berths for two large cruisers alongside. Number six tank converted secretly by French Navy as underground workshops with fifty machine tools. Mechanics available Diesel power station adjoining oil storage in operation present output 1100 kilowatts expected increasing to 1600 kilowatts in three weeks time will be able to supply whole area as lines are repaired. FERRYVILLE temporarily supplied by small 120 kilowatt plant.
5. HMS SAFARI reports sunk 450 ton coaster at 0902/2 and 300 ton steam trawler at 0933/6. Both by gunfire off Asinara Island, fired two torpedoes into Port Torrew Harbour at 1958/8 sinking 2500 ton ship.
6. H.M.S. ILEX sustained slight damage from near miss during air raid at Bone at 2201/14, three ratings killed.

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1st Sea Lord

F.M.

Admiral

Air Marshall

Gen. Macready

Code Room (2)

C.O.S.

Plans

Brigadier Hedman (8)

N.I.

Lt. Col Cook

S.O.(O) Personal

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N.M.C.S.

Captain Pim.

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From: Algiers
To: War - W-595
British War Office - No nr.
Info all other addressees concerned.
May 15, 1943

Land. Nothing (to AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR information 18 Army Gp 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Gp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI W 595 15 May. Part 1) to report. G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 14 May.

Part 2. Air. Over Bone at about 0800Z 1 enemy bomber recce with another in touch with shipping west of Oran before noon. Bone raided at 2050Z by over 16 JU 88 and from early reports 2 damaged or destroyed while 2 ships damaged in harbor during our raid on Olibia Sardinia 25 enemy Fighters attempted to attack.

Part 3. Naval. Nothing to report.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAP

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To : AGWAR

No. AMSME 6031 - May 15, 1943

News having been made Field Marshall accepted terms unconditional surrender at 1145 hrs GCT May 13th. Prisoners through 10th Corps cage reported over 17,000 of which 15,000 Italians and over 2,000 are Germans midnight 13th. Many prisoners went north to avoid minefields. Not possible to estimate number yet to come in. (From Brereton) No RAF report May 14th. Ninth Air Force reports no operational missions by Bomber Command 12th or 340th Groups. Fourteen sorties 7 missions of sea patrol carried out by 57th Group. Ten sorties 3 missions as escort carried out by 79th Fighter Group.

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By SLR

Date FEB 19 1974

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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INCOMING MESSAGE

CCWD
May 15, 1943
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OPERATIONAL
PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To : AGWAR

No. AMSME 6014 May 15, 1943

Little or no enemy activity night May 12th-13th. During morning prolonged conversations took place relative unconditional surrender at 1115 hrs. Messeland Gen Liebenstein of 164th Div reported at Hq 8th Army.

From Brereton RAF reports night 12th 13th carried out interception patrols Cap Bon area. No enemy activity reported. During day 13th fighters gave protection British shipping same area.

9th Air Force May 13th report 29 sorties single mission 376th group target Augusta Harbor. 28 bombers reached target dropped 124,500 lbs of bombs results hits observed in Mole area. Flame and smoke from oil storage tanks. Near misses on liner. Bombs among 15 sea planes. 26 sorties single mission 98th Group target Augusta Harbor. 25 bombers reached target dropped 112,500 lbs of bombs and 50 boxes incendiaries results hits on 20 motor vessels also hits at Pin points. No operational report 12th or 340th Groups. No operational mission 57th Group. 18 sorties 5 missions 79th group reported as ship escort.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF

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Filed 0810A/15
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From: Algiers
To: War 0/932
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May 15, 1943

TAC and main Hq 8th Army closed (((18 Army Group number 0932 May 15 TOO 0700 A. To Bonga minus 8 11 15 16. Part 1 SITREP number 203 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 14 May. From AFHQ signed CINC.

Section 1. 8th Army))) Present location 1900 A hours and open area Saula R L 05 same hour.

Section 2. First Army. NTR. First Army Area. A. 19 Corps. Temporary concentration areas now occupied as follows. 19 Corps. Main Hq J856045. Algerian Division Area road junctions K2203 and K2501. Oran Division Area road junction K2414. Moroccan Division Area Waghuan K0911. Groupment Le Coulteux CO 537 area road junction K3005. B. 9 Corps. 6 Armd Div area Incl Hammamet to K5523 to K7030. 4 Div Area K7035 K 6850 K 8362 1st Armd Div Area Incl Kokbius K4261 Incl Menzel K 4546 K3049. 1 Inf Div area K3049 K1243 K1754. C. 5 Corps X 78 Div area K 1053 Incl Tunis to K1570. 4 Inf Div area (Section 4. OOR. follows. end of part 1. Part 2 follows. cite FBGCT.) Cheylus and El Asker Bir Meherga J92. 46 Div Area Medjez Oued Zkrga. 7 Armd Div Area Bou Arada El Arpussa.

Section 3. 2 US Corps. NTR.

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

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Urgent

From: Algiers
To: War

No. W506 May 14, 1943

This has been reported before

Final surrender last resisting enemy group took place 1045 Z 13 May. (To action AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR information 18 Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps ADV NAAF EAC 12 Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast ADV Liaison Grp AFHQ 5 Army pass 1 Armd Corps and 6 Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI W 506 14 May nil) Unconditional terms finally accepted by Field Marshall Messe. Prisoners now total 143000 and count incomplete. High ranking Germans now include Major Gen Lietenstein GOC 164 Division, Gen Kramer GOC DAK, Major Gen Franz GOC 19 AA Division and during last days GOC Hermann Goring Division Vice Schmidt, Major Gen Broich GOC 10 Panzer Division, Major Gen Schnarrenberger commanding line of communication area. Part 1 land G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 13 May. Italians include Marshal Messe, General Da Costa second in command Centauro Division, General Apponti president Military Tribunal. Whereabouts Generals Schmidt and Calvo Di Bergolo unknown. (Parts 2 and 3 will follow) probably evacuated.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

Number O 925 May 14, 1943

(To BONGA minus 15 and 16 from 18 Army Group
O 925 dated 14 May TOO 0730)

Part 1.

Sitrep number 202 for 24 hours ending 2359
hours 13 May. From AFHQ signed CINC.

Section 1. - 8th Army

During the night there was little or no
enemy activity. This morning prolonged conversation
took place on the wireless between 10th Corps and 1st
Italian Army. Having been made a Field Marshal, Messe
accepted our terms of unconditional surrender at 1145
hours.

Section 2. - 1st Army

All resistance on First Army fronts has
now ceased. The collection and evacuation of prisoners
continues. Formations are now moving to temporary con-
centration areas.

Section 3. - 2 United States Corps

Nothing to report

Section 4. - Air (to follow)

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

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

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ACTION: OPD

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

From: Algiers
To: War

No 202 May 15, 1943

202. 13th May. Para 1. Naval. Night (to USFOR
rptd AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18 Army Group Hq
Liaison Group AFHQ Malta ADV NWAAP signed C in C cite
FHBCT 1318 14th nil Part 2. SITREP) 11/12th May. MTBS
maintained patrols off Cape Bon. Following day destroyers
intercepted more small boats and took off nearly 150
prisoners. Hospital ship Toscana was turned back when
making for Kelibia. Early morning of 13th May a cruiser
with destroyer escort bombarded the harbour at Pantellaria
while MTBS established patrols inshore.

Para 2. Movements commenced. 11th May. 5 FA
Regt departed Beja for Oran. 154 Bde Group 51 Div departed
Tebessa for Bougie Area. 13 May. Main Hq 51 Div and
152 Bde Group departed Tebessa for Bougie Area. 18 RCT
1 US Inf Div departed Beja for Oran. Movements completed.
12 May. 154 Bde Group arrived Bougie Area from Tebessa.
13 May. 77 FA Regt rerouted from Larba arrived Chanzy.
5 FA Regt arrived Oran from Beja.

Para 3. L of C. Night 12/13 May. Algiers raided
by 7 aircraft. Four claimed destroyed by AA. Three soldiers
killed and 32 Arabs killed in shelter panic. Following
night 30 plus aircraft dropped small number high explos-
ive bombs on Algiers. No damage nor casualties reported.

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To: War
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8 enemy aircraft reported destroyed and 4 others
claimed probably destroyed, MB.

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Information: G-2
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Gen. Deane (CC/S)
Adm. King
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May 13

Operational Priority

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

Number AMSME 5999 May 13, 1943

Throughout day 12th enemy continued resistance along whole front Enfidaville area launching counterattacks against First Free French Div. Eighth Army artillery was active in support own troops and of 26th Armd Brig advancing from north. Fourteen thirty hrs GCT enemy showed signs of surrendering and after bombing attack 1530 hrs GCT area between 56th Div and 26th Brig serious resistance ceased. General Messe asked for terms and was told unconditional surrender only will be accepted and is sending envoys to Enfidaville. Some enemy troops still holding out on front 1st Free French Div and 4th Light Armd Brig par from Brereton RAF reports night 11th 12th Beaufighters destroyed 1 Heinkel 111 only aircraft sighted Cap Bon area. Day 12th: 54 Bostons Baltimores and Mitchells attacked enemy positions south Bou Fichta. Allied ground troops report bombing was effective par 9th Air Force May 12th reports no operational missions by bomber command, 57th or 79th Groups. Nine bombers 12th Group dropped 18,000 lbs of bombs on pin points battle area unobserved.

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From: Algiers
To: War

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BY *SR* DATE FEB 19 1974

No. 0918, May 13, 1943.

For 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 12 May. (From 18 Army Group number 0918 dated 13 May. TOO 0630A. To BONGA minus 11, 15 and 16. Part 1 SITREP number 201 from AFHQ signed C in C. Part 1 continues.)

Section 1. Eighth Army. 56 Div all serious resistance has ceased. One Inf Div some enemy are still holding out mopping up operations continue.

Section 2. First Army. (A). 19 Corps. All enemy forces from Zaghuan to Sayhaf surrendered unconditionally. (B). Nine Corps. Six Armd Div in contact with 8th Army south of Bou Fichta. Four Div mopping up operations continued through out the day on the Cap Bon Peninsular small pockets of resistance remain in the hills west of Grombalia.

Section 3. Two US Corps. Latest count of PWS now number 37998 of which 33498 are German.

Section 4. Air. To follow end on continuation part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT. Correction read Saouaf (take things perfectly steady.)

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INFORMATION: G-2 **SECRET** GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

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May 13, 1943
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

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BY *SK*, DATE FEB 10 1974

No. W441/818, May 13, 1943.

Enemy operations. All resistance ceased Cap Bon Peninsula. 10,000 prisoners this area mostly administrative personnel. (Action AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR information 18 Army Group, 1st Army, 2nd Corps, Adv NAAF EAC, 12th AF, MBS, ABS, Malta, Mideast, Adv Liaison Gp, MAFHQ, 5th Army pass 1st Armd Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI W441/818 13 May nil.) Also Hq Army Group Africa with Von Arnim. Only small groups remain to be collected. Among units surrendering were 3 recce, 104 PGR, 49 Eng Bn, 90 AR. No activity reported north and west of main pocket were mopping up operations continued with many prisoners captured. During morning enemy continued stubborn resistance on southern front even launching small counter attack. Indications imminent surrender early afternoon with many Germans and Italians coming in. Graf Von Sponeck and 90 Light finally gave in 1500 Z. Resistance then confined areas P 19 and K 10 with 164 Light and some Italians including Trieste. Bersaglieri Dafrica probably implicated in surrender 90 Light. General Messe sending envoys arrange surrender terms for remaining forces. Part 1 land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 12 May. Enemy casualties. Total prisoners approaching 130,000 before surrenders of yesterday in south. Estimated 30,000 to come. Material so far accounted for includes 1200 guns all types, including 150, 88 MM. 200 tanks mostly German. No final counts yet possible.

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To: War
No. W441/818, May 13, 1943.

General. Enemy forces in Tunisia will shortly have been taken in entirety. No serious attempt evacuation even from Cap Bon where some facilities had been prepared. Evacuation by air at night evidently on negligible scale. Miscellaneous. Among prisoners taken by American 2nd Corps are 19 Russians originally captured from 1 Coy 532 IR at Litau 9 July 1941. Moved to Italy, subsequently to North Africa. Employed as labour platoon with Artillery Battery. (Parts 2 and 3 will follow). Prisoners State 34 Russians in Tunis. 30 in Ferryville.

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From: C. in C. Mediterranean

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Following is a reencypherment of My
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SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 95

1. During night 11/12 May M.T.B's on patrol off Sidi Daub took 8 Germans who were making for Zembra.
2. Only minor boat activity was reported by Destroyer patrols round Cape Bon Peninsular on 12th May. DULVERTON collected a further 75 prisoners and TARTAR 58.

3. Italian hospital ship TOSCANA was intercepted approaching Kelibia on 12th May and ordered to return to enemy territory as the area was now under Allied control.

4. Eleven mines were swept on 12th May off Ras Engela where clearance operations continue.

5. Algiers was raided by about eight aircraft at 2045/12. S.S. DORSET COAST was damaged by near miss and subsequently capsized. Four aircraft claimed shot down by gunfire and one by fighters.

6. Berths are now available in Goulet Dulac Bizerta for L.C.T.'s. Four L.S.T. can berth at Cavalier Nord, and anchorage is available in Avant Port for Coasters to handle 1000 tons per day. At Tunis the Canal is at present blocked but berths are available at La Goulette for three Coasters stern to South Quay at 23 feet draught and 550 feet of North Quay is cleared for discharge over lighters at 18 feet draught. The port can handle 500 tons per day as soon as the approach channel has been swept.

7. H.M.S. ORION escorted by ISIS and PETARD carried out bombardment of Pantellaria at 0200/13. Twenty broadsides all fell in the harbour area from 10,000 yards range. Only small craft observed in inner harbour. Two shore batteries about 4 inch returned ships fire. No damage or casualties. M.T.B's established inshore patrol during the bombardment to intercept any forces leaving.

1st Sea Lord
F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshall
Gen. Macready
Plans

Code Room (2)
C.O.S.
Brig.Redman (8)
N.I.
Lt.Col.Cook

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From: Algiers
To: London- USFOR Unnumbered
British War Office Unnumbered
War 996

May 13, 1943

Flying. Part 2. SITREP 201. 12th May.

Para 1. Naval. Nil. (Action USFOR. Rptd
AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army
Group, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta, Adv NWAAF for
information. Cite FHGCT. from G-3 (OPS D)
Section AFHQ 996 13th May TOO Nil.)

Para 2. Movements completed. 1st Para
Bde arrived Matanore from Boufarik. Signed
Eisenhower. High **.

No Sig.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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May 13, 1943
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 0 917 May 12, 1943

For period ending 1400 hrs 12th May. (number 0 917 dated 12th May. TOO 2210 A. From 18th Army Group addressed to Bonga minus 11 15 16. Part 1 Sitrep number 201. From AFHQ signed C in C.

Part 1. It is reported that all organized resistance except by isolated pockets of the enemy has ceased over the whole of the 18th Army Group Front. General Von Arnim Commander of the Axis forces in Tunisia has been captured.

Section 1. 8th Army. N T R except that many prisoners are coming in.

Section 2. 1st Army.

(A) 19th Corps. Mathinet has advanced to general line K 0813 Zaghousan-K 1417 and have captured further prisoners.

(B) 9th Corps. The advance of 26th Armd Bde continued and contact has now been made with 8th Army. All gains have been firmly secured. 6th Armd Div Hq now located K 4515. 1st Br Armd Div concentrated area Gromblis. Many more prisoners have been taken but exact number not yet known.

(C) 5th Corps. N T R.

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Section 3. 2nd US Corps. N T R 1.

Section 4. Air. To follow.

Part 2. Follows. Cite FEGYT.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen Deane (CCS)
Adm King
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No: 3884 May 14, 1943

May 13th part three 201 signed Eisenhower cite
FHGT. NWA Strategic AF midnight 12/13 May. (AGWAR
Troopers 5th Army 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group
mideast from NWA AF Adv Hq M 3884 14/5 secret) Twenty
One Wellingtons attacked Naples. 39 tons of bombs
dropped. Several fire started but accurate observa-
tion prevented on account of smoke screen.

Day 13th May. 107 N 17 fortresses 69 B 25's
Mitchells and 36 B 26 Marauders escorted by 171 F
38 Lightnings and 39 P 40 Warhawks attacked Cwgliari.
443 tons of bombs dropped in target area which was
well covered and many huge fires started. Hits ob-
served on UUU boat base Naval Berthon oil tanks and
chemical plant. One M/V seen to explode and several
set on fire. Report destroyed five ME 109's two MA 202's
one MA 200's and one FW 190. Probably destroyed three
MA 202's one ME 109 and two unidentified types. Damaged
two ME 109's one MA 202 and two unidentified types.
18 B 17 fortresses damaged by flak. NWA tactical AF.

Day 12th May. Spitfires escorters mine sweepers
without incident.

Day 13th May. Spitfires escorted mine sweepers
and destroyers without incident. NWA coastal AF.

Day 12th May. Hurricanes and Spitfires flew de-
fensive patrols. Report damaged one enemy aircraft.

CM-IN-9583 (15 May)

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One Spitfire destroyed. P 39 Airacobras flew convoy escort without incident.

Night 12/13 May. Hudsons Swordfish and Albacores flew UUU boat hunts and convoy escort without incident.

Day 13th May. Hudsons Swordfish and Albacores flew UUU boat hunts and convoy escort without incident. Action USFOR information rest of addressees.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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*Pres & Prime
Minister saw at
1510*

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 0/919, May 13, 1943

Part 1. Sitrep number 201 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 12 May. (From 18 Army Group to Bonga 0/919, dated 13 May TOO 0600 A) From AFHQ signed CINC. Part 1 continues.

Section 4. Air. Preparatory to attack by 8th Army enemy gun positions north of Enfidaville bombed with excellent results. Offensive sweep Cap Bon Peninsular and Naval patrols flown without incident. End of combination Part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
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May 13, 1943
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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y

From: Algiers
To: USFOR
British War Office
War W 480

Part 2. SITREP 201. 12th May.

1. Naval. Nil. (Action USFOR. Rptd AGWAR W 480, troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta, Adv NWAAF for information. Cite FBGCT. From G-3 (OPS D) Section AFHQ 988 13th May TOO Nil.)

2. Movements completed. 1st Para Bde arrived Matamore from Boufarik. Signed Eisenhower.

No Sig

NOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-8640 (14 May 43) OPD.

ACTION: OPD

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

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To : War
May 12, 1943

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2nd part of 349/496 (B)

from Freedom.

000 AA personnel, 6600 miscellaneous and services. Remaining tanks in group comprising 7th tank and 601st heavy battalion possibly 40 with under 20 runners. Yorker indicates maximum strength on 5th May with 32 runners, 7 short repair 4 repair. Engaged on 7th and runners on 8th only 18. 2 additional tanks expected from 8th Tank Regt on 9th.

C. Miscellaneous.

Yorker indicates shortage of petrol on 7th and AA ammunition on 8th MG on 8th gun crews ordered destroy guns if in danger capture. Rear details 80th recce at Menzel Temine reported possibility leaving by small boats on 8th. IV/90 without fuel on 9th. Enemy possibly not expected swift denouncement as 135th Flak Regt announced NCO'S course with 114 Abteilung at Soliman as from 4th May. Yorker traffic on 10th mostly connected with destruction confidential documents message from Hitler and Mussolini to all troops expressing utmost appreciation to embattled army group Afrika. They are convinced of heroic resistance of armies and that the Tunisian bridgehead will be held as long as possible.

2. A. Italian Dispositions.

Units affected by general surrender in north believed to include remnants 10th Bersaglieri (34th and 63rd battalions) and 5th Bersaglieri (22nd and 24th battalions) Co, detachments 1st parachute battalion, Gbado and possibly Bafle Matines battalions. Unit in south believed unchanged. Superga located Zawouan area. 57th Bn, 8th Bersaglieri Regiment reported by prisoners subordinated to German 155th PGR. French Yorker indicates HQ 1st Army region Grombalia 18th April.

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B. Italian Strength.

Total survivors estimated 30,400 composed of 20,000 combatants, 3000 AA personnel, 7400 miscellaneous and services. No evidence engagement Italian tanks. Possibly 35 survivors with maximum 15 runners.

Third and last part (W349/490) from Freedom.

C. Miscellaneous.

French Yorker indicated General Costa second in command Cantauro given command 1st army rear defences. XXI Corps still existed 17th April but XX corps possibly dissolved 19th April. General Mancinelli Chief of Staff 1st Army. Loreto Battalion expecting 2 extra parachutist companies. Possible arrival indicated by change of name to Raggruppamento on 21st April.

3. General.

Estimated no major units retired into Cap Bon Peninsula. Present shortages and indications destruction of equipment suggest rapid disintegration surviving resistance with one Army supported by 90th and 164th light divisions still at their posts on Southern front. No concerted attempts evacuation. A few unlucky adventures in small boats.

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NOTE: 349/496 B is not identified in WDCMC.

ACTION: G-2

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

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From: Algiers
To: War W 718
British War Office Unnumbered
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May 12, 1943

Supplement G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 11th May (AGWAR Troopers Mideast from Freedom W 718 735 TOO NIL 12 May) Enemy operations. Min enemy resistance now South of Bou Figa and on line Saouf to coast. Small remnants 2nd Panzer with surviving artillery Hermann Goring Division possibly reinforced by elements 90th light resisting thrust from North in coastal sector. Dispositions on Southern front apparently unchanged. GOC 90th light refused invitation to surrender. Declared intention resist until ammunition exhausted. This state of affairs apparently reached by many units. Others reported now firing at random. Italians of 1st Army apparently inspired by Germans to resist with equal stubbornness. Fires reported throughout night centre Cap Bon Peninsula. AGWAR Troopers Mideast from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Enemy identifications. Wachrataillon 4/47 GR, 361 PGR identified by PW North of Takrouna P 28. Enemy casualties. Total prisoners now approaching 120,000. Von Arnim captured this morning. Circumstances unknown. Group surrendering last night to French included 192 PGR. (Formerly 2nd and 4th Bns 104 PGR) March Battalions 22nd, 23rd, 25th and all remnants Superga. General. Enemy continues to shrink. Duration of resistance now depends on rate of ammunition expenditure.

ACTION: G-2

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

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. P913, May 12, 1943

56 Div. No change. 2 F French Bde (18th Army Group number P 913 May 12, 1943, 0648 A. To BONGA minus 11 15 16. Part 1 SITREP number 200 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 11 May. From AFHQ signed CINC.

Part 1 continues.

Section 1. 8th Army.
Attacked and reached P282878 taking 200 PW.
HY Arty cons were fired on 56 Div and 1 F French fronts throughout day.

Section 2. 1st Army.

(A) 19 Corps.
Gen. Mathinet Comd Moroccan Div. this evening accepted the unconditional surrender of the entire enemy forces opposing him on his front consisting of Pfeiffer Div 10,000 strong and its equipment intact. Oran Div have pushed rapidly toward a general line north of Zaghuan taking 20,000 PW. Algiers Div no changes.

(B) 9 Corps.
26 Armd Bde with 1 Bn 1 Guards Bde have occupied Bou Fichta but are held there by a strong screen

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To: WAR

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of anti tank guns. 10 Inf Bde located at K7891 and 12
Bde area Korba.

(C) 5 Corps.
4 Inf Div pushed south.

Section 4. Air. (to follow)

(end of continuation of Part 1. Part 2 follows) Cite
PHGCT to Dj Ehira K 1629 *

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General Deane (CCS)
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To: British War Office
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6th Armd Div, having disposed of the enemy south of Hammam Lif, broke through and advanced towards Soliman. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT action Troopers pass to HM Ambassador Madrid for US Ambassador Madrid, resident Minister Achimota, Britmilat Ankara for Marshal Chakmak, defender Wellington for Puttick.

(C) 5th Corps. (2nd part of 459 from G-3 Section AFHQ M 11th May TOO Nil.) 1 Br Inf Div, having previously paved the way for 9 Corps attack by the capture of Dj Hou Aoukaz (J 74), pushed toward Tebourba on 7th May. The following day our troops occupied the town. The advance continued northwards to the Medjerda River, where contact was established with 7th Armd Div on the right. In Tunis 78 Inf Div took over from 7th Armd Div on 8th May.

3. 2 US Corps. 34th Inf Div encountered stubborn resistance in the Cgouigui area which was only fully occupied on 8th May. On 9th May our troops pushed north to clear the line of the Medjerda River. Further west 1 US Inf Div was halted for 2 days on the Oued Tine. Opposition was strong, and 3 US Inf Div were brought up in preparation to pass through 1 Inf Div. Meanwhile 9 Inf Div, operating north of Garaet Achkel, advanced to within 12

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miles of Bizerta on 6th May; the outskirts were entered at 1815 hrs on the 7th, and the occupation of the city was completed the following day. 1 US Armd Div moving south of Garaet Achkel, captured Ferryville on 7th May and pushed on to the southeast. Organized resistance in all sectors of the 2 US Corps front ceased on 9th May, when at 1100 hrs the German Commander surrendered unconditionally to Commander 2 US Corps. 24,000 prisoners have already been counted and mopping up operations continued.

4. Enemy. Although continuing to resist our attacks east of Mateur the enemys lines north of the Medjerda River were broken on 7th May. By our sudden thrust on Bizerta, as a result of this the enemy was reduced to 2 pockets, 1 to the north of Garaet Achkel, the other south of Lac De Bizerte. The enemy lines south of the river were subsequently penetrated along the Axis of the main Medjez-Tunis Road, and consequently forces north of the Medjerda were severed from those in the south.

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

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. P 913, May 12, 1943

End of continuation part 1. (Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.) To Dj Ehira K 1629 and on Tokst Marii Du Zet Road at K 2228. 5 and 9 Corps between them have now taken at least 50000 PW since 6 May. Section 3. 2 US Corps. NTR.

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

Nr: YO 408 May 12, 1943

For 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 11 May. ((number 0914 dated 12 May. TOO 0640A. From 18 Army Group to BONGA.

Part 1. SITREP number 200 from AFHQ signed C in C. Part 1 continues. Section 4. AIR. Heavy night operations against enemy movements on coastal roads Hammanet to Menzal Tamime. Intruder aircraft active against the few enemy transport aircraft that operated during daylight and medium bombers in support of 1st and 8th Armies effort to liquidate enemy pocket Northwest Enfidaville. Fighter sweeps Cap Bon and protection for Naval operations. End of continuation part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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From: Algiers
To : War - 694
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(USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast
18th Army Group Liaison Group AFHQ Malta Adv NWAAF
from G-3 (Ops D) section AFHQ 694 12th May nil).

Part 2. Sitrep 200. 11th May.

Para 1. Naval. On 10th May MTB mined in approaches to Sousse succeeded in reaching harbour but in total loss. That night MTB patrols took some prisoners off Rassa Mermoura (K 62) and in Gulf of Tunis. Other MTBS damaged an E boat off Cape Bon. 11th May. Destroyers off the eastern shore of Cape Bon took 77 prisoners from small boats. Same day Italian vessel Aurana painted as hospital ship but not registered as such taken to Sousse for investigation. Destroyers took 100 and 26 prisoners from Zembra Island which is now clear. Night 11/12 May. MTBS established patrol off Pantellaria. Submarine reports sinking 500 ton schooner on 5th May. Bizerta. Canal entrance at present effectively blocked. Ferryville. Dockyard and all facilities completely out of action.

Para 2. Movements. Nil.

Para 3. L of C. Djidjelli was attacked by enemy aircraft on 10th May and again on 11th May. Some casualties and damage to road and signal communications. Action USFOR. Rptd AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta, Adv NWAAF for information. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT.

