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May 15-31, 1943

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May 31, 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL
NATO, FREEDOM

Number 9262

Recent Combined Chiefs of Staff decision as follows for your information (from Marshall to Eisenhower) "Agreed that rearming and reequipping of French Forces North Africa should proceed as rapidly as availability of shipping and equipment will allow but as secondary commitment to requirements of US and British in various Theaters."

ORIGINATOR: OPD

INFORMATION: General Strong
General Arnold
CCS
Admiral King
Log

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

OSD LHM, May 1, 1973

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From: Algiers
To: War 6240
British War Office No #

May 31, 1943

Two hundred nineteen. (SITREP) 30 May. (USFOR
rptd AGWAR Troopers Mideast 5th Army 1st Army Malta Adv
NNAAF from Freedom 6240 31 May signed Eisenhower. Cite
FHGCT Nil) Part 1 Nil. Part 2.

Para 1. Naval Nil.

Para 2. Movements commenced. 29 May 2nd Army
Group RA left Souk Ahras with destination Oued Seguin.
Movements completed. 1st Army Group RA arrived at Oued
Seguin.

Para 3. L of C. Nil. Part 3 follows.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GENERAL DEANE (CCS)
ADM. KING

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CCWD
5-30-43
1419Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR 5922
USFOR Unnumbered
And other addressees concerned

May 30, 1943

29 May. Part 1. Nil.

Part 2. Para 1. Naval. Nil(signed Eisenhower).
Cite FMCT.

Para 2. (Action USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers
Mideast 5th Army 1st Army Malta Adv NWAAF from Freedom
5022 29th Nil. SITREP 218). Movements commenced 1st
Army Group RA departed Souk Ahras with destination Oued
Seguin. L 75. Movements completed. 78 Inf Div arrived
at Guelma.

Para 3. L of C. Bone was raided by enemy
aircraft night of 28/29 May. A few casualties resulted.
Details are not available. Part 3 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: London USFOR
WAR
British War Office
Cairo
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May 29, 1943

Two hundred and seventeen. Twenty eighth May.
(To USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers Mideast 5th Army 1st Army
Malta Div NWAAF from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite PHGCT
W 1577/5587 29 May. SITREP).

1. Rear link 2nd Corps closed at Mateur. Remaining
units 2nd Corps in Tunisia passed to command 34th Inf Div.

2. Naval. On 25th May HMS Vetch attacked U Boat
off Tenes. M 17. Believed successful. MTBS operated
off Pantelleria and Marettimo during night 27/28 May
during recent patrols our submarines sank a tanker of
Monte Carlo, a 4000 ton motor vessel off Messina, a
trawler at entrance Augusta harbor and damaged 4000
ton motor vessel off Catania.

Movements commenced. CCA 2 (US) Armd Div
departed Arzew with destination Jemmagas. Five six Inf
Div departed 1st Army area with destination Tripoli.
Movements completed. Second party 1 (US) Armd Div
arrived Rabat.

L of C. Seven enemy aircraft raided Sousse
morning 28 May. Eight bombs fell on the dock area causing
superficial damage to port. Casualties included 4 military
killed and 5 injured. Parts 1 and 2 SITREP 216 were not
issued.

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Action: OPD

Information: G-2 **SECRET** Pen. Deane (CC/S) **TOP SECRET** King, LOG

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May 29, 1943

INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Algiers
To: British Army Staff.
WAR

No. W 1562/5479 May 28, 1943

OLD
Summary of operations 24 to 26 May. (Action Troopers pass to HM Ambassador Madrid for US Ambassador Madrid, Resident Minister Achimota, Britmilat Ankara for Marshall Ahakmak, Defender Wellington Sir Puttick rptd USFOR Mideast Britman Washington Arminia Dehli PAIC Land Forces Melbourne De Chiefs Pretoria De Chiefs Capetown Force Nairobi from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FGGCT W 1562/5479 28 May NIL Linrep 50)

1. Ground. The reorganization and movements of our forces continued.

2. Naval. Night 23/24 May, Mths carried out patrols off Pantelleria without incident. Following day USS Fields attacked U boat off Oran and wreckage and oil patch were seen. US aircraft observed debris and corpe after dark on second U boat 300 miles west of Casablanca. One of our submarines on 13 May sank 2 schooners of 200 tons each off east coast of Corsica and on 20 May bombarded Calvi airfield Corsica.