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Note: WDCMC invites attention to CM-IN-7361 and 7896 (5-12-43) OPD

Action: OPD

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

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Urgent

From: Algiers
To: War -0640
Algiers-no number
Oudjda-no number

May 12, 1943

Five six Div. No change 2 French Bde 18 Army
Group number P 913 May 12 too 0640 ~~to~~ to Bonga minus
1. (11) 15 16. Part 1 sitrep number 200 for 24 hours
ending 2359 hours 11 May from AFBQ signed CINC. Part
1 continues. Section 1. * Army) attacked and reached
P 282878-(8 X 200 PW. * were fired on 56 Div and 171)
French fronts throughout day. Section 2. 1st Army. (A)
19 Corps. Gen Mathinet Comd *Div this evening accepted
the unconditional surrender of the entire enemy * are
held there by a strong screen of anti tank guns. 10 Inf
Bde located at K 7891 * Corps. 4 Armd Div pushed south
(section 4. Air. to follow. End of continuation part 1.
Part 2 follows. Cite FHGBT. To Dj * A K 1629 and on to
St Marie Dubzit load at K 2228 * Corps between them have
now taken at least 50000 * PW since 6 May. Section 3. 2
US Corps.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION:

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CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
Adm. King

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Received: 12th May 1943

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From: C. in C. Mediterranean

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 94

Following is recypherment 121415.

1. During night 10th/11th May M.T.B. patrols took 13 prisoners off RAS MAHMUR and 6 in Gulf of Tunis. The Cape Bon patrol engaged an E Boat at 0300/11 which retired after hits were observed. M.T.B. 264 was mined in approaches to Sousse at 0820/10. Craft has been beached inside harbour but is a total loss.
2. On 11th May small boat activity on East side of Cape Bon peninsula yielded 77 prisoners to DULVERTON and MJAOULES*.
3. Italian merchant vessel LNURANA painted as a hospital ship but not registered as such was intercepted on 11th May, taken to Sousse and is now being sent to Malta.
4. At Bizerte the entrance to the Canal is at the moment effectively blocked. Ferryville Dockyard and all facilities are completely out of action but Bizerte Naval Depot is little damaged.
5. Coaster Convoy sails from Bone p.m. 12th May to Bizerte.
6. Approach channel has been swept into Bizerte, sweeping of main coastal channel continues. A total of twelve mines were swept on 11th May. MMS 89 sunk by mine off Cape Guardia at 0550/12. Three serious casualties.
7. Destroyer and M.T.B. patrol continue close blockade. M.T.B. patrol was established off Pantellaria during night 11/12 May.
8. ALDENHAM, HURSLEY and KANARIS on 12th May removed 126 prisoners from Zembra Island which it is believed is now clear.
9. H.M.S. TACTICIAN reports sinking by gunfire 500 ton Schooner at 1911/5 in position 42 degs. 34 mins. North 10 45 East.

* As received

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1st Sea Lord	Code Room (2)	Lt. Col. Cook
F.M.	C.O.S.	S.O.(O) (Personal)
Admiral	Plans	S.O.
Air Marshall	Brigadier Redman (8)	N.M.C.S.
Gen. Macready	N.I.	Captain Pim

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To: British War Office
London USFOR

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*Summary
from 7th to 8th of
May*

* One Br Inf Div, having previously paved the way for 9 Corps attack by the capture of Dj Bou Aoukaz (J 74), pushed toward Tebourba on 7th May. The following day our troops occupied the town. The advance continued northwards to the Medjerda river, where contacts was established with 7th Armd Div on the right. In Tunis 78 Inf Div took over from 7th Armd Div on 8th May.

3. Two US Corps. Thirty fourth Inf Div encountered stubborn resistance in the Cgouigui area which was only fully occupied on 8th May. On 9th May our troops pushed north to clear the line of the Medjerda river. Further west 1 US Inf Div was halted for 2 days on the Oued Tine. Opposition was strong, and 3 US Inf Div were brought up in preparation to pass through 1 Inf Div. Meanwhile 9 Inf Div, operating north of Garaet Achkel, advanced to within 12 miles of Bizerta on 6th May; the outskirts were entered at 1815 hrs on the 7th, and the occupation of the city was completed the following day. One US Armd Div moving south of Garaet Achkel, captured Ferryville on 7th May and pushed on to the southeast. Organized resistance in all sectors of the 2 US Corps front ceased on 9th May, when at 1100 hrs the German Commander surrendered unconditionally to Commander 2 US Corps. Twenty four thousand prisoners have already been counted and mopping up operations continued.

4. Enemy. Although continuing to resist our attacks east of Mateur the enemys lines north of the Medjerda river were broken on 7th May. By our sudden thrust on Bizerta, as a result of this the enemy was reduced to 2 pockets, 1 to the north of Garaet Achkel, the other south of Lac De

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Bizerte. The enemy lines south of the river were subsequently penetrated along the Axis of the main Medjez-Tunis road, and consequently forces north of the Medjerda were severed from those in the south.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR
British War Office
5th Army 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group Mideast

No. M 3575, May 11, 1943

May 10 Part 3. 198. Signed Eisenhower cite FHGT.
(AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18 Army Group Hq Liaison Group
Mideast from NWAAF Adv Hq M 3575 11/5) NWA Strategic AF.
Night 9/10 May. 24 Wellingtons bombed Palermo. 24
tons of bombs were dropped including 2 4000 pounders.
Altitude between 500 and 10000 feet. Bursts were seen
near railway yards and dock 4250 pounds of bombs were
dropped on Milo. No results observed. One aircraft
destroyed one missing. Day 10 May. Milo airdrome attack-
ed by B 17 Fortresses escorted by P 38 Lightnings 36
500 pounders and 5646 20 pound fragmentation bombs dropped.
Target well covered. 8 to 12 enemy aircraft on ground
set on fire. Explosions and large fires seen. 1 P 38
Lightning destroyed (2 B 17 fortresses damaged flak.
Borizzo attacked by 52 B 17 fortresses escorted by 48
P 38 Lightnings. Many fires started on all parts of
field. In combat 2 ME 109 destroyed 1 ME 109 and 1 FW
190 probably destroyed. 1 B 17 Fortress destroyed 1
P 38 Lightning missing 1 damaged by flak. P 40 War-
hawks bombed and strafed effectively in Hammamet-Karbj
area and in Ankoura-Beni Khian area 1 P 40 Warhawk miss-
ing. NWA Technical AF. Aircraft engaged in escorting
naval vessels and fighter sweep and light bombing activit-
ies chiefly over Cape Bon area. No enemy aircraft en-
countered. No losses. (Part 2 and last part follows)
NWA Coastal AF. Night 9/10 May. Patrols and submarine
hunts.

ACTION: OPD

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INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF,
General Deane (CCS),
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To: WAR # 1945
USFOR - No #

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Part 1.

Sitrep number 200 for period ending 1800 hours
11 May. From AFHQ signed C in C.

Part 1 begins.....

Section 1 - 8th Army (to follow).

Section 2 - 1st Army

(To Bonga minus Z11 - 15 - 16. From 18 Army Group
0 911 11 TR TOO 1945. Cite FHGCT.)

(A) 19th Corps - slight progress in centre
of Corps Front.

(B) 9th Corps - advance 26 Armd Bde continues and troops of this Bde met Anti Tank screen and some tanks on road just south of Bou Fichta K3803. Further north some pockets enemy resistance including some tanks remain to be cleared up in hills west of Grombalia. Patrols of 10th Infantry Bde have made complete circuit of Cap Bon peninsula, meeting apparently little opposition they have contacted patrols of 12 Bde moving from mouth at K7554. Position in centre of Peninsula still obscure. Many prisoners continue to be brought in but counting them has

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not yet been completed.

(C) 5th Corps - nothing to report.

Section 3 - 2nd U S Corps - nothing to report.

Section 4 - Air (to follow).

End of Part 1. Part 2 follows.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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Were confined to series of local advances and
(to Troopers rptd AGWAR USFOR from AFHQ signed Eisenhower
cite FMCT 231 10 May nil. Ninth Weekly summary.

1. Summary of operations 1st to 7th May Eighth
Army. Operations. Part 5. Patrolling south of Saouaf
P 19 in cooperation with French Corps Div on the left
flank. The 2nd New Zealand Div on 4th May concentrated
in area Djebibina P 07 and 1st Free French Div concentrated
in area P 0360. On 6th the 2nd N Z Div advanced to
general line P 1385-P 1188-P 1090 against opposition and
extensive mine fields. On 7th May patrols reached line
P 129883-P 113912-P 097915 capturing some prisoners. The
2nd Free French Brigade relieved the 182nd and 154th
Brigs of 51st Div on 7th May. First Army. May 1st to
4th was spent regrouping. Seventh Arm'd Div 4th Indian
Div and 201st Guards Brig concentrated in area Le Krib
O 19-El Akhoust O 29 moving forward to area west and south
of Medjes El Bab the evening 5th May. Ninth Corps sector
was taken over by 1st British Army Div with 139th Brig of
46th Div under command. Ninth Corps took over command of
6th and 7th Arm'd Divs. Fourth Indian Div and 4th British
Inf Div. Preparations for this attack had been completed
by 4th May during which period 19th Corps had repulsed
an enemy counter attack 1st May and maintained pressure
against strengthening resistance while making slow progress.
An enemy counter attack was made on the 24th Guards Brig
front in area J 7043 on 4th May. The enemy tanks and Inf were
repulsed and 14 enemy tanks were destroyed. (First part
2nd part follows) at 1700 5th May 1st British Inf Div carried

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out the initial operation and successfully captured the northern end of Djebel Bou Aoukas.

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Action: OPD

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

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OSD Issues, May, 3, 1972

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

By SLR Date FEB 19 1974

No. AMSME 5976 May 11, 1943

OLD

Capture of objectives P 3393 P 3292 by 169th Brig NICHP 9th 10th unsuccessful. Forced back to original line after suffering considerable casualties from machine gun and mortar fire. First Free French Div Patrol to P 1986 took 14 German PW. Fifth New Zealand Brig captured 75 PW and 12 small guns from 164th Div southeast of Aouaf before moving to Enfidaville area.

From Brereton night 9th 10th RAF report: Beau-fighters and Hurricanes carried out patrols Cap Bon Peninsula. Two JU 52's destroyed. Day 10th, 124 light and medium bombers in early morning attack Pantellaria Landing Ground started several fires. Direct hits reported on buildings and gas pump. Attack by 100 bombers Pantellaria Harbor during afternoon report 2 fires and several near misses on 10 landing craft. Patrols squadron strength covered Cap Bon only small amounts motor transport attacked. P 40's F destroyed 1 FW 190. No other enemy aircraft seen.

Ninth Air Force report May 10th: No operations by Bomber Command. Eighteen sorties, 1 mission, 12th Group target Pantellaria Landing Ground; 16 bombers dropped 36,000 lbs of bombs on landing ground and dispersal area. Fires started. Huge explosion and fire observed on approach to target. Thirty eight sorties 2 missions 340th Group dropped 79,000 lbs of bombs on Pantellaria Lg observed 2 hits on barracks. Many

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hits and 4 or 5 fires reported. Eighty nine sorties 57th Group, 8 missions, target Cap Bon Peninsula dropped 29,880 lbs of bombs scoring 2 direct hits on motor transport. During 120 sorties, 6 missions, 7th 9th Groups dropped 23,680 lbs of bombs on Pantelleria LG. Claim 2 JU 52's, 1 ME 109, 1 FW 190. Bombs on jetty and bridge and 5 motor transports. Large and small fires. Direct hit on motor transport, 4 trucks strafed, several ffamara. Several near misses on bridge and 10 motor transport.

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INFORMATION: CG AAF
G-3
GEN. DEANE (OCS)

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
British War Office

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No. W-331 May 11, 1943

Report 5/10

Supplement to part 1 and G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z (AGWAR W-331 Troopers from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 415 date NIL. TOO NIL.) 10th May. Further evidence general break up enemy's northern front. Hammamet, Kabeul abandoned. Enemy pushed back 20 miles northeast of Soliman. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FNEBI. Prisoners by evening 10th May totalled at least 60,000. Further 10,000 taken last 2 days fighting at base of Cap Bon Peninsula. Centauro Division surrendered. Evidence enemy now without fuel and destroying HT and other equipment. Prisoners report W/T traffic almost solely concerned with instructions for destroying material and papers. Message encouragement to all troops received from Hitler and Mussolini. Estimated that organized resistance except in south almost at an end. Forces on southern front likely to remain present positions to the end.

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Information: OPD, CG AAF, Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 313, May 11, 1943.

Summary
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Enemy operations. Enemy abandoned Soliman King 34 and Gromballa King 33 during afternoon 10th May. ((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 Arm'd Corps and 6th Corps from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite PRGBI. 313)) Resistance generally this area disintegrating and considerable numbers prisoners coming in. Enemy still holds general line of road north from Zaghouna to approximately KD726 and greater part of Djebel Zaghouna. All pockets resistance reported in Zaghouna itself. Local enemy counter attack area KD410 unsuccessful. On southern front during night 8/9 May enemy made successful local attack south east Baouaf and advanced to P 1486. Heavy enemy opposition and severe MG and mortar fire prevented our advance area P 3393 during night 9/10 May. No indications withdrawal. This part 1, Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 10th May. Enemy casualties. Official count now totals 56,000 prisoners of which 25,000 taken by American and British forces north of Tunis. Surrender several thousand Italians from Superga Division reported. Estimated 5,000 prisoners taken during fighting on 10th May including 600 from Hermann Goering GR who surrendered. Additional high ranking officers taken in north are Luftwaffe General Basseenge General Hder GOC 334th Division, Colonel Irkens of 8th Panzer Regt, General Buelovius now reported former CE Army Group Afrika. Enemy identifications and dispositions. German. 1/433 Pgr areas P 1486 and P 2086. 1/155 Pgr West

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of Coastal road area P 39. Italian. German PW states 57 Bersaglieri Bn now under command 115th Pgr with 2 Italians in each German platoon. No general change enemy dispositions. 10th and 21st Panzer Division still believed resisting in Soliman-Grombellia area. Available tanks probably under 40 with maximum 20 runners. Before surrendering in area Lac De Bizerte enemy loss 25 out of some 40 tanks. Group presumably composed 504th Heavy Battalion, 8th Tank Regt and possibly elements 5th Tank Regiment.

Part 2 will follow. General. Enemy's line in south and southwest continues hold firm. Indications disintegration in north west. Collapse here will render further resistance in south useless and turn whole line. No reports extensive movement into Cap Bon Peninsula.

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Action: G-2

Information: OPD
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CG/S)

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From: Algiers
To: British War Office (action) Unnumbered
WAR (info) W-346

May 11, 1943

Amendment 4 to ORBAT 4 (to Troopers information
AGWAR from Freedom 475/W346 11 May TOO nil) added Troop-
ers information AGWAR signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT.
Shows position on 11 May. Para 7. Delete 201 (Guards)
Inf Bde and add to 4 (Br) Div.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)

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From: Algiers
To: British War Office (action) No #
WAR (information) # 231
USFOR, London (information) No #

May 11, 1943

OLD
Comparison of strength 10th May. (6th and last cipher part of 231, 10th May from Freedom)
Read Allied AAG Is. Inf Bns. 8th Army sector.
31. 24. 19 Corps 34. 14. 9 Corps 21. 12.
5 Corps 37 nil. 2 Corps 41 nil. Artillery pieces
8 Army sector. 357. 240. 19 Corps 186. 100
9 Corps 274. 100. 5 Corps 427 nil. 2 Corps 385
nil. Tanks. Operational Allied total Axis. 8 Army
sector 200. 15. 19 Corps 85 nil. 9 Corps 391. 25.
5 Corps 249. Nil. 2 Corps 386 nil.

Para 5.

Information needed for balance this summary not yet received. Will be forwarded later. Action Troopers. Rptd AGWAR, USFOR for information.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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To: British War Office (action) No #
WAR (information) # 231
USFOR (information) No #

May 11, 1943

Was furnished on call by units. (to Troopers
rptd USFOR AFWAR from AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite
FHGCT 231 10th May nil. 3rd Cipher Part 4th Part
follows.)

OLD
242nd Group and one 2nd ASC flew a total of
1112 sorties while the Western Desert Air Force flew
924 sorties. On 7th May the 6th Armd Div continued
to advance south of main Tunis road dealing with
strong enemy resistance in area J9442 and J9449. 7th
Armd Div occupied St Cyprien J8949 at 0830A enemy
resistance then became disorganized and at 1540A armd
cars of Derby Yeomanry and 11th Hussars entered Tunis
closely followed by tanks of 22nd Armd Brig. By even-
ing of same day 6th Armd Div had been concentrated in
area K064 * _____ entire front. The Advance
was retarded due to difficult country. Operations were
directed on securing roads Sidi Msir - Chouigui.
Sedjenane - Mateur and the road just north of Oued
Sedjenane. Advance continued slowly until 3rd May when
1st US Inf.

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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR 909
British War Office no number
USFOR no number
Ouidja no number
Also sent to other addresses

May 11, 1943

For 24 hours ending 2359 hours 10 May (From
18th Army Group Number 909 dated 11 May. Top
1300A. To Bonga. Part 1 Sitrep Number 199.
From AFHQ signed C in C) Part 1 continues.

OLD
Section 2. 1st Army. (22A) 19 Corps. In
general little progress has been made during the
day. Mathenat Div still held up 5 Km West of
Zaghuan. Boissacu Div advanced approx 4 miles.
FWD elements K 0221 K 0223 K 0125. There is no
indication of enemy withdrawal on 19th Corps
front.

(B) 9th Corps. 6th Armd Div broke through
on Axis Grombali-Hammamet and by 1800 hours
leading elements 26 Armd Bde were within 7 miles
of Hammamet advance continues down the coast
roads derby HQ patrols are reported to have en-
tered Nabeul. 19th Inf Bde now located area
Menkel Bou DD Elfa and 12 Bde area Beni Khalled
and are pushing North and East. 1 QR Armd Div

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now located area Grombalis. 9th Corps report
595 6600 PW counted so far today and much
abandoned equipment captured.

(C) 5th Corps. 1 Br Inf Div concentrated
area Ain El Asker J 9329 otherwise N T R.

Section 3. 2 Corps. Prisoners now in hands
PWO US Corps number 35000 of which 30000 are
German. Clearing of battlefields continues. End
of Part 1.

Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CCS)
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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: British War Office No #
War 231

May 11, 1943

*Review
break thru*

Div captured road junction J 5560 and (To Troopers rptd AGWAR USFOR from AFHQ cite PROCT signed Eisenhower 231 10 May nil. 4th cipher part) advanced to east while 1 US Armd Div was directed to north entering Mateur at 1100A. At same time 9 Inf Div worked around Djebel Si Daoud J 3777 and Djebel El Ajred J 3775 and advanced to road junction J 438793. Corps Franco Dafrique supported by combat team of 9 Inf Div captured road junction J 503142. Following day advance continued with 34 Inf Div moving up on right of 1 US Inf Div. 1 US Armd Div moving east and north from Mateur while Corps Franco Dafrique and 9 Inf Div moved to east on the north of Garaet Achkel. Enemy resistance was encountered at J 6856 and J 6770 by 34 and 1 Inf Div while 1 Armd Div was in contact along high ground J 6577 to J 6586. After fierce fighting enemy was cleared from Djebel Achkeul J 5787. Little change occurred on front of 9 Div where contact was maintained on Djebel Cheniti J 5597 while French Tabor and Goums were operating further north in hills. Farther advances were made on 6 May when 1 US Armd Div arrived in area J 7078 and

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moved on Ferryville. 9 Inf Div cleared enemy from Djebel Cheniti and moved towards Biseria reaching the 60 easting grid line. 34 and 1 Inf Div continued to encounter strong enemy resistance on their front. On 7 May 1 US Arm Div continued a steady advance and by 1600 A Ferryville had been cleared of enemy.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-3
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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From: Algiers
To : British War Office - Unnumbered
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May 11, 1943

*Review
of break-
through*

The enemy counter attacked at (To Troopers rptd AGWAR USFOR from AFEQ cite FHGCT signed Eisenhower 231 10 May nil. Second part third part follows. J71456) 0330A 6 May but was repulsed. The 4th British Div and 4 Indian Div moved up to the starting line for their attack in the area J 709 during the night 5 May. The attack was launched at 0330A 6 May supported by a concentrated artillery barrage. Initial objective arc Bou Rhabrhoubha J7338-Ragoubet Souissi J 7240 was captured with small opposition and the advance continued to the objective Si Bou Degounia J 7400. Although opposition stiffened the objectives were gained and the attack continued. Bmj Frendj J 7540 and .186 J 7442 were captured. 7 Inf Brig occupied the high ground at J 7543. At 1100A the armd attack was launched with 6 Armd Div on right and 7 Armd Div on left. The 6 armd Div encountered increasing enemy resistance and engaged armour in the area J 7738. The enemy withdrew to the S and two six armd brig they advanced east south of main Tunis road leaving the 201 Guards Brig to protect the exposed flank. Furna J 7852 was cleared of the enemy and our forward elements arrived at J 8543 at 1800A. On the left flank the 7 Armd Div by passed Furna and after over running enemy opposition arrived at J 8345 at 1800 A after having occupied Massicault J 8143 by 1800A. This entire attack was afforded air support on an intense scale. Initial support being prearranged in order

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to deepen the artillery barrage for the attack while
later support.

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

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To: British War Office
USFOR London
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B. A. S. Washington
India
PAIC Baghdad
De Chief Pretoria
East Africa Nairobi
WAR

No. 459, May 11, 1943

Forty five. Summary of operations 6th to 9th May.

Para 1. 8th Army. Part of 51 Inf Div was relieved by 51 Inf Div during the night 5/6 May; the relief of the remainder was completed later by 1 Fighting French Inf Div. (Troopers rptd USFOR Mideast Britman Washington Arminia Delhi Paic Land Forces Melbourne DeChiefs Pret via DeChiefs Capetown Force Nairobi From G-3 Section AFHQ 459--11 May too nil. Linrep.) Activity has been limited to small advances and active patrolling. On 6th May, 2 NZ Div attacked towards Saouaf, encountering heavy opposition and extensive minefield. Fighting in the area continued until 8th May, when 6 NZ Inf Bde prepared to withdraw from the line. 56 Div made some gains on this day, taking some prisoners; 6 NZ Bde then relieved a Bde of 56 Div and prepared to exploit our success.

Para 2. First Army.

(a). 19th Corps. Cooperating with the New Zealanders, French troops attacked on 6th May. Progress was slow in the face of determined opposition and in difficult country, but Infantry units gained some ground SW of Saouaf. On 8th May armored elements passed through and occupied Zaghouan; the advance continued on the following day, with

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contact established with 1 Br Armd Div on the left flank.

(b) 9th Corps. The powerful attack by 9th Corps on 6th May, with strong air support, apparently took the enemy by surprise. After our Infantry had prepared a bridgehead on a narrow front South of Dj Bou Aoukaz J 74, 6th and 7th Armd Divs passed through and advanced astride the main Tunis road against rapidly disintegrating resistance. After heavy fighting in the approaches to the town, Tunis was entered at 1540 hrs 7th May. 7th Armd Div was relieved in Tunis by 78 Inf Div (5 Corps) and pushed on to the Northeast under command of 5 Corps. The enemy were cleared from the Carthage area and our troops drove on to join the 2 US Corps on 9th May on the Medjerda River. On the occupation of the city 6th Armd Div moved Southwest down the Coast Road and were joined near Creteville by 1st Br Armd Div. On 8th May there was heavy fighting South of Hammamlif. The following day 1st Br Armd Div captured Creteville and advanced 5 miles East of the village.

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In addition to carrying out shipping sweeps along the (last of 459 from G-3 Section AFHQ 11 May TOO NIL) coasts. Successes in later operations included 1 destroyer blown up and a second left in flames. Other ships were successfully attacked.

Para 7. Political. It is perhaps significant that Giraud took Catroux in his own car to share honors at the Victory Parade held in Algiers on Joan of Arc Day. Giraud, in his reply to General Eisenhower and in his address, left no alternative to DeGaulle except a conference limited to the 2 chiefs and 1 or 2 of their advisers in some small town outside Algiers. Giraud has named Juin as Interim Resident General of Tunisia, pending recovery of Mast, in hospital at Beyrouth, who is selected as permanent head of the French Government there.

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

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TO: BRITISH ARMY STAFF, WASHINGTON.
RPTD USUAL ADDRESSEES.

NO: PART 3 OF 459. 11TH MAY.

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In the North, opposition became increasingly disorganized and the enemy surrendered unconditionally on 9th May. Up to last night, 9th May, 50,000 prisoners had been counted on all fronts and large numbers were still on the battlefield awaiting evacuation. 6 general Officers were among the prisoners; in addition much booty has been captured.

In the South the enemy held his positions North of Enfidaville and although hard pressed from the area of Zaghouan and from the Northwest, is continuing to resist stubbornly. An acute shortage however of ammunition and fuel indicates that the final surrender of the last Axis forces remaining in Tunisia cannot long be delayed. There are no indications that the enemy now intends to effect any major withdrawal into the Cap Bon Peninsula.

Para 5. NAVAL.

Throughout the period our destroyers and M.T.Bs. have been most active off the coasts of NE Tunisia. In actions with aircraft, on night 6th, 7th May our destroyers shot down 1 enemy machine and damaged a second, but the following night a destroyer was slightly damaged. On 8th. May Kelibia was bombarded in the evening and again in the early morning of 9th May. Two small Merchant ships were also sunk off Cap Bon and a third by M.T.Bs. off Ras Idda. An M.T.B. stranded off Kelibia whilst attacking shipping inshore and had to be destroyed by own forces. On 9th May our destroyers moved closer inshore and successfully bombarded Sidi Daoud and Cap Zafran. One sustained slight damage.

Para 6. AIR.

Our heavy bombers made many attacks on shipping; 7 siebel ferries and a few small boats were sunk on 6th May, with a medium sized Merchant vessel left burning. Later damage to merchant shipping included 1 Merchantman set on fire, 2 medium sized ships damaged by hits or near misses, and 3 direct hits on a beached vessel off Ras Zebib. The docks at Trapani were successfully attacked on 7th May, while further successful attacks were

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made on shipping the following day. In a concentrated attack by 134 B17s (Fortresses) and by 91 light and medium bombers, escorted by 103 fighter bombers, extensive damage was inflicted on Palermo in a daylight raid on 9th May. Aircraft of tactical force sustained their most powerful effort in support of our land operations, (4th and last part follows).

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

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. M 3575, May 11, 1943

No results. Day 10 May. Escort and defensive patrols submarine hunts and RCN. (Part 2 my 3575 E 11/5 from NWAAP Adv Hq) No results. Scrambles at Oran Algiers and Bougie. Latter destroyed 1 ME 109. Action USFOR information rest of addressees.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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From: Algiers
To: War 3575
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FHGT. (AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18 Army Group HQ Liai-
son Group Mideast from NWAAF Adv Hq M 3575* 11/5
11/4.)* nica. night 9/10 May. 24 Wellingtons bombed
Palermo. 24 tons of bombs were dropped including 2
400 pounders. Altitude between 5000 and 10000 feet. *
bursts were seen near railway yard and dock 4250
pounds of bombs were dropped on Milo. No results ob-
served. 1 aircraft destroyed 1 missing. Day 10th
May. Milo airdrome attacked by B 17 fortresses es-
corted by P 38 Lightnings 36-500 pounders and 5646 20
pounder fragmentation bombs dropped. Target well cov-
ered. 8 to 12 enemy aircraft on ground set on fire.
Explosions and large fires seen. 1 P 38 Lightning de-
stroyed. 2 B 17 fortresses damaged flak. Borizzo at-
tacked by 52 B 17 fortresses escorted by 48 P 38 Light-
nings. (*) 1 P 40 Warhawk missing. NWA Tactical AF.
Aircraft engaged in escorting naval vessels and fighter
sweep and light bombing activities chiefly over Cape
Bon area. No enemy aircraft encountered. No losses.
(Part 2 and last part follows) NWA Coastal AF. Night
9/10 May patrols and submarine hunts.

(*) Being serviced.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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Part 2. SITREP 199. 10th May. Signed
Eisenhower. Cite PHOCT.

Para 1. Naval. During night 9th/10th May
MTBS sank 2 small craft off Cap Bon, taking 36
prisoners. (Action UNFOR. Rptd AGWAR, Troopers,
5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group HQ, Liaison Group
AFHQ, Malta, Adv NWAAF for information from G-3 (OPS D)
Section AFHQ 407 11th May. Too nil.) Also fired 2
torpedoes into, and opened fire on small boats Kelibia
anchorage. Italian hospital ships Virgilio and Aquila
intercepted and released after search revealed only wounded
aboard. Destroyers sank 3 small vessels in Gulf of Tunis
and took 31 evacuees, including the Chief of Staff of 15th
Panzer Division. One destroyer engaged 6 E boats vicinity
Zembra Island. After lively engagement enemy retired
northwards under cover smoke. One E boat probably damaged.

Para 2. Movements. Nil.

Para 3. L of C. Nil.

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Action: OPD

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

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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Received: 12th May 1943

Time: 1302

Addressed: C. in C.'s at Home

From: C. in C. Mediterranean

BASEGRAM

IMPORTANT

SITUATION REPORT No. 93

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JCS MEMO. 1-17-73

BY 92, DATE FEB 19 1974

1. During the night 9th May/10th two M.T.B.s sank 2 small craft off Cape Bon taking 364 prisoners and also fired torpedoes and attacked with gunfire a number of small boats in Kelibia anchorage. Results were unobserved.
2. Destroyer patrols were closed in on the Cape Bon peninsula on 10th May 21 Destroyers were at sea between Bone and Malta at these operations.
3. Italian hospital ships ISGILIO and AQUILEO were intercepted on 10th May and released after search revealed only wounded on board.
4. During daylight 10th May LAMERTON and LAUDERDALE sank 3 small vessels in Gulf of Tunis and received 31 evacuees including Chief of Staff to 5th Panzer Division.
5. F.O.I.S. has now established headquarters at Bizerte.
6. First L.C.T. convoy sailed from Bone to arrive Bizerte 1000/11.
7. Channel has now been cleared as far as Cape (corrupt group)* German "R" type mines detonated and four out.
8. Destroyer blockade continues to be maintained by day and night. Inshore M.T.B. patrols are operating by night at 0255/11. LAMERTON engaged 6 E Boats in vicinity of Zembra. Enemy retired Northwards under cover of smoke. One boat probably damaged. Very slight superficial damage was sustained. No casualties.

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* Check called for

1st Sea Lord	Brigadier Redman (8)
F.M.	N.I.
Admiral	Lt. Col. Cook
Air Marshall	S.O.(0) (Personal)
Gen. Macready	S.O.
Code Room (2)	N.M.C.S.
C.O.S.	Captain Pim
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

F. J. W.

May 11, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

The following are extracts from a radio just received by me from General Eisenhower:

"This phase of the campaign is substantially ended, although some 40 or 50,000 of the enemy are still holding out in the triangle between the 1st and 8th Armies. They are completely surrounded.

"The combat task of the 2nd Corps is completed and, unfortunately, the 3rd Division did not get into battle. However, I saw Bradley this morning and we agreed that the 3rd Division must be used for HUSKY because of its amphibious training.

"Bradley and his Headquarters of the 2nd Corps will move immediately to our amphibious training center. The 1st Division will be moved there also.

"The American part of the HUSKY assault will probably be Bradley's Corps, composed of the 1st and 3rd Divisions and with the 45th Division and Ridgway's airborne units controlled directly by the Task Force Commander, Patton. Armored units from the 2nd Armored Division will be attached to each assaulting division.

"In the recent battling, General Harmon of the 1st Armored Division has been a standout among our division commanders. He is aggressive, energetic, courageous and a leader. He has transformed this division.

"The 2nd Corps has already counted 33,000 prisoners, all of whom but 1500 are Germans. Their disposition is a real problem because of poor communications between Tunisia and West Africa where we could take care of them better while they await overseas transportation. Our total bag of prisoners will certainly run beyond the 100,000 mark.

"I have just reported to the Combined Chiefs of Staff that I intend to take Pantelleria, the chief reason being the need for airfields to support the American attacks in HUSKY.

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E. O. 11652, Sec. 5(2) and 5(3) or (5)

OSD 1000, Reg. 1, 1973

By ~~SECRET~~

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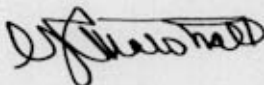


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"Bradley is in fine fettle as are all our forces on the front. The only disappointed outfit is the 3rd Division. It has tried hard to get into the battle. It is too early to give you an approximation on enemy materiel captured and destroyed, but it is very large."



Chief of Staff.

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*Admiral Brown
to file*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*F. J.
W.*

May 11, 1943

FOR THE PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST TRAY:

Our forces advancing from Tunis occupied Soliman and Grombalia yesterday. Unconfirmed reports that we have occupied Hammamet and Kurba 17 miles northeast of Hammamet.

Our light naval forces are patrolling the coast of Cape Bon Peninsula in strength and are picking up a few small parties in boats.

Eisenhower states that he is confident that the number of enemy who succeed in escaping will be negligible. 56,000 prisoners of war counted so far.

G. C. M.

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From: Algiers
To: War 189
British War Office No #

May 11, 1943

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Part 1 SITREP No 199 for 24 hrs ending 2359 hrs 10 May. (to Bonga minus 14, 15, 16 11 May TOO 0600A from 18 Army Group) From AFHQ signed C in C. Part 1 continues.

Section 4. Air. During the night 9/10 light and medium bombers attacked road movement in Cap Bon. Night fighters intercepted few enemy aircraft and strafed roads and small shipping. During day 10 May fighter bombers medium bombers and fighters attacked concentration of men and MT and small shipping wherever targets found in the Cap Bon Peninsular. Considerable damage and confusion caused. In addition Western Desert Air Force made 2 heavy attacks on airdromes at Pantellaria and on small shipping seen in harbour. Many fires and big explosions seen. Again no enemy air activity.

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Action: OPD
Information: G-2, CG AAF, Gen. Deane (CC/S), Adm. King, LOG
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May 12, 1943
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: War USFOR British War Office

No. 231, May 10, 1943

OLD
Elements of 1st Armd Div moving to east encountered strong enemy opposition in area J 7588. (Fifth part of 231 10th May from Freedom) 9th Inf Div continued its advance to east and AG JDE 615 A RCH Co of 894 tank destroyer Bn entered Bizerta. 1st Inf Div was unable to advance along line of Oued Tine but 34 Inf Div continued its advance and by evening was in possession of high ground west of Chouigi J 7361.

Location statement 7th May. 8th Army with tactical Hq at P 4965 consists of 10th Corps P 4366 and 30th Corps U 9047. 10th Corps consists of 51 Div P 2274. 56th Div P 3276. 2nd New Zealand Div P 0679. 1 Free French Div. 4 light Armd Brig. L Force and Free French flying column. 1st Army J 1319 consists of 19th Corps O 6379. 9 Corps J 7742. Flieg X Corps J 4829 and 2nd US Corps J 5679. 19th Corps consists of Comae Div O 9977. Mathonet Div O 8792 and Boisseau Div O 7993. 9th Corps consists of 1 British Armd Div J 6214. 6 Armd Div J 8143. 7 Armd Div J 9351 and 201 Guingis Brig. 5th Corps consists of 1 British Inf Div J 7141. 4 Div J 9845. 4 Indian Div J 9538. 46 Div J 5535. 78 Div J 9651. 2 Corps consists of 1 US Inf Div J 5464. 3 Div in Square J 469 Div J 3192. 34 Div in Square J 66 and 1 US Armd Div J 4444. 5th Army no change.

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From: Algiers
To: War USFOR British War Office
No. 231, May 10, 1943

Movements. 77 EA Regt departed Sale for Constan-
tine. 3 US Inf Div (end of 5th part 6th part will follow).
arrived Ghardimaou coming under command 18 Army Group.
Para 4.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. O 900 May 10, 1943

Period ending 1800 hours 10th May. (From 18th Army Group number O 900 dated 10th. TOO 2800A. To Bonga minus 11 15 and 16. Part 1 Sitrep number 199 for) from AFHQ signed C in C.

Part 1.

Section 1. 8th Army. To follow.

Section 2. 1st Army.

A 19th Corps. Pockets of enemy resistance still holding out in Zaghouan. Enemy counter attack at K 0410 beaten off. Forward troops on general line K 0809-PT 189 K 0412-K 0015-K 0320-K 0228. Conne Div no change.

B 9th Corps. Resistance appears to be disintegrating on 1 and 8 Armd Div fronts. Soliman captured 1400 hours by 28th Armd Bde. Elements 26th Armd Bde in Grombals 1700 hours and advance continues south east. Elements 2nd Armd Bde at KS 2739 with patrols 12th Lancers to south west linking up with 19th Corps. Total PW taken today over 3,000 incl 600 from Herman Goering Grenadier Regt who surrendered.

C 5th Corps. N T R.

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From: ~~Algeria~~
To: ~~WAR~~
No. 0 900 May 10, 1943

Section 3. 2nd US Corps. To follow.

Section 4. Air. To follow.

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Action: OPD

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

From: 18th Army Group
To: War

No. 0 903, May 11, 1943

Continues. Section 1. 8th Army 55 Div. (From 18th Army Group to Soons 0 903 May 11 too 0601A. Part 1 SITREP no 199 for 24 hrs ending 2359 hrs 10 May. From AFHQ signed C in C. Part 1) Attack by 167 Bde night 9/10 failed to capture objectives P 3393, P 3292 and is now back on its original line after suffering considerable casualties from MG and Mortar fire. One FF (FQ) Div. Patrol to P 1886 took 14 German PW 1 5 SS, 2 Bde yesterday captured 75 PW and 12 small guns from 104 (164) Div SE of Souaf before moving E Kufidaville area. Section 2. First Army. To follow. Section 3. 2 US Corps. To follow. End of continuation of Part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FBGCT.

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General Deane (CCS)
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U R G E N T

From: 18th Army Group
To: War

No. O 897, May 10, 1943

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242 Grps's C/RI of 10th and H L L of C's C/42 of 10th. (To Troopers USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta Personal for V Gort Mideast 5 Army 242 Group Sois Bone Hq L of C. From Ciphers 18th Army Group RF/64. 1. 10 May. Addressed to Bonga plus TAC 18th Army Group minus Main 8th Army 1st Army 2 US Corps. For 18th Army Group number O 897 dated 10th. Too L 0703 THI 0835 A.

Part 1 SITREP number 198 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 9th May. From AFHQ signed C in C.

Part 1 continues. Section 1. Eighth Army. Offensive patrols during day captured some German PSW, in the evening 56 Div attacked object secure high ground P 3482 (3292) P 3303 proceeding satisfactorily little enemy arty fire but considerable Mortar and MG fire. Six New Zealand Bde relieved 169 Bde. 169 Bde in reserve ready to exploit northwards morning 10th May. No indication general withdrawal. Section 2. First Army. (A) 19 Corps. Active enemy arty fire prevented further advance. Patrol contact at Sid Zid and Sid Arara P 0894 found strong enemy posns. Mathinet Div forward elements reached Kof El Blidah K0407 but were held up by fire from high ground K 0413 to K 0510.

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From: 18th Army Group
To: War

No. 0 897, May 10, 1943

(B) Nine Corps. One Br Armd Div made slow progress captured Cret-Eville K 2242 and leading elements 2 Bde pushed on to K 2640 mopping up N and S on their Axis of advance. One Gds Bde attacked and occupied high grounds of a Hamman Lif K 2249 during night 8/9 May. Some A/T guns in defiladed posns about Hamman Lif continued to hold up 26 Armd Bde advance during morning. After heavy artillery support 26 Armd Bde broke through during afternoon and reached area K 3146. Bn 1 Gds Bde mopping up S of the road. Much enemy equipment abandoned this area. Number of PSW taken not yet known. (C) Five Corps. Seven Armd Div concentrating area north of Tunies. Four Inf Div concentrating area air El Akser-Cheylus. End of Part 1 part 2 follows) Section 3. Two US Corps. Fighting all sectors 2 Corps front ceased 1100 hrs 9th May. Terms of.

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ACTION: OPD

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

No: 897 Sitrep 198

Offensive patrols (to Bonga plus TAC 18th Army Group minus Main 8th Army 1st Army and 2nd US Corps from 18th Army Group no 0897 10th TOO 0703A Part One Sitrep no 198 for twenty four hours ending 2359 hrs 9th May. From AFBQ signed CINC. Part one continues.

Section one. 8th Army. During day captured some German PSW. In the evening 56th Div attacked object secure high ground P 3292 P 3303 proceeding satisfactorily little enemy arty fire but considerable mortar and MG fire. 6th NZ Bde relieved 169th Bde. 169th Bde in reserve ready to exploit northwards morning 10th May. No indication general withdrawal.

Section two. 1st Army.

(A) 19th Corps active enemy arty fire prevented further advance. Patrol contact at Sid qd and Sid Arara POS94 found strong enemy positions. Mathinet Div forward elements reached Kef El Blindah K 0407 but were held up by fire from high ground K 0413 to K0510.

(B) 9th Corps. 1st Br Armd Div made slow progress captured Vreteville K 2242 and leading elements 2nd Bde pushed on to K 2640 mopping up north and south on their axis of advance. 1st Gds Bde attacked and occupied high ground south of Hamint K 2249 during night 8/9 May. Some A/T guns in defiladed positions about Hamman Lif continued to hold up 26th Armd Bde advance during morning. After heavy artillery support 26th Armd Bde broke through during afternoon and reached area K 3146. Bn 1st Gds Bde mopping up south of the road. Much

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No: 897 Sitrep
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enemy equipment abandoned this area. Number of PSW taken not yet known.

(C) 5th Corps. 7th Armd Div concentrating area north of Tunis. 4th Ind Div concentrating area Ain El Akserscheylus.

Section three. 2nd US Corps. Fighting all sectors 2nd Corps front ceased 1100 hrs 9th May. Terms of surrender unconditional. Mopping up operations continue. over 1200 PSW have checked through Corps PW cage to date. This believed at most not half of total bag. Of those taken all are Boche except for 300 Ities. Ger- man Generals bagged include Maj Gen Vaest former commander 15th Panzer Div, Maj Gen F-itz Krouse Arty CG Afrika Corps. Maj Gen Willikald Borowiecz present CG 15th Panzer Div. Maj Gen Curt Bagmsenge Cdr Luftwaffe at Bizerte. Maj Gen Geo Nauffer Luftwaffe Flak Div and Lt Gen Karl Bulovius CG Manteuffel 7 Div. End contn part one part two follows. Cite FHGCT.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
ADM. KING
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From: GHA via Algiers
To: War O 897
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May 10, 1943

Surrender unconditional. (Part 2 and last part my O 897) Mopping up operations continue. Over 12000 PSW HAVE checked through Corps PW cage to date. This believed at most not half of total bag of those taken all are Boche except for 300 to 400 "Ities". German generals bagged include Maj-Gen Vae former commander 15th Panzer Div. Maj-Gen Fritz Krouse Arty CG Afrika Corps. Maj-Gen Willibald Barowiecz present CG 15th Panzer Div. Maj-Gen Curt Bagnsenge Commander Luftwaffe at Bizerte. Maj-Gen George Nauffer Luftwaffe Flak Div AA Lt-Gen Karl Bulovius CG Manteuffel Div. (End of continuation Part 1. Part 2 follows.) Cite FHGCT.

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British War Office - Unnumbered
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May 10, 1943.

Part 2. SITREP 198. ((USFOR information AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ Malta Adv NVAAP from AFHQ cite FEGCT signed Eisenhower W 261 209 10th May Nil)) 9th May.

Para 1. Naval. Night 8/9 May. Enemy ship off Rass Ed Drek destroyed by our MTBS and a barge carrying oil, men and ammunition was sunk by destroyer. One MTB stranded off Kelibia had to be destroyed by our forces. 9th May. Destroyers were relieved and redispensed closer to Gulf of Tunis. Same day they successfully engaged battery near Rass Dourdas and bombarded Sidi Daoud. One of our destroyers received some damage but continued patrol and returned Malta. Our destroyers withdrew to seaward at dusk, and relief ships sailed Bone and Malta to maintain patrols. Coastal craft have maintained continuously nightly patrols vicinity of Bizerta and Cap Bon Peninsular. Practically no enemy shipping left on coast but some boating activity. Some prisoners taken. Channel to Bizerta now swept as far as Cape Blanc.

Para 2. Movements. Nil.

Para 3. L of C. Shipping at Bone was attacked by

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approximately 25 aircraft on 8th May. No casualties
but fires started in town and in hold of ship.

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

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By SLR

Date FEB 19 1974

No. ANSME 598 May 10, 1943

During day of active offensive patrolling 8th Army front May 9th some German prisoners of war taken. In attack by 56 Div on high ground P 3393-P 3292, heavy mortar and mg, slight artillery fire encountered. 6th NZ Brig relieved 169 Brig who came into reserve till projected advance northwards tomorrow. No sign of general enemy withdrawal.

From Brereton RAF report May 9: 126 light and medium bombers attacked aircraft on Pantellaria Island landing ground starting fires. Fighters bombers patrolling Cape Bon Peninsula reported little movement throughout day in attack on 3 convoys of MT, 30 vehicles reported damaged or destroyed by bombing and strafing. 9 JU 52 near Menzel Temine attacked, 3 reported damaged. No enemy aircraft encountered during day. During night 8-9 May Beau-Fighters and Hurricanes claim 3 JU 52's destroyed, 4 damaged out of number attempting landing Cape Bon area.

9th AF report May 9: in single mission totaling 27 sorties, 20 bombers 376 Group dropped 106,000 pounds bombs from 20 to 24500 feet on target Messina ferry slip and locomotive round house. Direct hits reported on round house and 2 ferries in ferry slip. Burst reported along railway yards at pin points. 1 Macchi 202 probably destroyed. In single mission totalling 28 sorties, 24 bombers 98th Group dropped 144,000 pounds of bombs and 48 boxes incendiaries from 24 to 25600 feet on target Messina ferry slip resulting in Bear misses on ferry terminal and just below on track other hits reported target area on pin points. Ship left smoking ferry slip large explosion observed leaflets also dropped.

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In single mission totalling 17 sorties 16 bombers 13th group dropped 30,000 pound bombs on target Pantelleria landing ground with unreported results. In single mission totalling 16 sorties bombers 340 group dropped 35,400 pounds of bombs from 10,000 feet on target Pantelleria landing ground runway hit and fires reported extent damage unknown. In 3 fighter bomber reconnaissance missions totalling 140 sorties fighters 57 group dropped 45,700 pounds bombs on target Cape Bon and Sombra Island. 125 direct hits on boats direct hits on bridges and near misses on destroyer reported. 8 motor transport destroyed and explosives and fires observed on landing ground. In 4 bomber escort fighter bomber missions totalling 168 sorties 79 group dropped 39,600 pounds bombs on target Pantelleria landing ground scoring direct hits on RT and positions bridge and jetty.

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Information: G-3
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War W-218-55
British War Office No #

May 10, 1943

All enemy resistance in north ceased during morning 9th May. Germans negotiated unconditional surrender (To AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Group APHQ 5th Army pass 1st Army Corps and 6th Corps from Freedom W-218-55 10th signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI enemy operations) including agreement to cease destruction of material. Booty very considerable. 12,000 prisoners already counted by Americans of which some 400 only Italians. Estimated equal number awaiting capture and evacuation. Negotiations conducted by Maj Gen Krause OC 104 Arko. Among prisoners are also Maj Gen Von Vaerst former GOC 15 Panzer Division recently on staff 5th Panzer Army and possibly temporary commander. Maj Gen Borowiecz GOC 15th Panzer Division, Maj Gen Neuffer GOC 20th Flak Div, Lt Gen Karl Bulowius also reported as Flak commander and who may have recently succeeded Neuffer, OC Manteuffel Div, presumably Col Manteuffel, Major Hans Bauer OC Barenthin Regt. Quiet

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To: War W-218-55
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Bizerta. No further reports situation Tunis City but whole area under control. Enemy resistance continued during morning south of Hammam Lif. Creteville abandoned. Much enemy equipment left behind. Stiffening resistance area K 2240 and further south at K 1724. Bled El Tella K 0418 still strongly held. Enemy maintained all positions on southern front. No indications general withdrawal. Total prisoners all areas now estimated at least 50,000 with many still uncounted. Part 1 Land G-2 report for 24 hrs ending 2400Z 9th May. Enemy dispositions. No change 1st Italian Army. Remnants 10th and 21st Panzer Divs opposing our advance south east of Hammam Lif. 90th Light reported offering stubborn resistance south of Bou Fichta. Enemy identifications. None received. General. Enemy continues to block approaches to Cap Bon Peninsula from NW and south. Retention this area vital if troops in pocket to SW are to be evacuated. No signs enemy withdrawal from southern front but believed thinning out taking place. Estimate some 70,000 troops remaining to be mopped up. Difficulty enemy to supply himself via Cap Bon Peninsula on any scale should result in collapse shortly (will follow) of organized resistance. Parts 2 and 3.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 0006 May 10, 1943

Part 1 SITREP number 118 (198) for 24 hours ending 2350 hours 9 May. From AFHQ signed C in C. Section 4. Air. (To Bonga FLS TAC 18 Army Group. From 18 Army Group 0 806 10 H. 0015 A. Aircraft were over enemy bridge-head all day without sighting any E/A. Fighters and fighter and medium bombers followed up night harassing attacks on the enemy by strafing and bombing M/T on roads in support of mopping up operations and our attacks SE of Tunis. Successful attacks made on enemy landing grounds and small shipping off shore. End of continuation of Part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite PROCT.

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From: Algiers
To: AGWAR No W 295 NAF 218
USFOR No number

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May 10, 1943.

JCS memo, 1-4-74

By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 23 1974

The following detailed report from the Commanding General 2nd U S Corps is repeated for your information. To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower, NAF number 218. "Fighting in all sectors of 2nd Corps front ended this date.

Fighting ceased after German Commander requested Armistice to negotiate surrender. Corps commander offered terms of unconditional surrender and required immediate acceptance. He further stipulated that all destruction of German equipment should cease immediately. These terms were accepted by the German Commander.

Mopping up operations are continuing. Over 12,000 prisoners of war have been checked in at the 2nd Corps prisoner of war cage so far, this date. This is at most one half of the total prisoners on our hands. Remainder are being counted and evacuated to Corps cage.

Prisoners include:

Major General Vaent,
Commander of 5th Panzer Division

Major General Fritz Drouse,
Artillery Commander Africks Korps

Major General Willibald Borowiecztz,
Commander 15th Panzer Division

Major General George Nauffeur,
Luftwaffe, Commander Flak Division Antiaircraft

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Lieutenant General Karl Bulovuiu,
Commander Manteufel Division

Major Hans Bajer,
Commander Barenthines.

All prisoners taken are German except 300 to 400 Italians." It is thought that news of mass surrenders might have some propaganda value if spread from London and Washington. Also fact that Rommel deserted the ship when the going got hard might be dwelt upon.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No: W 104 May 10, 1943

We have considered enemy capabilities in Cap Bon peninsula-maintenance and evacuation assuming (Troopers AGWAR from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower W 104/T 140 undated nil most secret) That Axis might withdraw some 65,000 troops and five to seven days supplies there. (Preceding para one. Troopers for JIC AGWAR for JIC from G-2 Freedom from JIC (Algiers) signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI)

2. Enemy supply capabilities small either by shipping or air. Extremely hazardous by air ship lighter Siebel Ferry or Submarine due to nearly complete Allied control of sea and air.

3. Has suffered great losses transport aircraft by day and unlikely to attempt to operate except by night now. At maximum effort might despatch up to 250 tons for two or three nights. Four airfields Cap Bon which might be used night landings. Effort would fall after that apart from losses aircraft which should be heavy. Could drop by air in JU 88 some 30 to 40 ton per night. Also could drop from transport aircraft if landings too dangerous. Might average 150 tons per day first week and drop to 75 tons subsequently but unlikely achieve this figure due to losses which should be heavy.

4. Therefore apart from supplies possibly transferred from Tunis to Peninsula estimate he might get in sufficient supplies to last one further week. In our opinion no large scale evacuation possible. Troop

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withdrawal could be carried out by E boats submarines
and aircraft and possibly lighters and siebel ferries.
At most some 10,000 might leave but by no means all
arrive destination.

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BY SR, DATE FEB 19 1974

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 92.

1. During the night 8th/9th off Ras Idda P.T.216 torpedoed a ship which blew up. M.T.B. 61 stranded off Kelibia whilst preparing to attack 3 Motor Barges moored alongside and had to be destroyed by fire. At 0108/9 ZETLAND sank a barge full of men, oil and ammunition 30 miles North East of Cape Bon.
2. At daylight 9th May destroyers were redispersed close to the Gulf of Tunis and Hunts from Malta were relieved by Fleets.
3. BICESTER was attacked in error by our aircraft at 0830/9 and sustained damage aft from near miss. Ship has proceeded to Sousse. Investigation being held.
4. LAFOREY successfully engaged battery at Cape Zafran at 1241/9 and carried out bombardment of Sidi Daub at 1700/9. Was hit in engine room by shell from Bofors battery at latter place but continued on patrol and subsequently to Malta.
5. Practically no shipping left on the coast between Cape Zebib and West of Cape Bon. A little boating activity but no large attempts to escape 67 prisoners being landed at Malta.
6. Destroyers off Gulf of Tunis during daylight 9th May withdrew to seaward at dusk. Relief destroyers sailed from Bone and Malta to maintain patrols.
7. Coastal craft continue to maintain inshore patrols during the night in vicinity of Bizerta and from Sidi Daub to Kelibia.
8. Channel to Bizerta has now been swept as far as Cape Blanc. 4 German type R cut and 1 detonated in vicinity of 37 25 North 9 45 East.

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Admiral
Air Marshall
Gen. Macready
Code Room (2)
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From: Algiers
To: WAR = W 147 (action) UNW (action) No #
(information) All interested stations.

May 9, 1943

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Concerning enemy forces (no reports received) cut off north of Garset Achkel. (To AGWAR Troopers information 18th Army Group 1st Army, 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Grp AFHQ 1st Army from Freedom W 147 T115 C59, H5, B49, W10, X160, X180, H48, A56, X160, K102, X160, L41, undated nil) General conditions Bizerte unknown. Some sniping reported in town and slight enemy resistance continuing to southeast. Forces this area now cut off from surviving enemy in general area of Garset El Mabtouhadk where resistance including tanks encountered during day at J 8282, J 8786 and J 7778. Enemy opposition becoming disorganized. Evidence enemy burying and burning equipment. Enemy contacted east of Qued Time but Chouigui J 76 Djedeids J 85 and whole Marsa Peninsula K 16 abandoned during day. Enemy cleared south of Rile Er Medjerda and all opposition ceased Tunis city. Appreciable enemy resistance on high ground south of Hammanlif K 24 and in general area Creteville K 24. Enemy abandoned Ain El Asker J 92 during morning and made fighting withdrawal eastwards from general line Depienne J 91 - Pont Du Fahs J 80. After stubborn resistance at Moghrane K 0413 Zaghouan was abandoned during afternoon and enemy was cleared from western features Dj Zag Ouan as far east as Medine K 0403. On southern front enemy maintained positions throughout day. Increased shelling late afternoon. Opposition to attack area P 3592 in evening light. Enemy casualties in Men and material northern and central sectors reported high. Prisoners

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since general offensive 6th May, 20,000. Many more
surrendering and large groups not yet counted. Pre-
ceding enemy operations paragraph of Part 1, land of
G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400G, 6th May. Parts
2 and 3 will follow.. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass
USFOR 18th Army Group, 1st Army 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC
12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv La Grp AFHQ 5th Army
pass 1st Arm'd Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom
signed Eisenhower cite FEGBI. Enemy (end of first
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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War

Nr: 0895 May 9, 1943

For period ending 1800 hrs 9th May. ((Number 0895 dated 9th. TOO 2135A from 18 Army Group addressed to Banga minus 11 15 16 plus TAG 18 Army group. Part one sitrep number 198)) From AFHQ signed C in C.