3. Air. Throughout the period heavy medium and fighter bombers maintained a powerful scale of attack against targets in Sicily, Sardinia and Pantelleria. Heaviest attack made by 4 formations of B 17's Fortresses totalling 103 aircraft which dropped 261 tons of bombs on Messina on 25 May. Bombs were seen to burst on the dock areas, railway marshalling yards, power stations and on the

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From: Algiers

To: British Army Staff - WAR

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Naval Base, where a large explosion was observed. In other raids by B 17's La Maddalena in Sardinia was attacked where in addition to damage to the Naval Base, near misses were obtained on 2 merchant vessels. On 26 May a formation of 45 B 17's attacked the airdrome of Comiso in Sicily where the target area was well covered despite a 60 MPH wind which made accurate bombing difficult. Among successful raids by lighter bombers 25 P 38's Lightnings on 26 May scored direct hits on both upper and lower dams on the river Tirso in Sardinia. The power stations were also damaged. Continuous attack was maintained on Pantelleria, which was raided by 23 Wellingtons on 24 May, by P 40 Warhawks.

(End of part 1. Part 2 follows.)

Same day and again by 22 P-40's and other fighter bombers on 26 May. (Second and last part of message from Freedom reference number W1562/5479 dated 28 May) Among similar targets attacked Olbia was raided by 36 B-25's Mitchells on 24 May and again same night by 18 Wellingtons which dropped 28 tons of bombs. In this latter raid 1 ship exploded and 2 others were left burning. Aircraft of the Coastal Air Force attacked a U Boat with depth charges on 24th May and a 2nd fully surfaced during night 24/25 May. In neither case were results observed.

4. Political. General Catroux is expected to return Algiers tomorrow. General De Gaulle's arrival in Algiers is scheduled for Sunday next.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF

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NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 282200

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Received: 30th May 43

Time: 0045

Addressed: A.I G. 264

From: C. in C. Med.

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BY SR . DATE FEB 19 1974

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 100

1. Mines sighted in the Lake of Bizerta as reported in My 242351 were swept on 24th May and on examination were found to have been laid without Primers Detonators or Horns. 13 mines were swept in this condition.
2. H.M.S. VETCH carried out promising attack on U-Boat contact in position 36° 31' North 00° 40' East at 1339Z/25. Periscope was also sighted and shallow pattern dropped around it. Contact was not regained during subsequent search by four ships.
3. During night 27th/28th May M.T.B's from Malta patrolled in vicinity of Pantellaria and M.T.B's and M.G.B's from Bizerta carried out sweep off Marittimo. Coastal craft operations from previous two nights had to be cancelled on account of weather.
4. In addition to the successes reported in My 231740 Para. 8 H.M.S. SICKLE fired four torpedoes at Tanker off Monaco at 1115/15. SICKLE reports that one torpedo hit the tanker which sank and another hit the Casino at Monte Carlo.
5. UNRULY reports obtaining one hit on 4000 ton merchant vessel at 1032/16th in position 37° 35' North 15° 17' East.
6. UNBROKEN reports sinking 600 ton Tug at 1547/16 in position 38° 45' North 16° 00' East and 4,000 ton merchant vessel in position 38° 24' North 15° 44' East at 1744/21.
7. ULTOR reports that 500 ton Trawler at buoy in entrance to Augusta Harbour blew up when hit by torpedo at 0821/23.
8. Hudson aircraft of 608 Squadron R.A.F. sank U-Boat which had been attacked with U.P. Rockets at 1353/28 in position 39° 59' North 01° 41' East.

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F.M.

Admiral

Air Marshall

Gen. Macready

Code Room (2)

C.O.S.

Plans

Brigadier Redman (8)

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Lt.Col. Cook

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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2030Z
May 27

Urgent

From: Algiers
To: War

Number W 1487/5094 May 27, 1943

(To USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 1st Army Mideast
Malta Adv NWAAF from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite (FHGCT)
W1487 5094 27 May) Sitrep 215 26 May. Part 1. Nil. Part 2.
Para 1. Naval. Nil Par 2 Movements completed. First party
1 US Armd Div arrived Rabat from Bone. 105 106 107 CA
Bns arrived Oran area from Mateur. Correction to Sitrep
214. Para 2. Amend mostaganem to read Magenta. Part 3
follows.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
Gen Deane (CC/S)
Adm King

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May 26, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: British War Office London Unnumbered
USFOR London Unnumbered
British Army Staff Washington Unnumbered
War No. 4557/W1343
All other interested addresses

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49. Summary of operations 20 (action Troopers pass to HM Ambassador Madrid for US Ambassador Madrid, Resident Minister Achimota Britliat Ankara for Marshal Chakmak Defender Wellington for Puttick rptd USFOR Mideast Britman Washington Arwindia Delhi PAIC Land-forces Melbourne Dechiefs Pretoria Dechiefs Capetown Force Nailobi from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 4557 W1343 25 May linrep) to 23 May.