1. Eighth Army. Follows later.

2. First Army. Pursuit of Axis Forces continues. (A). 19 corps. Right of corps at Zaghuan left in contact with KDGS at J 9918. Bled El Tella K 0418 still strongly held. (B). Nine Corps. Six arm'd div fighting in Hamman lif K 24 area and enemy still hold high ground to the south. E 1 br arm'd div in area K 2240 and 12 lancers patrols on line SW to K 1224. Resistance in this area seems to have stiffened this morning. (C) Five Corps 7 div elements in contact with 1 US arm'd div southeast of Bizerte.

3. Two US Corps. German General Klauser this morning unconditionally surrendered to 1 US arm'd div all German forces in area between Lac De Bizerte and Porto Farina. Firing in Peninsular east of Bizerte ceased at 1100. Elements surrendered included 10th and 15th German panzer divs 2 regts of artillery and other elements not known at this time. impossible to estimate number of prisoners and booty captured but believed total will run in thousands with large amounts of material and equipment. Bizerte entirely mopped up. Occupation of coast from Bizerte to the tip of the Peninsular at Mouth of Medjerda River being accomplished. Other areas mopping up continues. Much captured equipment and many enemy stragglers being picked up.

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To: War

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4. Air follows.

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General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King
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To: WAR

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Part one Sitrep no 197 for period ending 24
(Bonga minus 15 and 16 plus TAG 18th Army Group 0888
May 9th TOO 755 fm 18th Army Gp) Hours 2359 hrs
8th May. From AFHQ signed CINC. Part one continues.

Section one. 8th Army. Still appear to be no
sign of general enemy withdrawal along front. 56th
Div adv this evening and secured low hills area P 3592
P 3692 capturing some Italian PW. Considerable enemy
arty fire encountered. 1st FF Div relief of 51st
Div now complete Pnz Div. 5th Pnz Bde adv to line P
153873-117908 against slight opposition capturing some
German PW. Some shelling and mortaring during the day
2nd Nz Div less 5th Bde Gp moving to area P 3075 night
8/9 May.

Section two. 1st Army. The pursuit of Axis
forces continued today and it is estimated 15000
PW so far taken.

(A) 19th Corps. Enemy held firm this morning
in front of Algiers Div where more fighting took place
in area P 0574 subsequently we pushed the enemy back
3 on the Dj Bou Dabowz 0995 Maroc Div advanced steadily
to a general line south east and north west Si Medine
P 0404 and a considerable adv has been made by Oran Div
who have reached a line Depienne J 9716 Bir Rihane
J 9917. The Le Coulteaux Arnd Egt met heavy opposition
at Moghrance K 0413 but pushed fwd strongly. They have
now occupied Zaghouan J 0911 with inf following up rapidly.

(B) 9th Corps. East of Tunis 6th Armd Div were

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engaged all day in area of (end of part one part two follows).

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GEN. DRANE (CC/S)
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

Number 0888 May 9, 1943

Ground
Advances
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Part 1 Sitrep no 197 for period ending 24 (Bonga minus 15 and 16 plus TAC 18th Army Group 0888 May 9th TOO 755 Pm 18 Army Gp) hours 2359 hrs 9 May. From AFHQ signed CINC. Part 1 continues. Section 1. 8th Army. Still appears to be (*) central enemy withdrawal along front. 56th Div adv this evening and secured low hills area P-3592 P-3692 capturing some Italian PW. Considerable enemy arty fire encountered. First FF Div relief of 51st Div now complete Pmr Div. Five Pmr Bde adv to line P-153873-117908 against slight opposition capturing some German PW. Some shelling and mortarting during the day 2nd Mz Div less 5th Bde Gp moving to area P-3075 night 8/9 May. Section 2. 1st Army. The pursuit of Axis forces continued today and it is estimated 15,000 PW so far taken. (A) 18th Corps. Enemy held firm this morning in front of Algiers Div where more fighting took place in area P 0874 subsequently we pushed the enemy back 3 on the Dj Bou Dabow 0995 Maroc Div advanced steadily to a general line south-east and northwest Si Medine P-0404 and a considerable adv has been made by Oran Div who have reached a line Depienne J9716 Bir Rihane J8917. The Le Coulteaux Armd Rgt met heavy opposition at Moghrance K 0413 but pushed fwd strongly. They have now occupied Zaghuan J 0911 with inf following up rapidly. (B) 8th Corps. East of Tunis 6th Armd Div were engaged all day in area of (end of part 1 part 2 follows).

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Urgent

From: Algiers
To: War

Number 0883 May 9, 1943

Air
Part one Sitrep number 197 for 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 8th May. From AFHQ signed CINC. Part 1 continues. Section 4. Air. Continuous heavy scale successful attacks on MT on roads leading to and in Cap Bon (Bonga plus TAC 18th Army Group from 18th Army Group. 0889 9th. Too 0800A. Cite FHGCT and on remaining occupied enemy landing grounds. Many aircraft destroyed and damaged on ground. Shipping sweeps continued by fighter bombers. Pantelleria airdrome bombed by large force Western Desert medium bombers. Enemy air opposition negligible. End of continuation of part 1 part 2 follows.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
Adm. King
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 197 May 8, 1943

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(Part 1 SITREP No 197 for period ~~151 2200~~
May 8th too 1625 from 18th Army Gp to Bonga Minus 15
16 TAC 18th Army Gp) ending 1200 hrs 8th May from
AFHQ signed C in C.

1. Section 1. 8th Army. NTR. Section 2. 1st Army. (A). 19th Corps of French Tps have now reached PT 537 K 0300 and elements are advancing North East from Pont Du Fahs. Patrols kdg's have reported no enemy in areas J 9712 and J 9618. (B) 9th Corps 1st Br Arm Div. Fwd elements 2 Armed Bde have reached Ain El Asker J 9329 with patrols to J 9531 J 9627 J 9422. 6th Arm Div. Hq now located K 151483. 26th Arm Div Bde Hq K 2149. Elements 26th Arm Div moving South East from Hammam Lif exact location unknown. 1st Gds Bde located approximate area K 1744 also moving South East. 7th Arm Div, elements 7th Arm Div in process clearing up Marsa Peninsula and patrols have reached La Goulette K 1858. 1st Rtr now in contact with enemy tks south of Prote/ille approximate area J 9773 and moving north west. 4th Div moving up to area K 04. (C) 5th Corps. 78th Div ~~Noorana~~ now located Tunisia area. One Bde 1st Br Inf Div moving north up Djedeida-Mateur Ed and have reached approximate area Chaouat J 8563. Section 3. 2nd US Corps. 34th Div now located area Chouigui Kerasem J 7361 with patrols at J 7959 and J 7557 in contact with 5th Corps. 1st US Inf Div re-

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To: WAR

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ports no contact high ground area J 6888. 1st US Arm
Div. CCB moving East and reported engaging enemy the
area J 7877 results of action not yet known. Adv ele-
ments CCA also moving East had reached area J 8793 at
1115 hrs. Approximately 15000 prisoners have so far
passed through the 1st Army and 2nd US Corps cages. Ref
Part 1 SITREP no 196 Section 2. It has not been con-
firmed that the reports originated by the inhabitants
of Tunis concerning the departure of 30 ships filled
with Germans referred to small coastal boats heading
either toward Sidi Daoud K 6874 or Northwards. Some
of these boats were sunk. Section 4. Air. Follows.
End of Part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

No Sit

* Being Serviced.

ACTION: OPD

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

From: London USFOR
To: WAR

No. SITREP 197 May 8, 1943

Part 1 SITREP no 197 for period 0383 May 8th
too 1625 from 18 Army Gp to Bonga minus 15 16 TAC 18th
Army Gp.

No Sig

Notes: Above is portion of previous msg sent.

NOTE: Correction to CM-IN-5450 (9 May 43) OPD.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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May 9, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR unnumbered
War unnumbered

May 9, 1943

Part 2. SITREP 197. 8th May.

1. Naval. Night 6/7 May (USFOR AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18 Army Gp Ht, Liaison Group AFHQ Malta Adv NWAAF from G-3 Section (OPS E) AdHQ 9 May). Destroyers from Malta patrolled south of Marittimo. Others from Bone operated further west. Latter Force destroyed 1 enemy aircraft and damaged 2nd. Same night MTBS from Bone and Sousse were out off Tunis and Cap Bon respectively. All available coastal craft sailed from Bone and Sousse on 7th and 8th May in order to establish night patrols between Bizerta and Kelibia. Night 7th/8th May destroyers from Malta patrolled off Kelibia, while others from Malta and Bone operated off Marittimo. On last named patrol 1 ship sustained damage when attacked by aircraft. 8th May. 2 groups of destroyers from Bone were west of Marittimo and on patrol in Gulf of Hammamet in daylight. Cooperating with destroyers from Malta night patrol positions were established off shore from North of Cap Bon to East of Kelibia. Kelibia was bombarded in the evening and again in early morning 9th May. Two small merchantmen were sunk off Cap Bon. Several wrecks reported in Avant Port Bizerta but entrance to Goulet Du Lac not blocked.

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To: USFOR Unnumbered
War Unnumbered

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2. Movements. Nil. Action USFOR rptd AGWAR,
Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group Hq, Liaison
Group AFBQ, Malta, Adv NWAAF for information.

No Sig

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
Adm. King
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May 9
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No: No # May 9, 1943

Enemy dispositions

Troops in Protville pocket include Barenthin, remnants Manteuffel, (second and last cipher part of part one Land of G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 8th May) 15th Panzer and 334th Divisions with miscellaneous March and Ack Ack units and 504th Heavy Battalion of which prisoners state only one company present in Tunisia. No indications present whereabouts survivors Hermann Goering and 21st Panzer Division. 10th Panzer Division Creteville area. Little apparent change disposition 1st Italian Army. Enemy identifications. German. 900th Eng Bn, 155th Pgr (90th Light Div) area P 39 Italian. Young Fascists area P 39. General. Enemy situation deteriorated all sectors. Considerable indications shortage fuel and ammunition. Stubborn rearguard fighting Hammanlif area intended prevent penetration which would jeopardise withdrawal southern forces into Cap Bon enemys remaining mobile elements not considered adequate cover appreciable retirement into peninsula. Anticipated organized resistance on any scale must shortly collapse.

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Information: OPD
CG AAF
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BY **SK**, DATE **FEB 19 1974**

From: Algiers
To: WAR and Interested Stations

Number (unnumbered) May 9, 1943

On southern front enemy maintained (part 2 of my 09/1715 MA from G-2 Freedom) positions throughout day. Increased shelling late afternoon. Opposition to attack area P 3592 in evening slight. Enemy casualties in men and material northern and central sectors reported high. Prisoners since general offensive 6th May, 20,000. Many more surrendering and large groups not yet counted. Preceding enemy operations.

Operations enemy dispositions. Troops in Protoville pocket include Barebthin, remnants Manteuffel, 15th Panzer and 334th divisions with miscellaneous march and ack ack units and 504th heavy battalion of which prisoners state only 1 company present in Tunisia no indications present whereabouts survivors Hermann Goering and 21st Panzer Divisions. 10th Panzer Division Creteville area. Little apparent change disposition 1st Italian Army. Enemy identifications. German. 900th Eng Bn 155th Pgr (90th light div) area P 39. Italian. Young Fascists area P 39. General. Enemy situation deteriorated all sectors. Considerable indications shortage fuel and ammunition. Stubborn rearguard fighting Hammanlif area intended prevent penetration which would jeopardize withdrawal southern forces to Cap Bon. Enemys remaining mobile elements not considered adequate cover appreciable retirement into peninsula anticipate organized resistance on any (end part 2 and end of message) scale must shortly collapse.

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May 9, 1943
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JCS LETTER, 7-572
BY SR, DATE FEB 19 1974

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 5948, May 9, 1943.

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Along 8th Army front no signs of enemy withdrawal yet apparent May 8. In 58th Division advance this evening 2 low hills P 3592 and P 3692 were occupied and some Italian Prisoners of War captured. Considerable enemy artillery fire encountered. Relief of 51st Division by 1st Free French Division completed. 2nd New Zealand Division less 5th Brigade Group moving to area P 3075 tonight. 5th New Zealand Brigade advanced to line P 153873- P 117908 against slight opposition, capturing some German Prisoners of War. Shelling and mortaring reported during day. (From Brereton) RAF report May 8: 126 Light and Medium bombers attacked Pantel area landing ground, starting 1 large and 4 small fires. Bomber operations delayed till after 1400 hours account heavy rain. In attack on shipping off Cape Bon 1 Medium M/V reported sunk and 2 damaged. Baltimore in later attack claimed additional M/V damaged. 6 ME 109s, 1 Macchi 202 reported destroyed during day. One Kittyhawk pilot missing. Night 7/8 May Beaufighters and Hurricanes damaged 2 JU 52s and 1 JU 88 in Cape Bon area. 9th Air Force report May 8th: in single bombing mission 16 bombers of 12 group in total 17 Sorties dropped 36000 pounds of bombs on target Pantelleria landing ground. Numerous fires reported and explosion half mile from harbor. In single bombing mission 17 bombers of 340th Group in total 19 Sorties dropped 85,000 pounds of bombs on target Pantelleria landing ground. Three aircraft reported burning on ground, Administration Building

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 5948 May 9, 1943

destroyed, and other fires in target area and buildings hit. In single fighter bomber mission totalling 47 sorties, 17500 pounds of bombs were dropped by fighters 57 group on shipping area Cape Bon resulting in near misses on M/V. In 2 fighter bomber missions total 100 sorties 79 group dropped 32,000 pounds of bombs on target shipping Gulf of Tunis, shore installations and bridge. Near misses were reported on 8,000 ton M/V left listing and on fire. Five ME-109's claimed destroyed, one probably. Report no operations by bomber command.

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Information: OPD
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: British War Office (action) Unnumbered
WAR (info) W-181

May 9, 1943

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from Freedom T 159 W 181 9th mil signed Eisenhower
cite FBGCT) para 7 delete 7th Armd Div and Det 8.
Add above to para 6.

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Action: G-2

Information: OPD
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To : War

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State Dept. Letter

No. X 187 May 9, 1943 By R. H. Parks Date 2-5-73
FEB 19 1974

*Giraud -
DeGaulle*

The text in translation of Giraud's letters to De Gaulle follows: "General Catroux has handed me the text of the note setting forth the views of the National Committee as regards my aid memoire of April 1. The object of the latter was to draw up the principles and the program of action for the establishment of unity of our efforts, which, is so vital to France.

The National Committee's note makes interesting observations in regard to the Aide Memoire. The annex to this letter answers these observations and contains proposals to resolve the differences in regard to the settlement of the present situation of fact, Division of Labors Etcetera. I have no doubt that we can rapidly reach an understanding on all these questions. As regards our personal positions, I accept the proposal which General Catroux made to me and include it in the annexed note.

There is one point on which our complete agreement is essential, namely, that the French people, from the moment of their liberation, should establish by legislative means a Provisional Government which would have the indispensable legitimate political authority derived from the fact of its origin in law. In order that this fundamental problem might be solved, the Aide Memoire of April 1 proposed to ensure the return to legality at the time of re-entry into France by leaving the appointment of the Provisional Government to an Assembly of Delegates from the Conseils Generaux in conformity with the Treveneuc Law of February 15, 1872. Frenchmen drew up this law to defend themselves against arbitrary action at a time when they were anxious to maintain their liberties. For my part, after studying the situation carefully, I see no

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To :
No. X 187 May 9, 1943

other way for France, in accord with its laws, to return to a normal legitimate and free regime. We cannot leave this path, because others would lead us into unknown dangers.

Since the National Committee in its note of April 15 offered no objection to this course, I have no doubt of obtaining its full agreement on this question which is at the same time a point of departure for our union and the goal of our common efforts.

Consequently, I consider that one of the first acts of the Council, as soon as it is established, must be to address a proclamation to the people of France which will give solemn undertaking to the National to make it clear that the Law of February 15 1872, will be put into operation when French territory is liberated under the conditions set forth in my memorandum of April 1. Our agreement on those principles conforms with the spirit of the undertaking of our Allies to restore to France its integrity, its liberties, and its greatness. The French people, informed in advance of the States by which the country will recover its rights, will take comfort in these assurances for the future and have new reasons for confidence and hope. We shall thus give assurances of the disinterestedness of the Council and the proof of its will to re-establish Republican Laws and to be governed by them. Doubts and fears will disappear.

Since we have now exchanged views on essential points, I believe that we should now reach our agreement by means of direct conversations. This work can be done rapidly in quiet surroundings. I, therefore, propose to you that we should meet as soon as it is possible for you after May 5 at Marrakech or Biskra. Then once our agreement is reached we can go together to Algiers and begin work without reticence or reserve.

In order that our conversations may retain the character which they must have, I suggest that we should only each be accompanied by our indispensable collaborators, two or three at the most." Not for release before Monday mornings newspapers. Cite FHPRO.

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CCWD
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May 9

Urgent

From: Algiers
To: War

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JCS LETTER, 7-5-72
BY SP DATE, FEB 19 1974

Number 0688 May 9, 1943

Hammah Lif K 2249 where enemy rearguard are fighting hard to prevent our forces cutting their line of retreat into the Cape Bon Penninsular. 1 Br Armd Div moved northeast without opposition from their posn in area J8934 and by this afternoon had made contact with elements of 8 Armd Div in area Creteville J2241 where confused fighting has taken place. 4 Br Div with 201 Gds Bde concentrated in area south of Tunis, (C) 5 Corps. 7 Armd Div came under commd of 5 Corps struck north east from Tunis and cleared the area south of the Medjerda River taking large numbers of prisoners. 78 Div moved up to occupy Tunis which is entirely in our hands all fighting ceased this morning. 1 Br Inf Div occupied Tebourba and Djedida and cleared area south of Medjerda River up to Di Amar J-8783 where contact is being made with 7 Armd Div. Section 3. 2 US Corps. 34 Div continued to adv yesterday and reached area Djedida J-8559 reports area to its front now clear. Is now swinging north from rd Chouigui-Tebourba-Djedida and is to adv to the line from J-7778 to Medjerda River. 1 US Armd Div elements in area J-8783 are directed north east of rd junc J-950915. Other armd elements are clearing out resistance south east of Bizerte. 3 Inf Div consisting of 15 and 39 Ct Bns to pass through 1 Armd Div night 9/10 May and complete mopping up in eastern part of corps zone. High casualties have been inflicted on the enemy during the adv and much equipment has been captured. Over 4000 prisoners have been taken since start of operations. Enemy appears disorganized

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and is believed incapable of prolonged resistance.
Section 4, AIF. Follows. End or continuation of
part 1, part 2 follows. Cite FBCT part 2 of 0688.

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CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
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T.O.O. 091331

IN

Received: 9th. May. 43

Time : 1838

Addressed: A.I.G. 264

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JCS MEMO. 1-17-73

BY SR

DATE FEB 19 1974

From : C. in C. Med.

BASEGRAM

IMPORTANT

Situation Report Number 91

1. My 082043 para. 7. F.O.I.S. entered Bizerta in M.I.B. 637 at 0959/8 but was forced to withdraw by enemy fire and has returned to Bone. Reports several wrecks in Avant Port but not so as to block entrance to Goulet Dulac. Sailing of LCT convoy has been postponed.
2. 3 fleets and 3 hunts from Bone carried out patrol in vicinity of 38 degs. North 10 degs. East and 3 fleets from Malta off Gulf of Hammamet during daylight 8th May. These destroyers with 3 Malta Hunts established 4 patrol areas, during night 8/9 May offshore from North of (Cape Bon?) to East of Kelibia.
3. LAFOREY TARTAR and LOYAL on patrol in para. 2 were attacked by aircraft in 38 02 North 10 27 East at 1750/8, no damage sustained. Force sank 2 small merchant vessels in position 25 miles North of Cape Bon at 0202/9.
4. SERVIS NUBIAN and PALADIN bombarded Kelibia whilst proceeding to patrol area at 1948/8 with very little opposition. Further bombardment was carried out at 0450/9. Increased opposition was encountered but no damage sustained by our forces.
5. Available Coastal Craft from Bone and Sousse established inshore patrols during night 8/9 May between Bizerta and Kelibia. Much activity was seen on all beaches around Bizerta but no one trying to leave. No surface craft were seen.
6. Sweeping of Galita to Bizerta channel continues.

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F.M.

Admiral

Air Marshall

Gen. Macready

Code Room (2)

C.O.S.

Plans

Brigadier Redman (8)

N.I.

Lt. Col. Cook

S.O.(O) Personal

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War W-180
British War Office No #
Information all other addressees concerned No nhrs
May 9, 1943

Enemy troops in Protville Pocket (to AGWAR for
WDGBI W180 Troopers pass USFOR 128 18th Army Group G75
1st Army B61 2nd Corps B53 Adv NAAF N12 EAC X173 12th
AF MBS M54 ABS A61 Malta Mideast K111 Adv Liaison
Group AFHQ 5th Army pass 1st Arm Corps and 6th Corps
L46 from G-2 Freedom 9th TOO NIL signed Eisenhower
cite FHGBI) reported surrendering unconditionally this
morning. This supplement to G-2 report for 24 hours
ending 2400Z 8th May. Yorker shows patriotic farewell
messages being given out by 15th Panzer Division. All
enemy opposition in Tunis has ceased. Enemy resistance
continues east of Hammamlif. Slow general retirement
east of Zaghouan. No withdrawal reported on southern
front. No further reports casualties or prisoners. Dur-
ing recent fighting 1st Battalion 1st PGR Goering at-
tempted traditional German fake surrender. Transport
shortage necessitates retirement bodies enemy troops
on foot. Large quantities material abandoned.

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By RHP, NLR, Date

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CG AAF

Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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May 9, 1943
1522Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W-154, May 9, 1943.

Our W-92 has been given NAF number 217. Signed
Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. Addsd AGWAR for Combined
Chiefs of Staff.

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ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
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CG AAF
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JCS memo, 1-4-74

By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 23 1974

From: Algiers
To: War

Number W-92 May 8, 1943

NAF 217

Special sitrep 1200 hrs 8 May. Signed Eisenhower.
Cite FHGCT. Addsd AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff.

W
On the 8th Army Front, 2 NZ Inf Div attacked towards SAOUAF. Progress was delayed on 6th May by stiff resistance and presence most extensive minefields yet encountered, and by 7th May our troops were still South of the town. Two FF Inf Bde relieved 2 Inf Bdes on 51st Inf Div sector during night 6-7 May.

Nineteenth Corps met strong opposition North of road SAOUAF-Pont Du Fahs, but succeeded in occupying Pont Du Fahs 7th May. In the center, the hammer blow delivered by 9 Corps on a 3000 yard front, with most powerful air support, apparently took the enemy by surprise. Our 2 Armd Divisions made rapid progress through disorganized enemy resistance, and after severe fighting in the approaches to the town, Tunis was entered at 1540 hrs 7th May. Infantry followed up but exact degree of penetration is not yet known owing confused fighting.

Six Armd Div concentrated MRIRA K 0644 preparatory to advancing SE down coast road.

Two US Corps advances Eastward, 34th US Inf Div capturing high ground West of Chouigui, 4 miles NW of Tebourba. First US Armd Div cleared DJ Achkel and advanced NW, taking Ferryville and entering outskirts of Bizerte at 1815 hrs 7th May. Infantry units now moving forward to the town.

Enemy forces now split into 3 pockets. Main group area Hammam Lif-Depienne-Bou Fichta. Enemy at present determined to hold Southern flank in order to maintain 1

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sound flank during withdrawal to Cap Bon Peninsula, but retirement on Southwestern front and threat from North likely precipitate withdrawal all forces in South. Second Group area Lac De Bizerte-Djedeida-Protville. Possibly 20,000 men with 30-40 tanks. Small group west of Bizerte unlikely offer prolonged resistance.

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By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 23 1974

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May 8, 1943
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. O 877 May 8, 1943

For 24 hours ending 2359 Hrs 7th May. (Number
O 877 dated 8th. TOO 0701 A. From 18th Army Group
addressed Bonga plus Tac Hq 18th Army Group. Part 1
Sitrep number 196) from AFHQ signed C in C.

Part 1. Continues.

Ar
Section 4. Air. Enemy movement on roads
in rear areas attacked throughout hours of darkness.
Following up the First Army break through light medium
and fighter bombers maintained continuous pressure
against enemy withdrawing on roads in the Tunis area.
Enemy opposition negligible. Our attacks on enemy Mt
concentrations and landing grounds carried out at low
level and with considerable success. Throughout day
continuous fighter sweeps made over forward areas attacks
against small shipping in Gulf of Tunis most successful.

Part 2. Follows. Cite FHGCT.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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Gen. Deane (CC/S)
Adm. King
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

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No. SITREP 196 May 7, 1943

(Part 1 SITREP no 196 for period ending 1500
hrs 7 May) to Bonga minus 11 15 16 plus TAC Bq 18
Army Group. From 18 Army Group 0/873 7 May too 1730 A.)
from AFHQ signed CINC.

1. Section 1. 8th Army. N T R. Section 2.
1st Army. (A) 19 Corps. Mathinet Div report enemy
counterattack during night area O 9899 made no pro-
gress against 7 RTM. Reduced enemy arty activity on
front Boisseau Div. (B) 1 Br Armd Div. Patrols
reported some enemy withdrawal northeast during last
night 2 Armd Bde followed up rapidly. Extensive mine-
fields hampered the advance but leading elements
meeting little opposition have reached area J 8627 and
J 9022. (C) 5 Corps. Bn 7 RTA occupied DJ Langerine
J 6353 during night. (D). 8 Corps. 6 Armd Div con-
tinued to advance south of the main Tunis road this
morning. Strong enemy locality area P 9442 J 9449 was
dealt with by 26 Armd Bde who are now located area J
9246. 1 GDS Bde now located high ground area J 9543.
P 201 Gds Bde area J 8640. 7 Armd Div occupied St
Cyprien J 8949 by 0830 hrs and is now disposed with
22 Armd Bde high ground area J 9453 and 131 Bde area
J 8345. The advance continues 22 Armd Bde being direct-
ed on Le Bardo K 0356. Section 3. 2 US Corps. 1 US
Armd Div continues to make steady progress east of
Mateur. CCB has reached area J 7078 and is directed on
main Bizerta-Tunis Rd about Protville J 9576. Elements
1 US Army Div have also captured Ferryville J 69 many
prisoners have been taken. Advance of 9 US Inf Div to-
wards Bizer'a continues and leading elements have now
reached approximate line 60 easting. Section 4. Air.
End of part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

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Information: G-2, ~~CC~~ Deane (CC/S) Adm King, Log
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INCOMING MESSAGE

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May 8, 1943
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U R G E N T

From: London USFOR
To: WAR

No. 0876 May 8, 1943

We had 5/8

General impression no enemy withdrawal (18th Army Group number 0876 May 8th TOO 0430 A. To Bonga minus 11 15 16 plus TAC Hq 18th Army Group. Part 1 Sitrep number 198 for 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 7th May. From AFHQ signed CinC). Part 1 continues.

Section 1. 8th Army. On 8th Army front. 56 Div. increased arty and mortar fire. German patrol to P 3691 was engaged and withdrew. Italian platoon advanced to P 3891 was attacked and captured nearly intact. 51 Div. 2 FF Bde relieved 152 and 154 Bdes night 6/7. NZ Div. Patrols reached 129883 113912 097913 capturing 18 German PW. Advance hampered by most extensive minefields yet encountered.