Para 1. Ground. Evacuation of prisoners and enemy material and the reorganization and regrouping of our forces have continued.

Para 2. Enemy. NTR.

Para 3. Naval. The 1st westbound convoy passed through the Sicilian narrows without incident. HMS Fantome minesweeper was mined off Cap Bon and towed to Bizerta with stern blown off. On 20 May HMS Ickle probable sank a U boat in vicinity 40 miles SW of Marseilles and following day sank a 2nd in the same area. 21 May HMS Laforey sank a 400 ton auxiliary in the Sicilian Channel.

Para 4. Air. On night 19/20 May Wellingtons bombed enemy airfields in Sardinia. Medium bombers

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continued attack in daylight, when 30 B 17's (Fortresses) also bombed Grosseto on Italian mainland. Fires were started at all targets and direct hits were scored on buildings and grounded aircraft. Fighter bombers attacked docks at Pantelleria and communications and Milis airfield in Sardinia. In these operations 15 enemy fighters and 7 transport aircraft were destroyed.

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

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To : War - E25/5
British War Office - No nr.

May 26, 1943

(AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18th Army Group Hq
AFHQ Mideast from NWAAP Adv Hq AV 10 E 25/5) May 24
Part 3 - 212. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGT. NWA
Strategical AF. Night 23/24 May. Wellingtons at-
tacked Pantelleria town and airdrome with total of
44 tons of bombs between 1945 and 2020 hours. Re-
sults unobserved. Day 24. P-38 Lightnings attacked
Pantelleria airdrome with frag clusters from 10,000
feet. Covering airdrome. Mist prevented observation
of results. P-40 Warhawks attacked shipping in Car-
loforte Harbour. 1 M/V fired 3 near misses on 1 large
M/V 4 small boats sunk. P-38 Lightnings attacked
Alghero. Four bombs hit factory buildings and 4
others fell near railroad station. Porte Conte Sea-
plane Base was then strafed 4 SM 79 and a small boat-
house set on fire. P-38 Lightnings bombed railroad
bridge at Arbatox with 500 lb bombs from 2,000 feet
scoring 1 hit 1 tug 10 miles south east of Cap Carboneri
was strafed and set on fire. P-38 Lightnings carry-
ing 500 lb bombs attacked zinc works magnesium plant
barracks area at Inglesias. Hits in target area caus-
ing explosions in barracks and fire and smoke at trans-
former station. Eight aircraft along the coast were
strafed and a coal barge was set on fire. B-17 For-
tresses attacked La Maddalina. Hits and near misses
were made on 2 M/V in harbour and near misses on 3
ships east of St. Stefani Island. Buildings north-
west of Naval Base set on fire. B-17 Fortresses bomb-
ed Tetranoka Harbour. One M/V exploded a 2nd set on
fire a 3rd hit and near misses on a 4th. (Part 2 comes).

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

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From: Algiers
To: WAR No. 4694/W1380
British War Office No #

May 26, 1943

Regiments are released as being represented
Tunisian campaign (AGWAR Troopers from Freedom
4694 W1380 26th nil following) for IP 3 from
McClure signed Eisenhower cite FHINC. They will
not be published in list form nor associated with
Brigades or Divisions. Leicesters, 165 Lancers,
Forresters, 1721 Lancers, Kings own Shropshire
Light Infantry, Queens Bays, 9 Lancers, Lothians,
10 Hussars, Essex, Staffs Yeomanry.

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INFORMATION: OPD
GENERAL DEANE (CCS)

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IT IS ESPECIALLY RECOMMENDED AND STRONGLY URGED THAT AMERICAN WARSHIPS CALL AT DAKAR FROM TIME TO TIME FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF SHOWING THE AMERICAN FLAG HERE. IT HAS BEEN REMARKED THAT ALTHOUGH MANY BRITISH VESSELS ARE HERE FOR FUELING AND OVERHAUL NO AMERICAN VESSELS HAVE BEEN SEEN SINCE THE CALL OF DESTROYER SQUADRON 17 ON FEBRUARY 19TH. IT IS FELT THAT EVEN IF VESSELS HAVE TO BE DIVERTED IT WILL BENEFIT OUR PRESTIGE AT DAKAR TO SEE AN OCCASIONAL AMERICAN MAN O WAR.