Section 2. 1st Army. At 1540 Hrs 7 May Armd cars of 1 Derby Yeo and 11 Hussars entered Tunis closely followed by tanks of 22 Armd Bde. The adv by 6 and 7 Armd Divs from their midday pown south and north of the main road at St Cyprien was made through disorganised and local enemy resistance. AitBe Barde entrance to Tunis the enemy seemed unaware of the nearness of our troops. Owing to some confused street fighting which followed the extent of penetration and conditions in the city are not yet known. Large numbers of enemy are giving themselves up others had been ordered to go south. Inhabitants state 30 ships filled with Germans left Tunis harbour 7 May. One Bn 131 Bde have moved to Tunis to assist 22 Armd Bde in mopping up.

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From: London OSFOR
To: WAR
No. 0876 May 8, 1943

Remainder 131 Bde area J 9354. 5th Armd Div halted after Tunis was entered have now concentrated area K0644 preparatory to advancing south east down coast road. One British Armd Div OW under 9th Corps have reached line J 8934(8934) after being held up by mines and continuous engagements with 31 enemy tanks. Total number of PW not yet available. 5th Corps. 2 Bns 1 Div supported by tanks and recce regt advanced towards Tebourba. By 1800 Hrs 7th May recce had reached.

Part 2. Follows.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
Adm. King
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR London Unnumbered
War unnumbered, British War Office, unnumbered

May 8, 1943

Part 2. SITREP 196 7th May. Signed Eisenhower.
(USFOR AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army Div Mideast, 18th Army
Gp Hq, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta, Adv NWAAP from G-3
Section AFHQ 8th May. nil) cite FHGCT.

1. Naval. Nil.

2. Movements completed. R 8456-V 5 (RCT) rerouted
from Constantine area arrived Ghagdimau. Action USFOR.
Rpts AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group
Hq, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta, Adv NWAAP for information.

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Information: G 2
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Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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1945Z

CORRECTED COPY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

Nr: AMSME 5946 May 8, 1943

We had 5/8

General impression no enemy withdrawal 8th Army front. 66th Div reports increased Arty and Mortar fire. German patrol to P 3691 was engaged and withdrew. Italian Platoon advanced to P 3891 was attacked and captured nearly intact. May 7th. 51st Div reports 2nd EA Brig relieved 152nd and 154th Brigs during night 6th 7th. New Zealand Div reports patrols reached 129883, 113912, 097913 capturing 18 German PW. Advance hampered by most extensive minefields yet encountered (from Brereton) RAF reports night 6th 7th, Beaufighters destroyed 1 SM 79. During day 7th weather over land unfavorable and attacks against shipping in Gulf of Tunis continued. Fighter bombers attacked a number of ships. Although several direct hits claimed, no vessels sunk. Late afternoon visibility deteriorated over sea. 1 ME 109 destroyed 1 damaged, 1 Spitfire pilot missing.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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URGENT

From: London USFOR
To: War

Number 0876 May 8, 1943

We had 5/8

J8555. Sidi Abdullah and area east of Peters Corner cleared occupied by 11 Inf Bde. Ksar Tyr also reported clear. 19 Corps. Pont Du Fahs and Point 243 J8806 have been occupied by our troops. Situation otherwise unchanged. Section 3. 2 US Corps. Rcn elements of 894 TD Bn entered Bizerta at 1615A hrs 7 May. TD Bn followed shortly and Inf elements (second and last cipher part of my 0876 of 8th May to Bonga) Moved into outskirts later. 1 Armd Div moved elements CCA into Ferryville during afternoon. By dark 492 PWS had been taken. Elements of 1 Armd Div moved east from Ferryville and at 1800Amet strong enemy opposition at J7588. Result unknown. 81 Rcn Bn by 1530A had reached RJ at J7578. 1 Inf Div remained in position and still in contact with enemy forces east of Oued Tine. 34 Inf Div continued advance and by dark held high ground west of Chouigi. Road west of Chouigi mined and cratered. One RCT of 3 Inf Div ordered to move during night 7/8 May to assembly area rear of 1 Div to relieve RCT of 1 Inf Div during night 8/9 May. Many PWS taken in small groups at isolated localities. Exact count not yet known. Forces at Bizerta still receiving fire from south (section four. Air. Follows. End of continuation part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT) of canal. Some enemy resistance encountered east and southeast of Mateur. Ferryville clear and occupied by our troops.

ACTION: OPD

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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May 8, 1943
1605Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W 89 May 8, 1943

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During the morning 7th May the enemy continued to resist weakly (AGWAR Troopers information 1st Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EDL 12th Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Gfp AFHQ 5th Army from Freedom W89/T68/G42/H36/B28/H5/X93/M25/A31/K61/L23 8 May TOO Nil. Enemy operations) north of the Garaet Achkel attempting to deny the road to Bizerta and he was engaged on the high ground at J 5996 and J 5998. In this fighting a conglomeration of enemy service units employed as infantry was encountered. During the night 6th-7th May the enemy counterattacked in the area J 6783 and regained several hills. These were subsequently abandoned and despite continued resistance in the general area east of Mateur the enemy was outflanked and Ferryville was overrun during the afternoon. By 1700Z the outskirts of Bizerta had been entered from the southwest but enemy elements continued to fire from positions south of the canal. East of Ferryville strong position was encountered during the evening at J 7588 and further south the enemy had again been contacted at J 7578. By dark 492 prisoners counted. Many small additional groups taken. Count not complete. Stubborn enemy resistance continued during day southeast of Mateur and east of Oued Tine. Enemy cleared from Chouigui Gap and high ground west Chouigui J 76. Road to west of town heavily mined and cratered. Enemy driven from western features Djebel Lanzerine J 65 during night 6th-7th May. Tebourba evacuated during morning. South of Medjerda river enemy cleared as far east as Sidi Abdullah J 8355 by evening. On Axis main break through

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strong resistance supported by tanks encountered areas J 9442 and J 9449. St Cyprien J 84 and La Mornaghia J 94 abandoned during morning. Enemy resistance beyond this point local and disorganized. Enemy surprised at Le Bardo entrance to Tunis. Confused street fighting reported in city. General conditions not yet known. Large numbers enemy surrendering. Others reported ordered move south. South of main break through some 40 tanks engaged in groups areas J 9238, J 9034, J 9228.

Part 2. Follows.

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KRONER		
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SPEC		
GRING		
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ACTION: G-2

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W 89, May 8, 1943.

Enemy broke off engagements and made general withdrawal vicinity Bir Meherga ((second part of W 89 T 68/G 42/ HSEYS B 28/ N 5/ X 93/ W 25/ A 31/ K 61/ L 23) from Freedom)). J 9122. This area considerably mined. Slight withdrawal during day Pont Du Fahs sector. Town evacuated during afternoon. Indications further withdrawal intended. Increased artillery and mortar fire 8th Army front. Patrols report very extensive mining. Small Italian attack coastal area P 3891 resulted in capture platoon intact.

Part 1. Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 7th May. Enemy disposition. Enemy forces now split into 3 main pockets, west of Bizerte, general area Lac De Bizerte-Djedeida-Protville in which are remainder 334th Division, Barentin Regt and possibly bulk 15th Panzer Division and miscellaneous units, general area Hammam Lif-Depienne-Bou Ficha in which are part Hermann Goring Division and remnants Dak and 1st Italian Army. Maximum 30 serviceable tanks each of 2 main areas. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv La Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1st Arm Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FNGBI. Enemy identifications. German. 1st Bn 433rd Pgr P 1190. 1st Bn 961st IR P 1090. Italian. 57th Bn, 8th Bersaglieri Regt P 3991. 10th Bn, 8th Bersaglieri Regt and 1st Bn 136th IR, P 3088. Former up to strength as reinforcements received by air April 12. Latter now only 2 weak Bns.

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General. Enemy surprised by rapid disruption forward defense lines. Now definitely split. Although further immediate withdrawal on southwestern front likely enemy's intention apparently has been to remain firm on southern front to ensure 1 stable flank during withdrawal into Cap Bon Peninsula ((end of 2nd part Part 3 follows)) Movement large forces into peninsula only possible while enemy controls coast road through Hammam Lif.

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G2 Dist.	Action	Info
MC		✓
STRONG		
SCRONER		
GRATTON	✓	✓
REI	✓	✓
CURR.	✓	✓
DISS		
AIR	✓	✓
EA	✓	✓
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CCWD
May 8, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W 89 May 8, 1943

Threat from north now likely precipitate withdrawal from southern flank. (Third part of W89/T68/G42/H36/B28/N5/A93/M25/A31/K81/L23 from Freedom). Enemy supply difficulties already evident. Orders given destruction Mt immobilised by lack of fuel. No estimate casualties at present. Communications in area Cheylus-Zaghwan-Bou Ficha run mainly north and south. This will make withdrawal from southwestern front extremely difficult. No signs general evacuation yet but consider efforts will be made to get away troops as opportunities occur. These likely to be limited.

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KRONER	☐	☐
BRATTON	☒	☒
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CURR	☒	☒
DISS	☐	☐
AIR	☒	☒
E-A	☒	☒
FE	☐	☐
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LA	☐	☐
COLL	☐	☐
SPED	☐	☐
GEOG	☐	☐
TRNG	☐	☐
ISC	☐	☐
EO	☐	☐
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PER	☐	☐
CC	☐	☐
FIN	☐	☐
POW	☐	☐
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BY ~~SP~~ DATE FEB 19 1974

Basegram

From: C. in C. Med.

Following is repetition of my 082043. Begins:-

Situation Report No. 90

1. During the night 6th/7th May, 3 Fleets from Malta carried out patrol South of Marittimo. 3 Fleets and 3 Hunts from Bone patrolled in two areas West of Marittimo. 1 Ju. 88 was damaged and probably destroyed by Laforey, Hunts sighted one E-boat and were attacked by an aircraft at 0132/7 without damage.
2. 2 groups of coastal craft from Bone proceeded on 6th May to patrols North West of Plane Island and in Gulf of Tunis during the night. M.T.B.'s from Sousse also carried out sweep North of Cape Bon.
3. On night 7th/8th May, 3 Fleets from Malta carried out patrol South of Marittimo and 3 Hunts operated off Kelibia. Three Fleets from Bone patrolled West of Marittimo. A determined attack by 15 Ju. 88's and 2 torpedo bombers was made on the last force at dusk Blyskawica sustained slight damage from near miss. One other torpedo bomber attacked at 2158/7. No surface forces were seen by any of these forces.
4. On 7th May, all available coastal craft from Bone proceeded in 5 groups to establish patrols during the night between Cape Guardia and Cape Bon.
5. Sweeping of channel between Galita and Bizerta commenced 0500/8.
6. Para. 1 and 3. Forces are sailing from Bone and Malta in the early forenoon in order to take up position so that they can deal with surface craft should they escape our air attack and so as to reach their patrol positions by dusk.
7. F.O.I.S. has proceeded to Bizerta and first convoy of 2 LCT and LCI(L) with minesweepers E.T.A. Bizerta 1100/9.

082100

F.M.

Admiral

Air Marshall

Gen. Macready

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C.O.S.

Plans

Brigadier Redman (8)

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Lt. Col. Cook

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May 9, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: WAR
British War Office
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By SLR

Date FEB 10 1974

No. 195 May 8, 1943

May 7 Part 3 195, signed Eisenhower, Cite FHGT.
(To AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, 18th Army Group H. Q.,
Liaison Group, Middle East. From Spaatz Hq NAAF Adv)
Northwest African Strategic Air Force. Night 6/7
May. Wellingtons bombed Trapani area. One Wellington
destroyed. May 7 May. P 40 Warhawks carrying bombs
attacked Quays and docks at Tunis Harbor. Several
small M/Vs were strafed and 1 YACHT was sunk and 2
tugs set on fire. One P 40 Warhawk destroyed. P
38 Lightenings flew shipping sweeps. Weather pre-
vented sightings. Northwest African Tactical Air
Force. Night 6/7 May. Wellingtons and Halifaxes
attacked road targets in Pont Du Fahs, Djedida, Tunis
area and several fires observed. Day 7 May. Medium,
light and fighter bombers made continuous attacks on
enemy concentrations and shipping in Tunis area.
Much damaged caused. Report 1 destroyed left on fire and
numerous small ships sunk or damaged. Many fighter
sweeps flown over battle area. Five Spitfires and 1
P 40 Warhawk destroyed. Northwest African Coastal Air
Force. Night 6/7 May and Hudsons and Swordfish flew
convoy escort and U boat hunts without incident. Beau-
fighters flew defensive patrols and report 1 C 1007
damaged. Beaufighter patrolling Sicilian Channel reports

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destroyed 1 SM 79. Day May 7. Hudsons, Swordfish,
P 39 Airacobras and Hurricanes flew convoy escort and
U Boat hunt without results. Marauders flew rcn of
Sicily and Naples without incident. Beaufighter on
rcn of Bizerte without incident. Action USFOR in-
formation AGWAR, TR rpt all other addressees.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: C-2
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King
White House

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Urgent

From: London USFOR
To: War -info
British War Office, Oudjda, Cairo, Malta

No. Unnumbered May 7, 1943

Part 2. SITREP 195. Sixth May.

Para 1. Naval. (To USFOR from AFHQ 5th May too nil).
Night 5/6 May. Our destroyers patrolled Sicilian Channel.
Other destroyers were out off Marittimo. Signed Eisenhower.
Cite FHGCT. Same night MTBS from Bone operated in Sicilian
Channel. American MTBS patrolled in Gulf of Tunisia MTBE
from Sousse operated north of Cap Bon. One of our submarines
reports attacking and sinking a destroyer off Sicily on 28
April.

Para 2. Movements completed. Seven RCT rerouted from
Constantine area arrived Hardimaou.

Para 3. L of C. 16 enemy aircraft followed by 3 flights
of 2 each flew over Djidjelli. No incidents reported. Action
USFOR Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 18th Army Group Hq, Liaison
Group AFHQ, Malta, Adv NWAAP for information correction for
date of message read 7th not 5th.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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Operational Priority

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 5921 May 7, 1943

Enemy tank dispositions and approx strength by runners, 8th Army estimate May 2nd: battle group Irkens (8 tank regt) Massicault 20; 5th Tank Regt Furna J 7841, 25; 504 Heavy Tank Bn (newly identified) from Brereton Dj Bou Aoukaz 35; 7th Tank Regt Oudnak 0835, 20; elements 8th Tank Regt square P 29, 20 total 120 runners.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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KRONER		
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May 7, 1943
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PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

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No. ANSME 5920 May 7, 1943

Night May 6th enemy positions on 56th Division front were heavily shelled and a part of 51st Division was relieved by 56th Division. 2nd New Zealand Division advanced to line P 1090, P 188, P 13 (from Brereton) further advance hindered by enemy opposition and numerous mine fields. Artillery barrage and counter battery fired this evening in support to Algerian Division attack across Souaf-Pont Du Fahs road. Further advance by 2nd New Zealand Division to secure high ground south-east Scouaf taking place tonight.

RAF May 6th light and medium bombers attacked Surna and St Cyprien (on Tunis-Medjez El Bab road) with 90 and 108 aircraft respectively. After 2nd attack 22 fires were counted. Fighter bombers scored several direct hits on motor transport on roads to Tunis from Zaghouan and Djedeida. Two destroyers off Tunis also attacked one blown up other set on fire. Very few enemy aircraft encountered of which one ME-109 destroyed one damaged for loss of one B-25 and one Baltimore in total 838 sorties.

9th Air Force May 6th in total 27 sorties in single bombing mission by 376th Group 25 bombers dropped 129,000 pounds bombs on Reggio Di Calabria harbor. Direct hits were observed on two motor vessels and fires and explosions in harbor and motor vessels. On Macchi 202 was destroyed and one probably destroyed. In total 30 sorties in single bombing mission by 98th Group 26 bombers dropped 117,000 pounds bombs (and incendiaries) on target shipping Reggio Di Calabria harbor. Crew of one crash landed in water picked up. Direct hits reported

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To: AGWA

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on large ship resulting in large explosion and flames shooting thousands of feet into air. Destruction of one motor vehicle certain one damaged. In two missions of 27 sorties by 12th Group 91000 pounds of bombs were dropped on target battle area. Area well bombed and fires reported. In two missions totalling 26 sorties by 340 Bomb Group 64400 pounds bombs were dropped on enemy ground installations and battle area hits observed in town (name unreported) and on pin points starting fires. One B-25 reported shot down one lost with crew of last safe. In two fighter sweeps on shipping Gulf of Goioi totalling 94 sorties fighters 57th Group dropped 60,000 pounds bombs resulting in three fires. In five missions totalling 157 sorties fighters 79th Group dropped 19,920 pounds bombs on unreported shipping and pin point targets. One destroyer reported destroyed also one destroyer damaged, three direct hits made on track and five houses destroyed.

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

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C O R R E C T I O N

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. O 868 May 7, 1943

The following is a correction to the garbled
portion of the above message.

attached
Elements reached area J 8543 by 1800 hours.
201 Guards Bde now (second and last part of O 868
dated May 7th to Bonca minus 11 15 16) form anti
tank screen J 790390-J 840420 and 1 Guards Bde moved
up to relieve 26 Armd Bde. 7 Armd Div passed through
4 Lt Int Div about 1100 hours and pushed forward to
Furna which was then found to be defended.

WDCC.

Correction to CM-IN-4359 (7 May 43) OPD

Action: OPD

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

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CCWD
May 7, 1943
1310Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 0868, May 7, 1943.

Elements reached area J 8543 by 1800 hours. 201 Guards Bde now (Second and last part of 0868 dated May 7 to Bonga minus 11 15 16) form (*) and 1 Guards Bde moved up to relieve 26th Armd Bde. 7th Armd Div passed through r Lt Int Div about 1100 hours and pushed forward to Furna which was then found to be defended. 22nd Armd Bde by passed the village and advanced rapidly to the east. Some enemy opposition was overrun and the Bde was established in area J 8345 by 1800 hours having occupied Massicault J 8143 at 1500 hours. 20 enemy tanks were engaged during the evening in area J 7850 but withdrew. 131st Bde moving forward to relieve 22nd Armd Bde.

Section 3. 2 US Corps. Advanced elements French reached D 5405 9th Inf Div D 585015 - J 5597. Djebel Ichkeul mopped up. CCA 6584 O-6483. CCB ((end of continuation part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT. Section 4. Air. Follows.) 685779 1st Inf Div 18 CT 6669. 26 CT 6667. 34th Inf Div 188 CT 685595. 133 CT 6856.

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(*) Being Serviced

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War - British War Office (Action)
(Information - all others concerned)

Unnumbered May 7, 1943

General situation north of Garaet Achkel.
((To AGWAR Troopers rptd 18th Army Group 1st
Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th Air Force WBS
ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Grp AFHQ 5th Army from
G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower undated nil. Enemy
operations. No change)). In extreme northern
sector 210 prisoners taken mostly Italians and
Arabs. Units not identified. Presumed Bersaglieri
and Sondewerband or volunteer battalions. During
operations in Area Djebel Cheniti J59 on 5th May
230 prisoners taken. South of Garaet Achkel
remaining enemy east Djebel Achkel J58 mopped up...
Prisoners this area now total 200. In Mateur area
enemy abandoned high ground J6583. One hundred
prisoners taken. Stiff enemy opposition area
J6777 where 6 heavy antitank guns destroyed. Enemy
artillery fire reported from Ferryville J69.
Strong resistance east bank Oued Tine especially
area Djebel Makna J6868. Enemy still holding
Chouigui Pass and high ground to north J66 and
Lanserine position J65. South of river Medjerda
enemy resistance stiffened progressively during
day. About 35 tanks engaged during morning area
J7738. Enemy abandoned Furna J74 and Massicault
J84 during afternoon. About 20 tanks engaged
during evening area J7850 but force subsequently
withdrew. Enemy apparently forming up on general
defense line south of Tebourbourba J75 and Sugau

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Cyprien J84. Enemy casualties in men and material believed heavy but only 300 to 400 prisoners so far counted this area and only 2 Mark 6 and 2 further tanks claimed definitely knocked out. No activity reported.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

G2 Dist.	Action	Info
MC		✓
STRONG		
KHONER		
BRATTON	✓	✓
SIT.		
CURR.		✓
DISS.		
ALR		✓
E-A	✓	
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VTH		✓

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URGENT

SUPPLEMENTARY COPY

From: Algiers
To: War - British War Office (Action)
(Information - all others concerned)

Unnumbered May 7, 1943

Following is continuation of message previously sent:

No activity reported Sebkret El Kourzia Area. Enemy resistance continues strong general line Pont Du Fahs J80 Saouaf P19 but considerable movement troops and MT area Pont Du Fahs ((end of first part. Part 2 follows)) may indicate partial withdrawal and stiffening Tunis defenses.

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NOTE: Supplementary copy of CM-IN-4549 (7 May 43) G-2.

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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G2 Dist.	Action	Info
MC		✓
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BRATTON	✓	✓
SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		
AIR		
E-A	✓	✓
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POW		
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FL		
CIG		✓
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WH		✓

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May 7, 1943
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War, British War Office, OIHA, First Army advance at Constantine, LIAI, LDAD, Oran, Casablanca, Malta, Cairo

Unnumbered, May 7, 1943.

Southern Sector quiet. (Second and last part).
Movement of traffic reported Bou Fichta to Tunis.

Part 1. Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 6th May. Enemy dispositions and strength. Barenthin Regt in area Djebel Makna J 66. 755th IR believed south Chouigui Pass J 66 and 754th IR with 756 Mtn IR on Lanserine J 65. Fifteenth Panzer Division believed committed Furna Arel J 74 during day. Enemy Armour encountered presumed from 5th and 8th Tank Regt also 504th Heavy Bn. 7th Tank Regt Group with remnants 501st Heavy Bn believed not committed. Total runners today estimated Northern Group maximum 35, Southern Group 30 TAC recce reports considerable increase in close in defences Tunis Area.

Enemy identifications.

German. March Bn 30 J 6476, Bn T 3 J 6859, Bn Afrika 24 J 6457, 115th PGR Area J 74. All by PW.

Italian. 212nd Labour Bn. Locality not stated, but in fighting line northern front.

AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABS (CM-IN-4523 7 May 43)

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From: Algiers
To : **INCOMING MESSAGE** Office
Army Advance at Constantine, Lina, Lema, Oran,
Casablanca, Malta, Cairo
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Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1st Armd
Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower
cite FHGBI.

General. No change.

Bizerta-Mateur:

No longer significant

No indication enemy will abandon Bizerta without
resisting but no reinforcement believed taking place.
Troops withdrawn east when Mateur abandoned considered
to have been moved into positions to south of the town.
Enemy continues to resist threat to Tebourba from west
but Lanserine position now dangerously exposed by ad-
vances towards Chouigui and on plain south of River Med-
jerda. Our recent advance has disrupted enemy's forward
line of defence in Tunis Plain and in northern Sector
of central front enemy already on perimeter defences.
This may force withdrawal from Pont Du Fahs Sector from
Area east Sebkret El Kourzia not to be discounted as
Armoured Group remains uncommitted this Area. Too early
assume traffic movement Bou Fichta-Tunis indicateⁿ inten-
tion defend Tunis to last and abandon Cap Bon plan. On
balance evidence suggests enemy intention as ultimate
withdrawal into Cap Con Peninsula. Parts 2 and 3 will
follow.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)
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**SECURITY
CONTROL**

May 7, 1943

FROM: A.F.H.Q. Algiers

TO: War Office - pass H.M. Ambassador Madrid for U.S.
Ambassador Madrid.
Resident Minister Achimoto. Brit N.A.
Ankara for Marshal Chakmak

Number T 45

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Signed Eisenhower cite FHQCT.

Summary of Operations 3 to 5 May.

8th Lt Bde sector was shelled on 3 May. Same day 1 FF Inf Div concentrated area 10 miles S.E. of Djebibina, under command 8 Army. Main Hq 8 Army moved to area Hergla. That night patrols of 4 Lt Arm'd Bde suffered some loss in minefields near Saouaf. 2 N.Z. Div concentrated DJEBIBINA. The following day there was some increase of enemy artillery fire in the coastal sector. On the left 5 N.Z. Inf Bde held positions 4 miles S.S.W. of SAOUAF, preparatory to an attack in area SAOUAF.

PARA TWO.

1st Army. 19 Corps. 1st light 4 May Moroccan and Algerian Divs attacked across road ENFIDAVILLE - PONT DU FAHS. After repulsing an enemy counter attack in area 5 miles S.W. of DJ ZAGHOUAN, increased resistance was encountered. By 2400 Hrs we had advanced 2 miles in area 9 miles S.E. of PONT DU FAHS. The attack due to continue in cooperation with 2 N.Z. Div on right.

B. One British Arm'd Div. On 3 May 46 Recce Regt passed under command of 1 British Arm'd Div. Following day our patrols North and Northwest of SEBKRET EL KOURZIA took some prisoners. Armoured units which operated on 5 May near SEBKRET SI DJABER encountered 5 enemy tanks and compelled them to withdraw.

C. Ninth Corps. Concentration continued 3 May with 7 Arm'd Div and 301 Guards Bde in area N.E. of KE KEF and 4 Indian Inf Div LE KRIB. Ninth Corps moved forward on 5 May preparatory to launching full scale attack East of MEDJEZ.

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D. 5 Corps. 3 May slight gains were made Northeast of HEIDOUS. Following day 24 Guards Bde repulsed tank attack same area destroying 12 enemy tanks including 2 Mk Vis. 2 more tanks destroyed when 2 later attacks made mainly by infantry were repulsed. On 5 May 1 Inf Div attacked in this area with concentrated artillery and air support. 3 Inf Bde claim all objectives captured, with motor transport North of DJ BOU AOIKAZ successfully attacked by air and artillery.

PARA THREE. 2 US Corps. 3 May. Elements of 1 US Armd Div entered MATEUR, while 9 Inf Div secured important road junction 8 miles N.W. and 12 miles N.N.W. of the town. 1 US Inf Div pushed forward to positions 8 miles South of MATEUR; 1 Bn 133 Inf Regt relieved 6 Armd Inf Regt on Corps right boundary. Following day 1 US Armd Div held MATEUR despite dive bombing and artillery attacks, and pushed patrols 3 miles East and Northeast of the town. On 4 and 5 May 1 US Inf Div and 34 Div regrouped for an attack on CHOUGUI, 4 miles N.W. of TEBOURBA, which was due to be launched at dawn on 6 May.

PARA FOUR. Enemy. Following on fall of MATEUR on 3 May, enemy compelled to withdraw his forces rapidly Eastwards and was unable to stabilize situation. Made half hearted attempts to hold mountains North of GARAET ACHKEL and DJ ACHKEL but this resistance broke on 5 May. Further South, enemy pushed back across OUED TINE LINE, which he is NOT likely to hold for long. May eventually fall back to line River MEDJERDA.

South River MEDJERDA enemy counter attacked on 4 May with 17 tanks was badly mismanaged and 12 tanks were knocked out and blown up by our sappers. Enemy was forced back on defensive in this sector and is engaged reinforcing South of river with field and antitank guns. Part of armoured concentrated this area.

Remaining armour now Northeast SEBKRET EL KOURZIA where reinforcement with antitank guns taking place. Enemy anticipating main allied thrusts will come in MEDJERDA valley and in sector South of River.

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From AFHQ Algiers
To War Office
No T 45 May 7, 1943

SECURITY CONTROL

SECURITY
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Situation at PONT DU FAHS and on ENFIDAVILLE line remains quiet. Extensive minefields are being laid to protect PONT DU FAHS and SAOUAF, and enemy holds excellent infantry and artillery positions in both areas.

PARA FIVE. Naval. During each night our destroyers have operated in the Sicilian Narrows. On the second operation, night 2/3 May, our ships were attacked by enemy aircraft 2 of which were shot down. 2 groups of M.T.Bs. were active in the gulf of TUNIS during night 2/3 May. While proceeding for this sweep one of our vessels struck a mine and sank. The following night M.T.Bs. and M.G.Bs. from BONE were attacked by fighter bombers off CAP SERRAT while setting out for a sweep. Slight damage was sustained and our craft had to put back to TABARKA. One enemy aircraft was destroyed with one claimed probable and 2 damaged. Other M.T.Bs. operated same night in Gulf of TUNIS, and American M.T.Bs. in BIZERTA ROADS. One of our submarines reports sinking of enemy destroyer off SICILY on 28 April.

PARA SIX. Air. Our heavy bombers have attacked enemy landing fields and installations in TUNISIA. BIZERTA, TUNIS and LA GOULETTE were all heavily raided. At LA GOULETTE docks, hits and near misses were observed on a large merchant ship and several smaller vessels. Shipping sweeps by heavy and medium bombers claim a large escorted merchantman attacked and sunk off CAP SAN VITO, and one small vessel sunk in the SICILIAN NARROWS with one further small and one medium vessel damaged. Aircraft of the Tactical Air Force, in addition to shipping sweeps, have maintained an extremely heavy scale of attack over the battle areas. Enemy positions and concentrations of tanks and motor vehicles have been successfully attacked.

PARA SEVEN. POLITICAL. De GAULLES drastic speech from London on May 4 has been received with grave concern in North Africa. Negotiations have suffered a serious setback and the possibilities of a meeting in North Africa are postponed.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR -British War Office-Oudja-Cairo

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No. 194 May 7, 1943

Signed Eisenhower (AGWAR Troopers 5th Army
18th Army Group Hq Liason Group Middle East from
NAAF advance Hq M 3274 7 May May Si part 3 194)
cite FHGT Northwest African Strategic Air Force.
Day 6 April. Two missions of B 26s Marauders with
fighter bomber and fighter escort were carried out
against shipping. First resulted in fighterbombers
sinking 3 Siebel Ferries and 4 small boats and bom-
bers sinking 3 Siebel Ferries and obtaining many
near misses on other vessel in convoy 30 miles west
of Marettimo Island headed toward Sicily. Second
mission swept the coast from Cape Bon westward and
bombed 2 beached ships at Cape Zebib obtaining 3
direct hits and several near misses. Escort destroyed
1 ME 109. Two P 38s missing and 1 P 38 lost but
pilot safe. B 25s Mitchells attacked Favignana Port
obtaining near misses on 2 merchant vessels in
harbour and hits among docks and western section of
town. One P 38 missing. B 25 Mitchells attacked
convoy just west of Marettimo Island heading west.
One Seibel Ferry blown up and near misses on others.
Escort strafed airdrome between Metliki and Ras El
Djebel destroying 1 JU 87 and 1 ME 109 on the ground.
Two P 38s lost. Marsala Harbour attacked by B 17s
Fortresses with fighter escort. Docks well covered,
hits and near misses on 6 Siebel Ferries, direct hits
11 M/V which probably sunk and another was left burning.
Hits on 2 medium merchant vessels at center of north docks.
One P 38 missing. Trapani Harbour was attacked by B 17s
Fortresses.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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LOG, Gen Deane (CC/S), Adm King
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May 7, 1943.
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: USFOR London
To: War

No. 9464 May 7, 1943.

Air Ministry reports Harbor of Bizerta now closed and enemy may be compelled to evacuate that town today (cite ETGBI for Strong from Black signed Key). Ministry also reports Allied troops are advancing toward Tunis.

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Action: G-2
Information: OPD
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STRONG		✓
KRONER		✓
BRATTON		✓
SIT		✓
CURR.		✓
DISS.		✓
AIR		✓
E-A	✓	✓
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JIC		✓
ONI		✓
WH		✓

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. O 868 May 7, 1943

Two Nz Div advanced to line (18th Army Group number O 868 May 7 TOO 0730 A. To Bonga minus 11 15 16. Part 1 Sitrep number 195 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 6 May. From AFHQ signed CINC. Part 1 continues. Section 1. 8th Army). (T) P-1090-(T) P 1188-(T) P 1385 encountering opposition and extensive minefields delaying daylight movement. Further advance to high ground south east Saouaf being made night 6-7 May. Artillery support was given to Conne Div advancing on left. 56 Div relieved part of 51 Div. Enemy positions on 56 Div were heavily shelled.

Section 2. 1st Army.

(A). 19th Corps. Strong enemy opposition. Conne Fiv patrols reached line Saouaf P 1292(12924). Road P 0995. Mathenet Div on line O 970995-J955005 - Point 310 J 9502 patrols to Ragoubert El Akfnala.

(B). 5 Corps. Dj Bou Aoukaz consolidated. 138 Bde taking over from 5 Ind Bde area J 7344. 4 British Div and 4 Indian Div come under command 2100 Hrs.

(C). 9th Corps. By 1100 Hrs the assault of 4 British Div and 4 Indian Div had been successful. 12 Inf Bde covered by 10 Inf Bde on high

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To: WAR
No. O 868 May 7, 1943

ground J 7340 occupied Bordj Frendj J 7540 and 7 Indian Bde established themselves on high ground J 7543 with 5 Ind Bde in area J 7441. The armour was then launched with right 6 Armd Div and left 7 Armd Div. 6 Armd Div met increasing enemy resistance and engaged enemy armour in area J 7738. After inflicting some loss 26 Armd Bde forced his withdrawal to the south east 201 Guards Bde moved up covering the exposed flank while 26 Armd Bde pushed east to the south of the main Tunis Road. Furna J 7842 was cleared and forward.

Part 2. Follows.

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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

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No. 0861 May 6, 1943

*8th Army
patrolling*

24 hours ending 2359 hrs 5 May. (18 Army
Group to BONGA no. 0 861 6 May too 0812A part 1 sitrep
no. 195 (194) for) from AFHQ signed C in C.

Section 1. 8th Army. NZ Div Strong enemy
positions located at P 1190 and P 1290 with guns in
area P1091 and P1389. Patrols penetrated to P147389-P
118917 but later withdrew as enemy Ops command whole
area which is extensively mined. 5 Nz bd now on general
line P125865 P095890 L force patrol to P1386 killed 10
and took 3 PW 433 PGR 56 Div. Increased enemy artillery
activity during the day. Carrying out feint attacks
with artillery support tonight.

*2 1/2 mi SE
Medjaz el Bab*

Section 2. 1st Army. (A) 19 Corps. Own troops
NTR. Enemy have heavily mined area west and southwest
of Pont Du Fahs during past few nights. Enemy inf
noticeably thin on the ground on corps front but holding
well sited positions.

(B) 9 Corps. 1 Br Armd Div. 2 Armd Bde engaged
5 enemy tanks AF&A J7920. Tanks withdrew to Northeast.
Concentration completed. Corps Hq now at J6131.

Bou Aoukaz

(C) 5 Corps. After intense aerial bombardment 1
Div attacked the Bou feature J 7145 at 1700 hrs with con-
centrated artillery support. By nightfall 3 Inf Bde se-
cured all their objectives. No enemy counter attack has
yet developed. Enemy Mt north of Bou feature were success-
fully engaged by artillery and bombers. 78 Div. Daylight

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patrols point Pt 131J7138 Pt 123 J7237 and Pt 133 J7234 occupied by the enemy. Enemy artillery and mortars were active on 46 Div front. Pt 452 J6052 and Montrosier FM J6550 were found strongly held by enemy.

Section 3 2 US Corps. ^{1st} Hirsy* and 34 Divs regrouping. Several enemy counterattacks repelled by 34 div approx 50 PW taken enemy artillery active. Considerable enemy movement west of Chouigui in both directions. 1 Armd Div developed enemy resistance east of mateur. Div 9 times during day. 50 PW taken on DJ Ichkeul J5857 in bloody fighting. We now control western half of Djebel eastern half held by estimated Coy. 9 Div little change. Approx 200 PW taken.

Section 4 Air. follows. End of part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FRGCT.

No Sig.

*Note: Being Serviced.

Action: OPD

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

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 0861 May 6, 1943

Section 3. Two US Corps. 1st and 34 Divs regrouping. Several enemy counterattacks repelled by 34 Div approx 50 PW taken enemy artillery active. Considerable enemy movement west of Chouigui in both directions One Armad Div developed enemy resistance east of Mateur Div continuing concentration in Mateur area which was bombed 9 times during day. 50 PW taken on Dj Ichkeul J 5857 in bloody fighting. We now control western half of Djebel eastern half held by estimated Coy. Nine Div little change. Approx 200 PW taken.

Sec 4. Air. Follows. End of Part 1. Part 2 follows.
Cite FHGCT.

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NOTE: Correction to CM-IN-3722 (6 May 43) OPD.

ACTION: OPD

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

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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 061912

IN

Received: 9th May 1943

Time: 1303

Addressed: A.I.G. .264

From: C. in C. Med.

Basegram

Situation Report No. 89.

(1) My 041549

(A) Para. 2(A). 2 aircraft were shot down by Hunts. Amend last sentence to (?read) after completing sweep Hunts proceeded to Malta and remainder returned to (?Bone)

(B) Para. 3. Nubian reports merchant ship was of 7000 tons and destroyer CASSIOPEA Class. 3 German and 2 Italian prisoners were recovered who stated no other merchant ships or escorts in convoy.

(2) 1 moored mine swept in approaches to Bone on 2nd May and 1 magnetic mine off Fedala on 5th May

(3) During night 4th May/5th May BICESTER OAKLEY and ZETLAND from Malta carried out sweep in Sicilian Channel subsequently returning to Bone and Tartar and LOYAL patrolled off Marittimo.

(4) M.T.B.'s and M.G.B.'s from Bone proceeded for sweep on 4th May but were attacked by 8 fighter bombers off Cape Serrat at 1820/4. 1 aircraft was certainly shot down and 1 probably with 2 damaged. Coastal craft sustained slight damage and returned to Abarka. Casualties 8 seriously wounded and 11 slightly wounded. Also on 4th May/5th May other M.T.B.'s from Bone operated in Gulf of Tunis and American M.T.B.'s in Bizerta roads.

(5) Following operations were carried out during the night 5th/6th May. Destroyers of Force K patrolled in Sicilian Channel and those of Force Q South of Marittimo. M.T.B.'s from Bone carried out sweep North West of Plane Island. American M.T.B.'s from Bone operated Gulf of Tunis and M.T.B.'s from Sousse North of Cape Bon.

(6) UNSHAKEN reports attacking destroyer in position 037 45 North 011 33 East at 0935 28 April. One hit was obtained and destroyer considered sunk as only counter attack was two charges dropped by one of barges destroyer was escorting.

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F.M. Brigadier Redman (8)
Admiral N.I.
Air Marshall Lt. Col. Cook
Gen. Macready S.O.O. Personal
Code Room (2) S.O.
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From: Algiers.
To: British War Office.
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No. 195 May 6, 1943.

19 Corps. Attack by 19 Corps directed towards Zaghouan progressing though meeting with stiff resistance. (Part 1 SITREP no 195 for period ending 1900 hrs 6th May. From AFHQ signed C in C. Part 1 continues. Section 1. Eighth army. NTR. Section 2. First Army. (A). To BONGA minus 11. 15, 16, from 18 Army Group 0866 6th May. Too 2345A. (B). 1 Brit Armd Div NTR. (C). 9 Corps. 9 Corps with 4 Inf Div left and 4 Brit Div right crossed start line 0300 hrs meeting at first minor opposition all initial objectives captured. 6 and 7 Armd Divs launched through Inf during morning progressing favourably with 6 left and 7 right in face of stiffening resistance and now reached approx line 82 east OG. Enemy have suffered heavy casualties and considerable number PW have been captured. (D) 5 Corps. During preliminary operations last night 1 Div captured remainder Dj Bou Aoukaz and 78 Div captured 2 small localities both taking a number of PW. Section 3. 2 US Corps. 1 Armd Div have now completely mopped up Dj Achkel and captured high ground J6583 over 300 PW reported. 9 Div forward elements now at J560000 and have taken 230 PW during last two days. 1 Inf Div encountered heavy resistance along east bank Oued Tine. 34 Div forward elements reached J685595 and advance continuous although slowed up by heavy MG and mortar fire. Section 4. Air. Follows end of part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FRGCT.

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INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAR, JOC, Gen. Deane (CC/S), Adm. King
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Urgent

From: 18th Army Group Algiers
To: War-Algiers-Oudjea French Morocco
No. 064 May 6, 1943

1100 hrs Infantry objectives captured. 1500 hrs
18th Army Group number 864 May 6 too 1645 A. To Bonga
minus 15 and 16. Part 1 SITREP number 195 to 1500 hours
6 May. From AFHQ signed CINC.

Section 2. First Army. (A). 9 Corps 6 Armd Div about
2 miles southwest Massicault moving east. 7 Armd Div 1
mile west of road Massicault Tebourba continuing advance.
Much enemy movement south through Tebourba being shelled
by our artillery. 1500 hours much enemy MT movement south
Djebeid-St Cyprienpy B. 2 (end of part 1. Cite FHGCT) US
Corps. Making steady progress.

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ACTION: OPD

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

From: Algiers - 18th Army Group
To: War
Algiers
Oudja

No. 0861, May 6, 1943

Note: Omission in previous message should read
as follows:

2nd US Corps, 1st and 34th Divisions regrouping.

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NOTE: Correction to CM-IN-3722 (6 May 43) OPD.

ACTION: OPD

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

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 9794 May 6, 1943

Enemy operations. In Garaet Achkel (action AGWAR Troopers information 18th Army Gp 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Gp AFHQ 5th Army 9794 6 May) sector enemy salients Djebel Cheniti J 5597 and Djebel Achkel J 5887 cleared up. Twenty four prisoners latter area. No activity reported Mateur area. Own troops in contact J 6376 and J 6383. No enemy opposition to occupation high ground west Oued Tine on grid 65 easting. Slight enemy resistance east and south Eddie-Hila J 6558. Enemy still holding general area Djebel Lanserine J 65. Enemy driven from Boy Aoukaz Feature J 7147. No counter attack developed. Thirty prisoners taken. Mt successfully engaged north of Bou Feature. Enemy artillery and mortars active east Mendez El Bab. Five E tanks encountered north Sebkret El Kourzhia J 7920. Two claimed destroyed. Area west and south west Pont Du Fahs heavily mined by enemy who holds well sited infantry positions sector Pont Du Fahs-Saouaf. Increased enemy artillery activity sector Saouaf-coast. Enemy positions strong south east Saouaf and area extensively mined. Part 1. Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 5th May, enemy movements and strength. Captured documents suggest engagements 4th May by 8th Tank Regt. Other indications suggest 5th Tank Regt possibly also concerned. Photo recce shows concentration enemy artillery area J 7540 including 30 to 40 antitank, 70 to 80 field and medium guns. Artillery strength Djebel Bou Kournine area J 71 also believed increased. Enemy tank strength estimated approx 70 serviceable. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
No. 9794 May 6, 1943

18th Army Gp 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th AF
MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Gp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1st
Arm Corp and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom signed
Eisenhower cite FHGBI. Enemy identifications.
German 115th Pgr, probably 3rd Bn, area J 7147. 2nd
Coy 433 Pgr area P 1386. All by PW. Italian. Nil.
General. Enemy positions from coast to River Medjerda not
yet stabilized. Concentrations continue in central
sector in areas where enemy appreciates our attacks
may come. General line Pont Du Fahs to coast now
strongly held by well sited infantry but most reserves
switched to central front.

Parts 2 and 3 will follow.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CCS)

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 5909 May 6, 1943

Part of 2nd New Zealand Div penetrated May 5 to P 147868, P 142889, P 130915, P 118917 but later withdrew as enemy outposts command whole area which is extensively mined. Strong enemy positions reported at P 115900 and P 120900 with guns in area P 1091 and P 1389. Fifth New Zealand Brig on general line P 125865 P 095890. L Force patrol to P 1386 killed 10 enemy and took 3 prisoners of war of 433 Pgr. Fifty Sixth Div reported increased enemy arty activity during day. Feint attacks supported by artillery planned for night May 5 par from Brereton RAF reports May 5: light bombers attacked railway trucks unloading at K 7452 starting 1 fire. Fighter bombers scored direct hits on 2 motor vessels, reported burst into flames jetties and motor transport targets in Cap Bon Peninsula were attacked starting fires. Two ME 109's reported destroyed and 2 damaged without loss. Night 4/5 May Beaufighters damaged 1 JU 88 off Bizerta par in 3 missions, anti shipping sweeps, by 144 sorties, 57th group dropped 45,500 lbs of bombs on target Kelibia dock and warehouse. Two fires observed at Kelibia and 1 at Tamime. One small boat and jetty on fire after direct hits. Three fighter bomber missions of 143 sorties by 79th Group, 36,000 lbs of bombs were dropped on target road bridge, shipping, and shore installations Nabetin Harbor. Near misses and 2 direct hits reported on ship. Road

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To: AGWAR
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near bridge and section hit. One WE109 damaged.
Report not yet received from 12th Group. No
operation reported by Bomber Command.

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Action: G-2

Information: OPD
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR, London (action) WAR (information)

Number 9988 May 6, 1943

Part 2.

Sitrep 194. 5th May. No part 2 Sitrep 193 issued. (Action USFOR rptd AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Wileast, 18th Army Group HQ, Liaison Group AFHQ, Malta, Adv NWAAP for information from G-3 section AFHQ 9988, 6th May TOO nil. Signed Eisenhower. Cite PHGCT)

Para 1. Naval

Night 4-5 May 3 destroyers from Malta operated in Sicilian channel afterwards proceeding Bone. Two other destroyers patrolled off Marittimo. Same night MTBS and MGBS starting sweep from Bone were attacked by 8 fighter 7 bombers off Cape Serrat. One aircraft was destroyed, 1 claimed probable and 2 damaged. Our coastal craft sustained slight damage and returned Tabarka. Other MTBS operated in Gulf of Tunis and American MTBS in Bizerta roads.

Para 2. Movements commenced.

77th FA Regt departed Sale for Constantine area. Movements completed. 15 RCT rerouted from Constantine area arrived Ghardimaou.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: War

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No. M 3221, May 6, 1943

May 5th Part 3 193 signed Eisenhower cite FHGT (AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18th Army Gp Hq Liaison Gp Mideast from NAAF Adv. Hq M 3221. 6/E) NWA Strategic AF. B 25 Mitchell with 38 Lightnings escort flew sweep Sicilian Straits. 6 SM 82 with strong fighter escort encountered. 6 SM 82-s, 2 ME 109's and 1 MA 200 destroyed and 1 ME 109 damaged. 1 P 38 destroyed and 1 missing. B 17 Fortresses with P 38 escort flew sweep Sicilian Channel and North Sicily. 1 large M/V hit by bombs exploded and sank. Other B 25 with P 38 escort flew sweep Sicilian Straits. Unescorted convoy of 1 medium and 2 small M/V attacked. 1 small M/V sank 1 damaged and medium M/V left in flames. 1 P 38 missing. B 26 Marauders with P 38 escort flew sweep Sicilian Straits. 3 direct hits scored on M/V off shore east of Cape Zebib B 17 attacked Tunis Harbor causing many large fires in town. 15 A/C damaged by flak. Other B 17 bombed La Goulette Harbor. Hits and near misses on large M/V and several small boats along North Docks area followed by explosions and fires. Other bursts in barracks and oil storage and loading areas and several small fires near power house. B 26 bombed L/G at Galaat El Andeless North Tunis, B 25 escorted by P 40 Warhawks attacked L/G just east of Protville (Part 1. Part 2

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To: War

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follows) Approx. 25 A/C destroyed or damaged on ground.
1 P 40, 2 Warhawks missing.

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

No. SITREP 194 May 6, 1943

Part 1 SITREP no 194 for 24 hours (number 0862
5th May too 0802 A from 18 Army Group to Bonga) ending
2359 hrs 5th May. From AFHQ signed C in C. Section
4. Air. Night harassing attacks undertaken in the
battle area and against movement on roads. Light bombers
attacked main ground feature prior to advance of land
forces. Fighters patrolled forward areas and maintained*
Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCT.

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Information: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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May 6, 1943
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 0/862 May 6, 1943

Part 1. Sitrep No. 194 for 24 hours (number 0/862 6th May TOQ 0802 A from 18th Army Group to Bonga) ending 2359 Hrs 5th May. From AFHQ signed C in C.

Section 4. Air. Night harassing attacks undertaken in the battle area and against movement on roads. Light bombers attacked main ground feature prior to advance of land forces. Fighters patrolled forward areas and maintained anti shipping sweeps finding few targets.

Part 2. Follows. Cite FHGCT.

ACTION: CPD

INFORMATION:

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 3108-E, May 5, 1943

Part 3 192. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGT.
(((AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18th Army Group HQ
Liaison Group Middle East RAF from NWA AF Adv Hq
3108 E 5/5. Secret. May 4). NWA Strategic AF.
Day 4/5. 3 P 38 believed missing 3/5, 2 crash
landed but condition unknown. Reference several B
17 outstanding 3/5 3 were destroyed, 3 damaged.
Photo Rcn unsuccessful or cancelled due weather.
NA tactical AF. Day 4/5. Fighter bombers bombed
M/T and gun positions fighters flew photo Rcn and
routine sweeps. 1 ME 109 destroyed 2 probably des-
troyed, 1 damaged. 2 Spitfires damaged. NWA
Coastal AF carried out routine patrols. Nothing to
report. Action USFOR information rest of addresses.

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NOTE: Part I is CM-IN-2220 and 2221 (4 May 43) OPD.
Part II is CM-IN-2457 (5 May 43) OPD.

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From: Algiers
To : War

No. 9539 - May 5, 1943

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G-2 AFHQ weekly review No. 4 for period ending 2400A 3rd May. (AGWAR Troopers Mideast from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 9539 5th May.)

Part 1.

1 A. German dispositions.
Disposition main German Infantry Forces as identified from ground sources:

1. Northern Sector from coast to Medjerda. Infantry Manteuffel Division including Witig Parachute Engineer Bn and whole Barenthin Regt remains in Sector Coast to Sidi Nsir. 755th Inf Regt and 756th Mtn Inf Regt of 334th Division hold Sector immediately north River Medjerda. In addition following miscellaneous units identified this Sector: 3rd Bn Sonderverband 287, Tunisian and Algerian Volunteer Bns, 962nd Inf Regt with 1st Bn North Jefna Road J 38 and 2nd Bn Area Ala Acouane J 64, 1st Bn 47th Inf Regt in Bed Valley J 55, and March Bns 17, 20, 23, 24, 26, 30. 900th Engineer Bn used in Infantry role on extreme north and may be remnants only Sinhe Bn not identified as unit for several months. Infantry Bns from Southern Front thus being used as reinforcements for Northern Sector.
2. Sector Medjerda-Sebkret El Kourldia. 1st and 2nd Bns 754th Inf Regt and 10th MC Bn located in Djebel Bou Acouka Area J 74. 2nd Bn 47th Grenadier Regt identified from PW in same Sector. East Sidi Medisne J 73 are located

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1st Bn 86th PGR and 2nd Bn HG Grenadier Regt 2 while remnants HG Jeager Regt have been formed into 1 Bn about 800 strong. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns HG Grenadier Regt 1 held line from East Sidi Mediennne-East Goubellat J 72 2nd Bn 86th PGR has appeared this Area. 1st and 2nd Bns 69th PGR believed holding positions Djebel Kournine Area J 81.

3. Sector Sebkret El Kourra-Saujaf information scanty this Sector. 104th PG LWE (probably less 1st Bn) believed in Area southwest Pont Du Fahs J 90, (end of 1st Part Part 2 follows) 4th Bn 47th Grenadier Regt probably disposed along main road O 99, 1st and 2nd Bns 961st Inf Regt further East in Area P 09.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

Number ANSMX 5889

May 5, 1943

8th
Army

Night 3rd/4th, 4th Lt Armd Brig patrolled towards Saouaf Pl5. Enemy minefields were encountered south of the village and some casualties suffered. May 4th, 2nd New Zealand Div moved to concentration area Djebibina P 0479. First Free French Div concentrated area P 0560.

From Brereton May 4th RAF reports: thick haze reported in coastal and inland areas. Light and medium bombers attacked Zaghouan with unreported results. Six fighter bombed missions despatched but all returned with bombs.

Ninth Air Force April 4th reports: 31 bombers 376th Group dropped 9,000 lbs of bombs target area Reggio Di Calabria Harbor. Two dropped leaflets. Claim 1 MC 200 damaged. 36,000 lbs of bombs jettisoned. Fifteen bombers 99th Group dropped 67,500 lbs of bombs on Reggio Di Calabria observing hits on buildings and along water front. Seven bombers dropped 31,500 lbs of bombs on Taranto. Report hits on pin points. Fifteen bombers 12th Group bomb load 41,500 lbs of bombs carried out mission Zaghouan. Results unknown. Eighteen bombers 340th Group bomb load 74,750 lbs of bombs carried out mission target town of Zaghouan. Results unknown. Fifty Seventh Group reports 60 sorties,

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4 missions, operations sea patrol fighter bomber,
Zaghuan area. Seventy Ninth Group reports 63
sorties, 2 missions, bomber escort area Zaghuan.

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From: Algiers
To: WAR
British War Office

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Total effectives now estimated at 150200 consisting of 108600 Germans and 41600 Italians. (4th and last part of 9539 from G-2 Freedom to AGWAR Troopers Mideast undated) Casualties from 24 April-1 May about 5700. Reinforcements 1,000 but 3,000 believed evacuated from Tunisia including wounded, key personnel and surplus 1 of Caste troops.

4. Capabilities Enemy situation has deteriorated considerably in extreme North during week. Expulsion from Mateur on 3 May represents deep inroad into enemy defence line. Although bulk enemy forces undoubtedly withdrawn behind Oued Tine some troops probably cut off and remain to be mopped up. In coastal sector enemy may attempt to hold Bizerta from heights 12 miles West of port and on line Garaet Achkel-Ferryville-Lac De Bizerte. Forces however will be very weak and prolonged resistance therefore unlikely. Some enemy infantry known to be withdrawing South and intention may be to hold line of hills East of Oued Tine. This probably only delaying position since forces available insufficient without weakening other parts of front. More likely forces will withdraw South of Medjerda and form defensive flank covering Northern approaches to Tunis. Main bulk of German armoured forces in sector Medjerda-Sebkret El Kourzia where enemy probably appreciates main thrust. Consider he will exert utmost effort in defence open country West and Southwest of Tunis. Possible further formations from 8th Army front may be moved to this area as additional support. When

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forced to withdraw from present positions enemy may attempt defence of outer perimeter of Tunis since this port vital for his supplies. Perimeter consists of system weapon pits and presents no formidable obstacle to our armour. Strong opposition still likely Port Du Fahs-Karidville sector. With Tunis and Bizerta lost supply problem of any troops withdrawing into Cape Bon Peninsula very difficult and sustained heavy fighting would seem out of question.

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May 5

Urgent

From: Algiers
To: War

Number 0/858 May 5, 1943

Part one Sitrep no 496 for period ending 2359 hrs 4th May. From AFHQ((To Troopers pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army 242 Group Bone area for SOIS Bon area for Hq L of C 12 ASC Tactical Bomber Force Adv NAAF(for Col MacDonald A2) NAWAF 0/858 5 May TOO 0750 fr 18 Army Gp)) signed C in C.

Part 1 begins. Section 1. 8th Army. Night 3/4 May 4 Lt Armd Bde patrolled towards Saouaf P19 and encountered enemy minefields south of the village suffering some casualties. During day 2 NZ Div moved to concentration area Djebidina PO7.1 Fighting French Div concentrated area PO 360. Section 2. First Army. (A) 19 Corps. Enemy resistance stiffened and his artillery activity increased considerably. Slow progress has been made since this morning. Forward elements now established PO 191 to PO 009. (B) 1 Br Armd Div. Enemy positions area J8419 engaged by arty to assist 19 Corps offensive. Situation other wise quiet. (C). 9 Corps. NTR. (D). 5 Corps enemy tk losses inflicted by 1 Div during the engagement in area J6942 this morning now confirmed as 2 MK VI 9 MK IV 1MK III. Those were subsequently destroyed by our Sappers. 2 further tks and 1 tracked vehicle claimed knocked subsequently. 46 Div reports station De Borij Toum J6746 clear of enemy. Section 3. 2 US Corps. Crops Franc was counter attacked vicinity J5597 and it was replused. 47th Inf concentrated area J5094 60th Inf concentrated area J4594. 39th Inf vicinity J4981. 1st Armd Div established contact vic J6576 no identification. 1st US Inf Div concentrated in new sector from J6468 to J6060. 34th Div less 168th Inf concentrate in area J5057. 1 Bn 168 Inf at J5650 remained

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Regt area J 5058. Patrols 168 Inf reached point J 6459
at 1100 hrs no contact.

Section 4. Air. Follows. End of part 1. Part
2 follows. Cite FREGCT.

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Action: OPD

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

From: Algiers
To: War
British War Office

No. 9478 May 5, 1943

North of Garaet Achkez (enemy operations.) Enemy still holding Djebel Cheniti J 5597 where he launched unsuccessful counter attack during morning. Main enemy line this sector now approximately 57 easting and enemy cleared from road north of Garaet as far as junction J 5896 inclusive. Small Mobile enemy forces still believed in area Djebel Achkeul J 58. Mateur bombed and shelled during day. Enemy on high ground approximately 3 miles east and northeast of town. Small unsuccessful enemy attack area J 5666. Considerable movement reported in pass west of Chouigui J 66. Strong enemy positions reported areas J 6251-J6350. Enemy attacked with tanks during morning area J 6942. Two MK 6, 9 MK 4, 1 Mark 3 knocked out and subsequently blown by our sappers. Two further tanks and 1 tracked vehicle later claimed disabled but now blown. Subsequent small scale infantry attacks area J 7043 equally easily broken up. Road Medjez-Tebourba now reported clear of enemy to Ston De Bordj Toum J 6746 inclusive. Strong enemy antitank positions encountered area O 9997. Enemy counterattacked unsuccessfully O 9999 during morning. Resistance this general area increasing and artillery more active. One hundred prisoners taken area K 0000. No activity reported sector Saouaf-Enfidaville. Some indications further movement of forces from southern to central front. Part 1 land G 2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 4 May. Enemy identifications. German. One Sqn 334

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Recco Unit Djebel Achkeul J 58. Two two March En O 9698.
Italian. Elements 91st IR general area K 00. AGWAR for
WDGBI Troopers pass UNFOR 18th Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps
Adv NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv La Grp AFBQ
5th Army pass 1st Armd Corps and 6th Corps from G 2 Freedom
signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 9478. General. Situation still
fluid area Biserta-Mateur. Strengthening of forces in Tunis
plain continues where enemy maintaining offensive defensive
tactics. Possible that this reinforcement may continue at
expense southern front in area south of Medjerda since vital
for enemy to block approaches (parts 2 and 3 will follow) to
Tunis.

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: Wsr

Number 0 859 May 5, 1943

Section 4. Air. Heavy concentration of medium bombers (((to Troopers pass USFOR. AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta (personal for FM Viscount Gort) Mideast 5th Army repeated 242 Group Bone Area for SOIS Hq L of C Main 8th Army 12 ASC Tactical Bomber Force Adv NAAF (for Col MacDonald A-2) 1st Army 2 US Corps NASAF. From 18 Army Group 0 859 5th. 0750 A. Part 1 SITREP number 193 for 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 4th May. From AFHQ signed CINC. Part 1 continues.))) of Western Desert attacked land targets Zachouan Area. Fighters and fighter bombers continued sweeps and shipping recces through the day. Targets few but poor. Unfavorable weather again hampered efforts. End of continuation part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FBGCT.

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Information: G-2
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To: British War Office (action)
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No. 9449 May 4, 1943

And one of hundred motor vehicles by Artillery 10 miles SW of Teboura. (2nd part of message ref 9449 dated 4 May from G-3 Section AFHQ) results were not observed.

3. Two (US) Corps. In difficult country some 14 miles east of Cap Serrat, 9th Inf Div and the Corps Franc D'afrique have made excellent progress taking nearly 600 prisoners. Including over 500 by the Corps Franc Afrique, in the north. On the 2nd May our troops were within artillery range of Mateur. Rcn troops of 1st US Armd Div entered Mateur on 3rd May, followed by other armoured elements. Some enemy units were reported to be cut off.

4. Enemy. Despite stubborn resistance, enemy forced to give ground in whole northern sector. Pace of his withdrawal has increased in extreme north, and enemy obliged to use Italian remnants to bolster up defense. Intention probably to make stand in mountains north and NW Garaet Achkel. North and south river Medjerda, enemy counter attacked strongly with Infantry and Armoured forces and succeeded temporarily at least in checking our thrust to Tebourba and Tunis. Sector Medjerda-Pont Du Fahs. Enemy has stabilized his positions for time being and holds off our Armour with antitank guns from main approaches to open country SW of Tunis. Further south, opposition has stiffened around Pont Du Fahs. Enemy holds town and Artillery is sited on hills to the east. Southeast Pont Du Fahs, enemy located

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in foothills north main Saouaf Road. Some local withdrawal on western flank Enfidaville line, but in the main situation materially unchanged on 8th Army front. Enemy now making use of present lull to refit Armoured Forces and regroup defensive positions. Tenacious resistance still expected, especially in vital sector Medjerda-Pont Du Fahs covering plain of Tunis.

5. Naval. Destroyers have carried out sweeps to Marittimo, off which place they have fought an action with the E boats. One E boat was rammed and cut in half, a second being probably sunk by gunfire and a third damaged. Our MTBs, including American units, with MTBS have operated off the Cap Bon peninsula. On 1 operation, made in daylight, our MTBS sank a medium sized merchantman, also damaging 2 enemy mine sweepers and an R boat. After being engaged by shore batteries and aircraft, 1 of our MTBS had to be abandoned and sunk by our own forces.

6. Air. Our offensive against enemy shipping achieved excellent results. (3rd part of message reference number 9449 from G-3 section AFHQ) a large destroyer was sunk by our bombers off Cap Bon and a small enemy merchant ship also received direct hits. Kittyhawks claim to have sunk 1 Siebel Ferry, 1 E boat, 1 R boat, 1 F boat, together with 1 small merchant vessel, 2 destroyers and 1 Corvette. A third destroyer was left in flames and 3 additional merchant ships are believed to have been sunk. During the period, enemy airfields in Tunisia have been attacked by our heavy, medium and light bombers, and a strong scale of support for our forward units has been maintained.

7. Political. Giraud has announced the abolition of political interment camps. Negotiations with De Gaulle await meeting of French National Committee May 4th. Giraud has extended an invitation to DeGaulle to come to North Africa for personal conference at any time thereafter.

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London - USFOR (For Information and to all other addressees)

No. 9449, May 4, 1943

Summary 29 April to 2nd May. (Part 1. To Troopers rptd USFOR Mideast Britman Washington Arminia Delhi Paic Landforces Melbourne Dechiefs Prestoria Dechiefs Capetown Force Nairobi from G-3 Section AFHQ (9449) 4 May 43. LINREP Number 43. Summary of Operations).

18th Army. Same ground was lost as result of enemy counterattacks on left of Enfidaville position on 29 April, but during the night the position was restored. 7th Arm'd Div, 4th Ind Inf Div and 201st Guards Brigade are moving to 1st Army area, to reinforce the main attack. 7th Arm'd Div had previously been relieved by 4th Lt Arm'd Bde, with under Command Force. There was little other activity except on 2nd May, when 189th Inf Bde halted a small counterattack in the Coastal Sector. Contact has been maintained with the French 19th Corps. Signed Eisenhower, cite FBGCT, Action Troopers pass to HM Ambassador Madrid, Resident Minister Achimota, Britmilat Ankara for Marshall Chakmak Defender Wellington for Puttick.

21st Army.

A. 19th Corps. No further progress has been made North of the Road Enfidaville-Pont Du Fahs. 19th Corps has been reorganized as 3 divisions, Algerian, Moroccan and Oran, Commanded respectively by Generals Conne, Mathenet and Boisseau. An armoured force remains

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in reserve.

B. 9th Corps. Our patrols operated in the area of Sebket El Kourzia, but armoured elements were unable to make progress in the face of strong anti tank defenses on Djebel Kournine J 8117. On 1st May, 1st (BR) Armd Div, with under command 139th Inf Bde, assumed command of the sector held by 9th Corps. 9th Corps, consisting of 6th Armd Div, 4th Div, and on arrival 7th Armd Div and 4th Indian Inf Div reverted to 1st Army reserve.

C. 5th Corps. Heavy fighting continued until 30 April with enemy tanks supporting *. Several features changed hands but general line remains the same. On 2nd May a concentration of some 40 enemy tanks was engaged by bombers (Part 2 follows).

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

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T.O.O. 041549

IN

Received: 5th May 43

Time: 1400

Addressed: Admiralty

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H.C.N. W.A.A.F.
N.L.O. 8th Army
VAM
B.A.D Washington
COMNAVNAV
NLO 18th Army Group
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From: C. in C. Med.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 88

During the night 1st/2nd May Destroyers of force Q operated south of Marittimo and those of Force K carried out sweep in Sicilian Channel. Weather was unsuitable for MTB Operations.

2. During the night 2nd/3rd May
(A) TARTAR BLYSKAWICA LOYAL BICESTER OAKLEY and ZETIAND proceeded from Bone on sweep south of Marittimo. Increased air activity was noticeable force was attacked at dusk when one bomb was dropped near LOYAL and a further attack about 2331/2 turned back after one aircraft had been shot down by HUNTS. Force split off Marittimo HUNTS proceeding to Malta and remainder returning to Bone.

(B) MTB's from Bone in 2 groups were on sweep between Cani Rocks and Zembra and to the northward. MTB 311 was mined and sunk in position 37° 26' North 07° 53' East at 2120/2. One serious and 2 slight casualties.

(C) American MTB's from Bone operated on Bizerta roads.

(D) MTB's from Sousse carried out sweep on Cape Bon Peninsular to Sidi Daud.

3. During night 3rd/4th May NUBIAN PALADIN and PETARD on sweep from Malta sank one medium merchant ship and one small destroyer off Kelibia at 0059/4. ESKIMO and LOOKOUT were on sweep in Sicilian Channel.

4. UNBROKEN reports sank 450 ton schooner at anchor off Solanto Point 38° 11' North 12° 46' East. At 1617/27 attacked 6000 ton northwest bound merchant ship in position 38° 13' North 13° 26' East. One explosion heard 1 hour later destroyer escort seen searching no sign of target.

5. Address indicating group 264 is allocated to addressees of this message and will be used for future Situation Reports.

F.M.
Admiral
Air Marshall
Gen. Maccreedy
Code Room (2)

C.O.S.
Plans 041549L
Brigadier Redman (8)
N.I.
Lt. Col. Cook

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMBME 5871, May 4, 1943

Slight decrease in shelling except on 4th Lt
Armd Brig front May 3rd. Little other activity re-
ported. First Free French Div moving into area P
0560.

From Brereton RAF May 3rd: fighter bombers
hindered by bad visibility continued unsuccessful
search for shipping in Gulf of Tunis. Alternative
target of Neuxel Tamine jetties attacked with good
results, causing large fire.

9th Air Force May 3rd: 72 sorties, total 2
fighter bomber missions, 57th group reported 10
direct hits, dropped 16,000 lbs of bombs on bridge,
buildings, and docks. target area. 79th Group re-
ported 24 sorties in single pattern bomber mission.
No report received from 12th, 340th Groups or Bomb-
er Command.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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

Number 9178 May 4, 1943

*Summary
continued*

Djebel Kournine J 8117 and Sebkret Sidi Djaber J 7819 as the enemy still held Djebel Kournine. ((Second part 9178 from Freedom 3rd follows)) Further attempts were discontinued the night 26/27 April and 6 Armad Div was withdrawn into Army reserve. One British Armad Div with 2 Armad Brigade then employed to defend area of Sebkret Djaber while 7 Motor Brigade held high ground in the north. Armad Regiments were then withdrawn for maintenance in turn. On 30 April 1 Armad Div again attacked with 46 Div on the right. Latter directed on Djebel Kournine which was not taken. Little progress was made by the Armor and High Ground J 7721 and J 7821 is still held firmly by the enemy. Forty Six Div Brigades then moved forward with 138 Brigade between Djebel Kournine and Sebkret El Kourzia and 139 Brigade to high ground J 7416. Fifteen RTA of 19 Corps assumed defense of sector south of Sebkret El Kourzia. Tank casualties in 1 Armad Div were light, but heavy in 6 Armad Div largely due to mines. Replacements now being made up. Five Corps. Four Div captured high ground at Sidi Medien J 7133. Further attacks secured Sidi Abdullah J 7232 and point 133 J 7234. Heavy enemy counterattacks were launched and after severe fighting both features were in enemy possession.

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On 1st British Division front 27 April 24 Guards Brigade attacked Djebel Bou Aoukaz J 7146. Stubborn resistance was encountered and northern end of feature was not captured. Continued attacks 28 April succeeded in capturing this feature, but an enemy counterattack with about 30 tanks and a Bn of infantry forced withdrawal of 24 Guards Brigade to western slopes. An enemy attack with about 40 tanks and 2 Bns of infantry in same area 29 April was repulsed with heavy casualties, but 1 small enemy force captured point 212 J 7144. Enemy attacks continued 30 April and were again repulsed after some penetration.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen Deane (CCS)

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

No. 9178, May 4, 1943

*Summary
4/24-4/30*
8th weekly summary. (Action Troopers, rptd
AGWAR, USFOR for information from G-3. Section
AFHQ 9178 4th, signed Eisenhower, Cite PHGCT)

Paragraph 1. Summary of Operations 24th
to 30 April. 8th Army. Relief of 50th Division
by 56st Division of 2nd NZ Div and 4th Indian
Division by 51st Division was completed by 24th
April. 2nd NZ Division and 4th Indian Division
withdrawing into Corps Reserve. 2nd NZ Division
and 201st Guards Bde captured the feature P 3189
the night 24/25 April with the purpose of obtaining
a base for a later attack on Dj Menbeb P 3091. Dur-
ing balance of period of this report fighting was
confined to a series of local advances over the
entire front and to successfully resisting several
strong enemy counterattacks. Patrols maintained
close contact with Troops of 19th Corps who were
advancing on the West flank. 4th Light Arm'd Brigade
with L Force under Command relieved 7th Arm'd Division
in the West Sector 27 April. 7th Arm'd Division going in-
to Corps Reserve. CINC visited 8th Army and on 30th
April decided to reinforce the main thrust along the 1st
Army Front. Orders were issued for movement of 7th Arm'd
Division. 4th Indian Division and 201st Guards Brigade
to Area of 1st Army. Movement began late 30 April.
1st Army. The attack was continued by the 5th, 9th and
2nd US Corps. On 25 April 19th Corps launched their
attack. Enemy withdrawal on the front of 19th Corps

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had begun and a steady advance was maintained in the face of enemy rearguards. By 26 April the advance had reached a general line from the high ground 0 8886 to the high ground overlooking Pont Du Fahs. The advance continued on 27 April when the road Pont Du Fahs-Saouaf F 19 was cut. Patrols found Pont Du Fahs lightly held and withdrew. 19th Corps was reorganized 30 April into 3 Divisions, Commanded by Generals Boisseau, Mathenet and Conne with an Armad Force under General Coulteux in reserve. (First cipher part second follows) 9th Corps. The attack progressed but Armor of 1 British Armad Division and 6th Armad Division directed on Djebel Aziz J 8421 was unable to break through between.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 9221 May 4, 1943

Identifications (German on 3 May. 900 Engineer Bn ex 90 light Division identified from 8 PWS captured extreme north. Comment. Unit not identified as whole for long period. Probably remnants only rushed from south as reinforcements. One Bn 962 Inf Regt and 2 Bn H G Gren Regt 2 identified from deserters sector river Medjerda-Sidi Absullah. (Part 2 of our 9221 dated 4th May) confirmatory. General. Seriously depleted by casualties and exhausted by protracted front line fighting enemy infantry in northern sector has now given way and situation fluid around Mateur. Acute shortage personnel demonstrated by use 900 Engineer Bn and Medical Troops as infantry. Not clear where enemy intends make a stand but part of his forces fell back southeast Mateur probably intending hold line of hill on 70 easting then line of River Medjeqs in defense northern approach to Tunis. In far north enemy likely to attempt hold Bizerta from heights north of Garaet Achkel and strong natural defense line Garaet Achkel-Lac De Bizerte-coast. Weak line is gap at Ferryville but enemy has prepared defenses this area and may delay our penetration temporarily. Insufficient evidence however concerning likely fate Bizerta. Reinforcement sector Medjerda-Sebkret El Kcurzia indicates enemy intention employ maximum effort to stem our advance over plain to Tunis. When forced to fall back by superior forces he may fight armoured battle over open plain until outer

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR (action)
War (information)

No. 9396, May 4, 1943

Part 2. SITREP 192. (USFOR Rptd AGWAR Troopers
5th Army Mideast 18th Army Gp Hq Liaison Gp AFHQ Malta
Adv NWAAP from G-3 Section AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite
FHGCT 9396 4th May NIL) 3rd May.

1. Naval. During night 1st/2nd May destroyers
operated off Marittimo in the Sicilian Channel. During
night 2nd/3rd May 6 destroyers making a sweep south of
Marittimo were attacked by aircraft at dusk. One enemy
aircraft was shot down. 2 groups of MTBS made sweeps in
Western Gulf of Tunis, during which 1 was mined and sank.
2 sepeperate groups of MTBS carried out sweeps in Bizerta
roads and off Cap Bon. One of our submarines reports the
sinking of a 450 ton schooner at anchor off Solanto Point
in Northern Sicily on 27th Apr. A 6,000 ton merchant
vessel was attacked the same day. A loud explosion was
heard.

2. Movements no reports received. DECLASSIFIED
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ACTION: OPD

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

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2nd US Corps. (3rd Part, 9178, from Freedom 4th follows). 2nd US Corps continued the advance during the period. 6th Arm Div in contact with 78th Div on its right captured several strong points. 1st US Arm Div Armor was not committed. 1st US Inf Div advanced NE along Dj Touts J 45, where further advance was impeded by fire from hills to the North and Northwest. 34th Div then captured point 609 J 4561 on 30th April permitting 1st US Inf Div to capture Dr Ans J 5159 and Dj Barakine J 4859. On the left the 9th Inf Div was held up by Sidi Daoub J 3777 and Djebel El Ajred J 3774. Progress was made by 60th Rct and Corps Franc D'Afrique farther North where they reached a general line along grid Easting 42.

Paragraph 2. Location Statement. 8th Army with Tactical Headquarters at P 4365 consists of 10th Corps P 4365 and 30th Corps U 9047. 10th Corps consists of 2 New Zealand Div P 3074. 51st Inf Div P 2274. 56th Inf Div P 3870. 4th Light Arm Div. L Force and Fighting French Flying Column. 30th Corps consists of 50th Div U 7 * Div and 201st Guards Brigade enroute to 1st Army area. 1st Army J 1319 consists of 19th Corps O 6378. 9th Corps J 6313. 5th Corps J 4829. 2nd US Corps J 1643 and Army Reserve (6th Arm Div) J 5516. 19th Corps consists of Conne Div O 9085. Mathenet Div O 799 2nd and Oisseau Div O 7994. 9th Corps consists of 1 British Arm Div J 6214 and 46th Div J 6609. 5th Corps consists of 4th Div J 4522. 1st British Div J 5630 and 78th Div J 5535. 2nd

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US Corps consists of 1st US Inf Div J 3951.

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CG AAF
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From: Algiers
To : War

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Nothing to report for Part 3 Naval of G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 3 May (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 4th May 9287 nil).

Part 2. Air.

Of which 1 over shipping west of Oran between 0730 and 0800 hrs. Two enemy bomber Recce off Algerian coast daytime. Additional reported off Balearics morning while at night activity centered on Allied shipping north and west of Bizerta. Active Bizerta Area middle night (of night) Recce or bomber aircraft. No reports offensive bombing operations received. With no day flights to Tunisia recorded, night 1-2 May about 20 JU 52 transports crossed. Correction, bomber activity G-2 report 2 May, read 40 miles north Benghazi and not Bizerta.

General.

Very little air activity with only 1 attack by 6 ME 109's our Ground Forces Goubellat. Otherwise nothing but normal patrols Tunis and Tebourba Areas by small formations.

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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34th Div J 3753. (4th and last part 9178 from Freedom). 9th Inf Div J 3192. 1st US Armd Div J 4444 and Corps Franc D'Afrique. 5th Army Oudjda consists of 1st Armd Corps Mostaganem L 11 and 6th Corps Ain Temouchent T 94. 1st Armd Corps consists of 2nd Armd Div Monod Y 92 and 3rd Inf Div now enroute to Constantine Area. 6th Corps consists of 36th Div Magenta Z 37.

Paragraph 3. Movements.

1st Parachute Brigade arrived Boufarik South of Algiers from Beja. 3rd US Inf Div consisting of 7th, 15th and 30th Rct enroute from Oran to Constantine Area.

Paragraph 4. Comparison of Strength.

Strength	Inf Bn		Art. Pieces		Tanks Serv.	
	Allied-Axis		Allied-Axis		Allied-Axis	
8th Army						
Sector	24	39	362	240	220	15
19th Corps	29	12	181	104	113	Unknown
9th Corps	28	Unknown	312	Unknown	362	Unknown
5th Corps	25	16	445	100	248	65
2nd Corps	52	16	309	40	226	Unknown

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Paragraph 5. Casualties.

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Total
	Off. Oth.	Off. Oth.	Off. Oth.	Off. Oth.
8th Army Sector	17 182	47 602	6 64	70 848
1st Army less				
19th Corps &				
2nd Corps end-				
ing week 30th				
April.	63 657	174 2556	42 1379	279 4592
2nd Corps. No Reports.				

Paragraph 6. Prisoners. Week ending April 29th.

	Germans	Italians	French	Unclass.
8th Army	128	398		
1st Army less	1433	4	45	778
9th Corps				
2nd Corps, 9 days				
ending 29th Apr	290	27		

Paragraph 7. Administrative summary. Adm situation
18th Army Gp satisfactory. 7th Armd and 4th Indian Divs
and 201st Gds Bde being transferred to 1st Army will be
maintained by 8th Army through 1st Army dumps.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY CORRECTION

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

No. 9178 May 4, 1943

Omission in original message should read:

Thirty Corps consists of 50 Div U 7070.
Seven Armad Div. Four Indian Div and 201 Guards
Brigade are enroute to 1st Army Area. First
Army J 1319 consists of 19 Corps O 6378.

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Action: OPD

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From: ALGIERS
To: War-British War Office-Oudj9 French Morocco-
Cairo-Malta.

No. 2063 May 4, 1943.

May 2 Part 3 190 signed Eisenhower cite FHGT (AGWAR Troopers Fifth Army 18 Army Group Hq Liaison Group MIDEAST Malta from Spaatz (Hq NWAAF Advanced) ref no 2063 May 3 Northwest African Strategical Air Force. Adverse weather caused cancellation of all missions except weather reconnaissance by P 38 Lightnings, one of which is missing, and photo reconnaissance by F 4's Lightnings. Northwest African Tactical Air Force. Day May 1. Fighter bombers with Spitfire escort flew offensive reconnaissance in Cap Bon and Gulf of Tunis area throughout day. A beached destroyer was attacked and near misses scored. Jetties at Sidi Daoud and Kelibia hit by several bombs starting fires. One ME 109 damaged. One Spitfire missing. 12 Spitfires on shipping reconnaissance attacked 15 ME 110 8 ME 109 and report 6 ME 110 and 1 ME 109 destroyed, one ME 110 probably destroyed and 3 ME 110 damaged. Other formations of Spitfires flew reconnaissance of Gulf of Tunis without incident. Day 2 May. A 20 Bostons, P 40 Warhawks with bombs, Hurribombers and Spitbombers bombed enemy ground troops and installations throughout day with results believed generally good. One FW 190 and one ME 109 destroyed. One Spitbomber missing and one damaged in attack on beached destroyer. Spitfires, P 39 Airocobras and Mustangs flew reconnaissance, artillery missions and photo missions throughout day. Other curtailed by unfavourable weather conditions. NWA Coastal Air Force. Night 1/2 May. Beaufighters flew usual patrols. One caught fire but crew baled out safely. Day 2 May. Marauders and Beaufighters flew offensive reconnaissance. One Beaufighter destroyed one JU 88 North of Bone. Fighters flew

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To: War-British War Office-Oud¹² French Morocco-
Cairo-Malta.

No. 2063 May 4, 1943.

usual patrols without incident. Action USFOR information AGWAR Troopers Fifth Army 18 Army Group Hq Liaison Group Middle East Malta.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 9221, May 4, 1943.

Extreme north enemy resistance broken morning 3 May and forces in area pushed back to approximately line J 52 easting. ((AGWAR Troopers information 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12 Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Grp AFHQ 5th Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower-- 9221-- 4 May-- Nil)). Mateur evacuated during day and no enemy contacted by our troops south Garaet Achel area J 6583. South Mateur enemy withdrew east of junction Oued Tine with road J 6160. Total PW claimed 200 while further body about same size surrounded Djebel Saidane J 4897 and expected soon mopped up. No information enemys present dispositions but probable main body of troops withdrawn behind Oued Tine where delaying action possible. South river Medjerda little activity reported. Strong enemy patrols encountered night 2-3 May in Sidi Salej area J 7231 and much movement seen around Sidi Abdullah J 7332. Reliable indications suggest reinforcement continues this sector with infantry and artillery from southern front. Northeast Sebkret El Kourzia J 81 enemy patrols active night 2-3 May. Battery of 6, 75 MM guns in area J 8214 engaged by our artillery and did not fire again. Otherwise situation quiet. Sector Pont Du Fahs-Sacouaf no change in front line. Enemy shelling continued 3rd May and 100 prisoners probably Italian now reported captured 2nd May at O 9995. On 8th Army front very little activity throughout the day and enemy shelling decreased most sectors. Preceding operations Para Part 1 Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 3rd May.

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 2050A May 4, 1943.

To troopers (pass USFOR) USFOR AGWAR Freedom governor Malta Personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast Fifth Army rptd 242 Group Sois Bone Hq L of C 12 ASC Tactical Bomber Force Adv NAAF NASAF from 18 Army Group HQ. O 8482-2050) A 3 (May) Part 1. SITREP no. 192 for period ending 1900 hours 3rd May. From AFHQ signed C in C.

Part 1. Section 1. 8th Army. NTR. Section 2 1st Army. (A). 19th Corps. Patrol activity on both sides. 1 strong patrol 7th RTM captured 100 prisoners area O-9995 2nd May (B). 1 Br Armd Div. Enemy night patrols active otherwise NTR. (C). 5th Corps. 4th Div passed from under command 5th Corps to under comd 9th Corps 0800 hrs. 1st Div now disposed 2nd Bde area J 6841 24th GDS BDE unchanged 3rd BDE in reserve area J 6539. 7th Div much enemy activity area Sidi Abdullah J 7232 engaged by our arty. Dispositions. 11th Bde unchanged 36th Bde relieved 3rd Bde and now in area J 6835 J 6939 38th Bde relieved by 7th RTA less 1st Bn in area J 5847 and remains lying up same area. 46th Div. 128th Bde area Long. J 6143 138th Bde in reserve area J 5741 (D). 9th Corps. Concentration continues. Section 3. 2nd US Corps. 1 Armd Div recon units entered Mateur 1100 hrs and continued to advance Northeast and Northwest. 9th Inf Div now control rd junctions J 503942 and J 438793. 200 German prisoners already taken by 9th Div. 1st Inf Div

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 2050A May 4, 1943.

recce units now at J 615600. 18th Inf have reached J 5859 and 26th Inf J 5562. Advance continues and little resistance encountered so far. 1st Bn 34th Div now moving to relieve elements 8th Armd Div on Corps right boundary. Section 4. Air. Follows. End of part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGOT.

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Action: OPD

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

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. O/849 May 4, 1943

Part 1. Sitrep No. 192 for 24 hours ending 2359 hours 3 May (to Troopers USFOR (Troopers pass) AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personnel for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army (R) 242 Group Bone area for Sois Hq L of C 12 ASC Tactical Bomber Force Adv NAAF (for Col MacDonald A 2) NASAF from 18th Army Group O/849 4th May) from AFHQ signed C in C.

Section 1. 8th Army. Very little activity. Shelling slightly decreased except Cap 4 Lt Armd Bde front. One FF Div moving to area P 0560.

Section 2. First Army.

A. 19th Corps. Artillery exchanges continued otherwise N T R.

B. 1 Br Armd Div. 46 Recce Regt returned to Command 46 Div. Own and enemy dispositions unchanged.

C. 5th Corps. Pt 443 J 586490 reported clear of enemy Pt 416 J 596482 occupied by our own troops and also believed clear of enemy.

D. 9th Corps. Concentration continues.

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To: WAR
No. 0/849 May 4, 1943

Section 3. 2 US Corps. 18 Inf fwd elements reached J 595590 and J 595579. 26th Inf fwd elements reached J 605625 and J 599605. 39th Inf pushed eastwards meeting no resistance and now assembling area J 4483. 47th Inf now concentrating area J 3972. 60th Inf now at J 423925 J 481925 J 436935. CCB now concentrating area Mateur. Fwd elements CFA reached area J 5395.

Section 4. Air. Follows.

Part 2. Follows. Cite FBGCT. Too 0720A.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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From: Algiers
To: War - Malta - Oudjda - Algiers

Number O 850 May 4, 1943

For 24 hours ending 2359 hours 3 May.
(((Number O 850 dated 4th. TOO 0715A. From
68 Army Group to Troopers pass USFOR. USFOR.
AGWAR. Freedom. Governor Malta personal for
FM Viscount Gort. Mideast. 5th Army. 242
Group Bones area for SOIS. Hq L of C. Main
8th Army. 12 ASC. Tactical Bomber Force.
Adv NAAF for Col MacDonald A 2. First Army.
Two US Corps. NASAF. Part 1 SITREP number
192.))) From AFHQ signed C in C.

Part 1 continues. Section 4. Air. Dust
storms severely restricted visibility. Offensive
sweeps over 1st Army forward areas and Gulf of
Tunis encountered no enemy aircraft or ships.
End of continuation part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite
FHGCT.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN. DEAN. (CC/S)
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O P E R A T I O N A L P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: WAR - Oudjda
Unnumbered May 3, 1943
Sitrep No. 191

Part One Sitrep no. 191 for 24 hrs ending 2359 hrs, 2nd May. (3rd May TOO 0630A from 18th Army Group to (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) 242nd Group (9) Bone area for SOIS (10) Hq L of C (11) 12th ASC (12) Tactical Bomber Force (13) Adv NAAF (for Col MacDonald A2) (14) NASAF From AFHQ signed C in C.

Part 1 begins.

Section 1.

8th Army. Main Headquarters 8th Army now P493656. During day fair amount of small arms fire and shelling. 1st French Div concentrated Triaga U4453 preparatory to moving.

Section 2.

1st Army.

(a) 19th Corps.

Repulsed enemy attacks on PT/267 J9202, yesterday. Today strong enemy patrols were active in area J9299. Brit Arm Div. Patrol activity only.

(b) 9th Corps.

Concentration continues.

(c) 5th Corps.

Active patrolling on 4th Div Front. 1st

Recce Regt located approximately 40 tanks area J7141 and 100 MT behind El Aoupa. Tanks engaged by bombers MT by arty. 46th Div less 1st Inf Bde relieved 78th Div.

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To: WAR - Oudjda

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Section 3,

2nd US Corps. 9th Inf Div. 39th Inf NTR. 47th Inf reports patrols inflicted casualties on enemy to south of Bald Hill. 60th Inf captured 12 Germans. Div Arty harrassing fire during night. 894 TD Bn moved to vicinity J3784. 601st TD Bn moving to join 894th TD Bn as per order. 1st Inf Div 16th Inf patrols went to Easting 523. 26th Inf NTR. 1st Arad Div. No change.

Section 4.

Air. Follows. End of Part 1. Part 2 follows.
Cite FHGCT.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen Deane (CCS)
Adm King
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From: Algiers GCU
To: War
Oudja

No. 0705, May 3, 1943

Part 1 Sitrep No 191 for 24 hours (number 0 844
3rd May TOO 0705 A from 18th Army Group to Troopers
USFOR, AGWAR, Freedom, Governor-Malta, Personal for
FM Viscount Gort, Mideast, 5th Army, 242nd Group
Sois Bone Hq L of C Main 8th Army, 12th ASC Tactical
Bomber Force Adv NAAF (For Col MacDonald AWLT 1st
Army 2nd US Corps NASAF) ending 2359 hours 2nd May.
From AFHQ signed C in C. Part 1 continues.

Section 4. Air. Large scale operations pre-
vented by weather. Fighter and fighter bombers active
against shipping and selected ground targets in battle
area. Medium bombers attacked concentration of tanks.

Naval Operation off Keilibia escorted by fighters
off Western desert. End of continuation of Part 1.
Part 2 follows. Cite FRGCT.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: USFOR - War

No. 9116, May 3, 1943

Part 2. SITREP 191. 2 way.

Naval. NIL. Signed Eisenhower. Cite PHGCT.
(USFOR AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18 Army Gp Hq. Liaison
Gp AFHQ Mideast Malta Adv NWAAF from G-3 Section AFHQ
9116, 3 May) Part 2. Movements commenced. One Para Bde
left Boufarik for Matamore. Movements completed. 15
RCT arrived Constantine area from Oran. Action USFOR
rptd AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, 18th Army Group Hq,
Liaison Group AFHQ, Mideast, Malta, Adv NWAAF for infor-
mation.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To : War

No. 8954 - May 3, 1943

Operations. Little operational activity all Fronts. Extreme north slight opposition (AGWAR for EDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18 Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps ADVNAAP EAC 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1 Arm Corps and 6 Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 8954) to our advance. Italian prisoners captured on coast. Casualties inflicted on enemy by our patrols area Djebel El Ajred J 3774 to south Jefna Road. South Medjerda River, about 40 tanks and 100 MT located Djebel El Agoud Area J 7141 by TIC Recce and our Reconnaissance Troops. Engaged by our Artillery and Air Forces, results unobserved, Sectors north east Sebkret El Kourzia, Pont Du Fahs and Enfidaville, situation quiet. No important change to report.

Part 1. Land.

G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 2nd May.

Identifications:

German nil,

Italian,

(1) 24 Bn and 24 Bn Bersaglieri identified from PW Coastal Sector on 2nd May.

Comment:

24th Bn made available this Sector after withdrawal from Grande Dorsale, 34th Bn probably represents entire survivors 10th Bersaglieri Regt.

(2) 66th Inf Regt Trieste Division identified from PW Area north Takrouna on 1st May.

General:

Enemy situation generally unchanged, but Forces believed very weak in north where period of sustained

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fighting will have reduced strength considerably.
Possible withdrawal may be accelerated this Area. Re-
mainder Front no changes with enemy undertaking regroup-
ing during present lull.

Part 2 and 3 will follow.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAP
General Deane (CCS)

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 5850 May 3, 1943

Close contact maintained along entire 8th Army front May 2nd no change in line reported. Moderate amount of small arms fire and shelling during day. One Free French Division concentrated area AU 4453 preparatory to moving to front par from Brereton RAF May 2nd fighter bombers carried out several sweeps in Gulf of Tunis. Poor visibility hampered operations. No fresh enemy shipping sighted. Ninth Air Force May 2nd Bomber Command reported no operation. No operational report received from 12th Bomb Group. Twenty four fighters 57th Group participated in fighter bomber mission. Forty eight fighters 79th Group dropped 12,000 pounds bombs in fighter bomber mission on enemy shipping and dump.

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Action: OPD

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

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C O R R E C T I O N

P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: War

No. A 1793, May 2, 1943.

Unescorted M/V and report direct hit on L.P.
38 Lightnings escort bombed same target and report
2 hits on second M/V.

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NOTE: Correction to CM-IN-18247 (30 Apr 43) OPD.

ACTION: OPD

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

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OSD letter, May, 3, 1972

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 5841 May 2, 1943 By SLR Date FEB 19 1974

Coastal sector 169th Brig relieved 201st Guards Brig May 1st without incident. Shelling was only activity except for small unsuccessful local counter attack by enemy on 169th Brig. Moves of 7th Armd Div, 4th Ind Div and 201st Guards Brig reported progressing satisfactorily.

From Brereton RAF fighter bombers May 1st attacked destroyer beached from April 30th operations. Several near misses claimed. Bldgs and jetties at Kelibia and Sidi Daoud considerably damaged by bombers unable to locate target destroyer due bad visibility. One ME 109 damaged out of 4 encountered.

Operations 9th Air Force May 1st: ten bombers 98th Group reached Reggio Di Calabria Harbor. Objective obscured by clouds forcing return. One aircraft disintegrated in air and crashed into sea and 1 aircraft unreported. Thirty bombers 376th Group failed to reach target Reggio Di Calabria due weather and returned. No report received from 12th Group. One twenty fighters 79th Group in total 3 missions successfully dropped 24,000 lbs of bombs on shipping and shore installations. Thirty eight fighters 57th Group in total 3 fighter bomber missions successfully dropped 23,500 lbs of bombs on shipping and shore installations.

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Information: G-2, CG AAF

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May 2, 1943
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR - United Kingdom (action)

No. 8661, May 2, 1943.

Operations. Coastal Sector enemy forces contacted eastern slopes Djebel Saidane ((AGWAR Troopers information 18th Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12 Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Gp AFHQ 5th Army from Freedom 8661 TOO nil 2 May)) J 4797. Heavy MG mortar and artillery fire encountered on all sides high ground Kef En Nsour J 4590. Stiffening enemy resistance north Jefna road on hills area Djebel Chaouaf J 4179. South of road Djebel El Ajred J 3774 reported occupied by enemy total prisoners counted northern sector on 1 May 575 Italian 66 German. East Sidi Nsir road, enemy counterattacks from high ground Djebel Tahent J 4661 repulsed with heavy losses. Some prisoners taken. South river Medjerda, situation quiet and little enemy interference with our improvement of forward positions in areas Djebel Bou Aoukaz J 74 and Sidi Medienne J 73. Enemy holds northeast ~~area~~ * Asoud J 7144 and area north Sidi Abdullah J 7235. Patrol activity only sector northeast Sebket El Kourzia J 71. Pont Du Fahs sector, small enemy attack in foothills north Saouaf road captured PT J 9303. Enemy subsequently pushed back and further counterattack repulsed. 8th Army front, situation materially unchanged except enemy shelling in reply our artillery fire.

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Asoud etc*

Part 1 Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 1st May. Identifications. German. Nil. Italian. Nil. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 18 Army Group 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Gr- AFHQ 5th Army pass 1st Arm Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. General

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No important change general picture enemy dispositions and intentions. Stiffening enemy opposition in northern sector suggests intention hold in strength range of hills running west of Garaet Achkel and pivoting on Djebel El Ajred which covers Jefna road. Enemy regrouping forces on main battleground (Parts 2 and 3 will follow) between river Medjerda and Pont Du Fahs.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CG AAF
OPD
General Deane (CCS)

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From: Algiers
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No. O 834 May 2, 1943

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2359 hrs 1st May. (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) 242 Group (9) Bone Area for Sois (10) Hq L of C (11) 12 ASC (12) Tactical Bomber Force (13) Adv NAAF (for Col MacDonald A 2) (14) NASAF from 18th Army Group O 834 2nd May too 0845 A. Part 1 Sitrep No. 190 for 24 hrs ending) from AFHQ signed CINC.

Part 1.

Section 1. 8th Army. 167 Bde relieved 201 Gds Bde in Coastal Sector. Small local counter attack on 169 Bde was repulsed. Arty activity both sides otherwise quiet.

Section 2. 1st Army.

(A). 19 Corps. During afternoon small enemy attack captured PT 267 J 925026. In successful counter attack retook position and subsequent enemy counter attack was repulsed.

(B). 9 Corps. 1st Brit Armd Div with 139 Inf Bde under cmd assumed cmd of sector previously held by 9 Corps 9 Corps reverts to Armd Reserve. 46 Div Hq now at J 5535 138 Inf Bde in area Medjez El Bab unconfirmed report that 128 Bde was to take over Long. 16143 during night.

(C). 5 Corps. 78 Div Hq now at:

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J 6327. Otherwise NTR.

Section 3. Two US Corps 9 Inf Div.
60 Inf now has a Bn on PT 490 J 420885 otherwise no
change. During 1st May 641 PW passed through 9 Div
camp. Only 66 of these were German. 516 of these
PW were taken by CFA in north.

Section 4. Air. Follows.

Part 2. Follows. Cite FHGCT.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CCS)
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May 2, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: WAR - USFOR

No. 188 May 2, 1943

Signed Eisenhower. Cite FBGCT. NWA Strategic AF. (AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group from NWA AF ADV Hq A 1942 E 1/5. April 30 part 3 188) night 20/4/30/4 Wellingtons attacked Sidi Ahmed airdrome. One crashed after take off 1 missing. Target was well covered starting large fire. One 4000 pound bomb dropped in damage, damage unobserved. Day 30/4. B-26 Marauders with fighter escort and B 25 Mitchells carried out shipping sweeps resulting in 1 destroyer sunk light cruiser hit on bow and stern and left burning. Hits on bow and stern of a small M/V. One enemy fighter destroyed. B 25 Mitchells attacked road junction on main Tunis-Medjez-El-Bab road with good results. One B 25 was destroyed over target by flak. Day 30/4 NWA Tactical AF. Medium and light bombers with Fighter escort carried out shipping sweeps resulting in sinking 1 destroyer 1 Siebel Ferry 1 E boat 1 F boat. Several small vessels attacked. Kelibes jetty hit and exploded. Escort on last mission of the day reports seeing 5 vessels burning near Caen Menasey on. Fighters claim 7 enemy fighters destroyed. Two of our pilots are missing. NWA Coastal AF. Night 29/30. Beaufighters carried out patrols on Oran Oreraho Orleansville Djedjelli and Algiers areas without incident. One Beaufighter from Bone was victored onto enemy aircraft 30 miles south of Sardinia

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To: WAR
No. 188 May 2, 1943

destroying 5 JU 52. Day 30/4. Hudsons carried out con-
voy escorts and U boat hunts without incident. Marauders
flew armed RCN of Naples area without incident. Fighters
patrolled the coastal area without incident. Action
USFOR information rest of address.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 8419 May 1, 1943

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Operations. In extreme north, enemys withdrawal continued between Coada and Jefna Road. (To AGWAR, Troopers from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 8419 TOO nil.) Coastal sector, enemy driven from high ground Kef Toura J 4698 to area Djebel Saidane J 4898. Many Italian prisoners captured. In Sedjanane Valley, enemy forces engaged area Kef En Nsour J 4590, and north Jefna Road pushed back to area J 3982. East Sidi Nsir road, enemy located area Djebel Tahent J 46, but forced give ground on western slopes J 4561 and to south at J 4760 and J 4861. North river Wedjerda, heavy mortar and WG fire encountered by our troops area Ali Ben Aouane J 64, but enemy pushed back from Sidi Ahmed to appropriate line J 6546-J6247-north west feature Ben Aouane J 6148. Concentration enemy tanks reported on road to north east J 6848, and during day 5 tanks seen at J 6148 moved west to engage our troops north of Heidous at J 5948. Further details not yet available. South river Wedjerda, enemy continued attacks south west and south Djebel El Asoud against areas J 6942 and J 7143 with force including up to 30 tanks. Some progress made in former area, but repeated attacks against J 7143 repulsed with losses. Bitter fighting continued all day further south in areas Sidi Abdullah J 7232 and point 133 J 7234. Enemy counter attacked with up to 30 tanks and succeeded recapturing point 133 and Sidi

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To: War
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Abdullah. Heavy casualties inflicted on enemy, and number of tanks claimed destroyed in this and Djebel El Asoud areas during 29-30 April. Sector north Sebkret El Kourzia J 71, enemy expelled from Argoub J 7720 and withdrew east to area J 8018-J8020. No enemy tanks contacted, but heavy antitank fire from screen to north east checked our further advance. Resistance continues strong this area, while to south enemy holds eastern slopes Djebel Kournine J 8016 in strength. No enemy contacted by our patrols.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF

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Priority--Operational

From: Algiers
To: War

Number: 8552 May 1, 1943

Amendment number 3 to (Orbat) 3. (Added Troopers information AGWAR signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 8552 1st) showing position on 1 May. Para 9 XIX Corps reorganised 3 divisions right div Alger under Conne, centre div Maroc under Mathinet, left div Oran under Boisseau, in Reserve Arm Force under Le Culteaux. Para 8. Four group De Tabour under comd II Corps. Detailed composition French divisions not yet received.

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Action: G-2

Information: OPD
CG AAF
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From: 18th Army Group Algiers
To: War - Oudjda French Mor.

No. 833, May 1, 1943

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Part one. SITREP No 190 for period ending 2000 hours 1st May. (From 18th Army Group 833 1st May to 2040 A to Troopers Pass USFOR AGWAR Freedom Malta personal for FM Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army Eptd 242 Group Sois Bone Hqn of C 12 ABC Tactical Bomber Force Adv NAAF NASAF) From AFHQ signed C in C. Part one begins. Section 1. Eighth Army. NTR. Section 2. 1st Army. (A) 19th Corps. NTR. 9 Corps. NTR. (C) 5 Corps. Night 30 April/1 May 11 Inf Bde relieved 12 Inf Bde area Peter Corner J 7032. Reported that with exception of 139 Bde Group and Div Recce Regt 46th Div moving to Medjel area. 139 Bde Group and 46 Div Recce Regt now reported as under command First British Arm'd Div Djigbou Aoukaz area generally quieter but GDS BLUE has improved position slightly. 1 Bn now holds PT 171 J 701351. 1 Bn in area J 6934. 1 Bn on PT 212 J 70533 and PT 132 J 694821. Enemy holds PT 181 J 75350 Inf Force and holds North. Eastern slopes PT 214 J 7144. Our troops reported as holding opposite side of hill with crest unoccupied. Section 3. 2 US Corps. Counter attack on 1 US Inf Div night 30 April/1 May met with some success. Enemy captured Hill 545 J 485612 but another attack was driven back from J 472602 and our position there remained fast. Attack by enemy on Hill 609 J 455601 was repulsed with severe loss to the enemy some prisoners taken. Bn CFA are advancing to take high ground on either side of road

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To: War - Oudjda French Mor.

No. 833, May 1, 1943

at J 4395. 6 Tabor patrols have advanced as far as
Tella J 4797. Section 4. Air. To follow. End of
part 1. Part 2 follows. Cite FHGCE.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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From Algiers
To: London USFOR (Action) War (Info)
No. 190, May 1st, 1943.

1. Naval (AGWAR Troopers 5th Army Mideast 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group AFHQ Adv NWAAP from Freedom BK signed Eisenhower cite FHCT 2nd May Part 2 SITREP) 7 Nil.

2. Movements commenced. 3rd US Inf Div, consisting 7th, 15th, and 30th RCTS departed Oran for Constantine Area. Correction in preamble addressed USFOR remainder 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: War and British War Office (Action)
Information all others concerned

No. 8419, May 1, 1943.

South and south east Sebkret El Kourzse (2nd part of 8419). Main dispositions in area Pont Du Fahs unchanged. While to south east enemy holds foothills north of main Pont Du Fahs-Saouaf Road. On 8th Army front. Enemy obliged give ground on western flank by local attacks. Remainder of front quiet.

Part 1. Land G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 30 April. Identifications. German. One Coy, 504 Panzer Abteilung identified 28 April from documents captured south Djebel El Asoud J 7042. Following from PWS on 30 April. Two Bn 962 Inf Regt north Jefna Road J 38. March Bns 17 and 23 north Jefna Road J 3677. Two Coy, 1 Bn, Barenthin Regt area Bed Valley J 55. Two Bn 47 Gren Regt south Djebel El Asoud J 7143. Tem MC Bn area Djebel El Asoud J 7044. Two Bn Hq Gren Regt 2 north Sidi Abdullah J 7234. Two Bn 86 Pgr north Sebkret Elekourzia J 7820. Four Bn 47 Gren Regt south east Pont Du Fahs O 9296. This Bn last identified north Djehibina. One Bn Hq Tank Regt. PW captured from advance party north Sebkret El Kourzia on 23 April. Italian. PWS from 22 Bn 5 Bersaglieri Regt captured area Djebel Saidane J 48981 30 April Bn last identified April from documents captured El Guettar Sector. 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

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Corps from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. General. Enemy infantry forces in north sector appear hardpressed, and compelled withdraw further east by our pressure. Identification Italian Infantry from southern front indicated enemy short of German reserves and attempting check our advance with odd Italian remnants. Determined counterattacks north and south Medjerda Valley, in which enemy has committed 504 Tank Bn in support infantry, shows that enemy appreciates he must defend to utmost this vital approach to Tebourba-Tunis plain. In Djebel Kournine-Pont Du Fahs Sector, enemy less aggressive, but skilfull use antitank screens indicates very stubborn defense will be maintained to ward off our armor from open country southeast of Tunis

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Information: OPD
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 8491, May 1, 1943

Tanks on 1 Army front 30 April did not (To AGWAR Troopers rptd 18 Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Grp AFHQ 5 Army from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower 8491 undated information routine action urgent. Total Troopers information 18 Army Group 1 Army 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Liaison Grp AFHQ 5 Army from G-2 Freedom Signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI reference our 8419) exceed 30 in both Djebel El Asoud J 74 and Sidi Abdullah J 73 areas.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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SIT.		✓
CURR.		✓
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AIR		✓
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

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Section 1. Eighth Army. NTR.

Section 2. First Army.

A. 19th Corps. NTR. 9 Corps.

NTR.

C. 5th Corps. Night 30 April/1 May 11 Inf Bde relieved 12th Inf Bde area Peter Corner J 7032. Reported that with exception of 139 Bde Group and Div Recce Regt 46 * moving to Medjel area. 139 Bde Group and 46 Div Recce Regt now reported as under command 1st British * Aoukaz area generally quieter but * has improved position slightly. One Bn now holds PT * J 701351. One Br * 6934. One Bn on PT 212 J 70533 and PT 132 J 694321 Enemy holds PT 181 J 75350 Inf Force and holds Northeastern slopes PT 214 J 7144. Our troops reported as holding opposite side of hill with crest unoccupied.

Section 3. 2 US Corps. Counter attack on 1 US Inf Div night 30 April 1st * met with some success. Enemy captured hill 545 J 485612 but another

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attack was driven back from J 472602 and our position
there remained fast. Attack by enemy on hill 609
J 45510 was repulsed with severe loss to the enemy.
some prisoners taken. BN C F A are advancing to take
high ground on either side of road at J 4395. Six
tabor patrols have advanced as far as Tella J 4797.

Section 4. Air. To follow.

Part 2. Follows. * .

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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 and all interested addressees

No. 0835 May 2, 1943

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2nd May TOO 0645A.

1. Sitrep number. From 18th Army Group 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) 242 Group (9) Bone area for SOIS (10) Hq L of C (11) Main 8th Army (12) 12th ASC (13) Tactical Bomber Force (14) Adv NAAF (for Col MacDonald A-2 (15) 1st Army (16) 2nd US Corps (17) UASAD) from AFHQ signed C in C.

4. Air. Frequent sweeps made in Gulf of Tunis and Sicillian Straits showed no shipping. As alternatives attacks made on jetties Cape Bon area and on destroyer beached after yesterday's attacks. One air convoy of enemy twin engined fighters successfully intercepted Tunis area. Fighter and medium bomber attacks in the forward areas again unopposed.

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

No. 8590, May 1st, 1943.

30th April. Part 2.

1. Naval. (To USFOR reple AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army. 18th Army Group Hq, Liaison Group AFHQ, Mideast, Malta. Adv NWAAF for information from G-3 Section AFHQ 8590 (Sitrep 189) 28th April. MTBS from Sousse operating in daylight off Cap Bon sank a 3000 ton merchant vessel and damaged 2 minesweepers and 1 R boat. MTBS were attacked by shore batteries and aircraft. 1 MTB sustained damage and had to be sunk by our own forces. 1 enemy fighter was shot down and 2 damaged. Night 29th/30 April. 2 destroyers carried out a sweep to Marittimo and sank a 2,000 ton merchant vessel off the south coast of Sicily. Same night MTBS from Bone operated off Gulf of Tunis and American MTBS in approaches to Bizerta. MTBS from Sousse were active off Cap Bon Peninsula.

2. Movements completed. 62nd CA Regt (less 2nd and 3rd Bns) arrived Algiers from Telergma.

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 0/824, May 1, 1943

(From 18th Army Group to Troopers (pass USFOR)
USFOR AGWAR Freedom Governor Malta personal for FM
Viscount Gort Mideast 5th Army 242nd Group Bone area
for SOIS Hq L of C 12th ASC Tactical Bomber Force
Adv NAAF NASAF nr 0/824 TOO 0720A 1st May) Part 1
SITREP no 189 for 24 hours ending 2359 hrs 30 Apr.
From AFHQ signed C in C.

Part 1 continues.

The day was marked by decisive and brilliant attacks on enemy shipping in Tunisian waters. These attacks by fighters and fighter bombers of the desert air force resulted in the sinking of many ships including 2 destroyers and were achieved in spite of a record defensive effort by enemy fighters over the ships concerned.

Section 1. 8th Army.

A further attack by our troops last night regained all ground lost through enemy infiltration on 29th Apr. Remainder of front quiet.

Section 2. 1st Army.

(A). 5th Corps.

4th Div. 12th Bde forced to withdraw from PT 133 J 7234 to area Peters Corner J 7032 after bitter fighting which resulted in heavy losses to both sides.

1st Div. All enemy attacks held. At least 12 enemy tanks destroyed on Corps front during 29 and 30 Apr.

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Section 3. 2nd US Corps. Nothing further to report.

Section 4.

Air. Full scale effort by Western Desert Air Forces on special operations against shipping as mentioned above in addition continued bombing of objectives on first army front without any interference from enemy air.

End of continuation Part 1. Part 2 follows.
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From: Algiers
To: WAR - British War Office (action)
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With indications enemy bomber recce active south of Sardinia only no further reports received of activity off Algerian coast. Of offensive bombing long range missions no reports. (AGWAR Troopers 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 8456 date nil. TOO nil) Reported during day Sicilian area large number ME-110's (including single engined fighters) on escort duty and at 1130Z large number JU-88's presumably on escort duty detected off west coast of Sicily. Night 28th-29th April, 40 to 50 JU-52's landed Tunis and Bizerta of which majority returned toward Sicily but few reported heading for Sardinia. Part 2 Air G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 30th April. General. Again on high scale enemy air activity largely devoted to protecting shipping Gulf of Tunis - Cape Bon area. With only 1 report of enemy fighters engaging ours, generally enemy apparently unwilling to attack. Small formations observed Medjez El Bab - Ksar Tyr area with several alarm patrols form Pantellaria. Enemy fighter formations occasionally mixed with FW-190's, ME-109's and ME-202's operating together. On southern front no enemy activity reported. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers

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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. Part
3 Naval. Nothing to report.

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