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By SLR

Date FEB 19 1974

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URGENT

From: Algiers	
To: USFOR London	No number
War	W1396/4728
British War Office	No number
Oudjda	No number
Cairo	No number
1st Army Advance at Constantine	No number
Malta	No number
12th Air Force Algiers	No number

May 26, 1943

214, 25th May. ((Action USFOR rptd AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 1st Army, Malta, Adv NWAAF from G-3 (Ops D) AFHQ W1396/4728 26th Nil (SITREP))

1. Nil.

2. Para 1. Naval. Nil.

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Para 2. Movements completed. Nine US Inf Div arrived Mostaganem from Mateur. One RWK of 4 Division arrived Constantine from Kelibia.

Para 3. L of C. Bone was raided twice during night 24-25 May. Seventeen bombs dropped caused damage and 3 Military wounded and several civilians killed and wounded. Djidjelli raided by 3 aircraft early morning. Four bombs dropped caused neither damage nor (Part 3 follows) casualties.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, GEN. DEANE (CCS), ADM. KING, LOG
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May 25, 1943
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From: Algiers
To : War
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Nothing to report. G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 24th May. Part 2 Air. ((AGWAR for WDGBI). Troopers pass USFOR 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast 5th Army pass 1st Armd Corps and 6th Corps from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI 4336 25th nil. Part 1 Land. Late afternoon usual recce performed North-western Mediterranean by 1 aircraft about 100 miles off Cape Tortosa Spain. On patrol Sicilian Channel during night 1 additional. Between 1950 and 2015 Z Bone attacked by 15 enemy bombers of which 1 claimed destroyed, 1 damaged by Beaufighters and 2 destroyed by AA. No damage reported. Again attacked by second wave at low level consisting of 6 enemy bombers between 0145 and 0215 Z of which 1 claimed destroyed by Beaufighters general. Largely over Sardinia enemy activity very low scale. Our medium bombers engaged by 6 to 8 ME 109's, MA 200's and RE 2001's over Olbia/Venafiorita airfield afternoon. Concurrently escorting P-38's attacked by 8 to 10 MA 200's and MA 202's later over southern Sardinia few patrols operated. Engaging no allied aircraft

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From: Algiers
To : War No. 4336
British War Office Unnumbered
And all other addressees concerned
May 25, 1943

Italian patrols operated early afternoon
from Sicily between Marsala and Pantellaria. Part
3 Naval nothing to report.

ACTION: G 2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
GENERAL DEANE (CCS)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
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INCOMING MESSAGE ^{May 25 1943}

PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: British War Office No number
War 4312 W1284
USFCR London No number

May 25, 1943

Fifth Armd FA Group arrived ((Part 2 of 4312 W1284 from Freedom to Troopers rptd AGWAR USFOR dated 24)) Oran from Beja. 21st May. Seven Armd Div left 1st Army area for Tripoli. First Br Inf Div arrived Sousse from Tunis.

4. Administrative summary. General administrative situation satisfactory. US Eastern Base Section will operate Bizerte Area at date to be announced. Boundaries all inclusive Ain Draham H 7542-Kef Es Salah H 9535-Kef El Bled N 9844-all excl Ain Sellam J 1346-Ksar Mezouar J 3446-Dj El Ang J 5545-Chouigi J 7362-Sidi Atham J 87 thence road to road junction J 9477 thence River Mejerda to Saa.

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By RHP, NLR, Date FEB 19 1974

Action: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: British War Office
War-- 4312-W1284
USFOR

May 25, 1943

Eleventh weekly summary.

Para 1. (Troopers rptd AGWAR USFOR from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 4312 W 1284 24th nil). Summary of operations 15 to 22 May. Ground operations have been confined to collection and evacuation of enemy material and prisoners of war. Clearance of the battle field and movement of our troops to concentration areas.

Assigned concentration areas and location statement.

Posted
Init. Location 22nd May. Sfax Armd Rgt (ME) unknown. Msake P44. 78th Div Tunis area Sousse 30 Corps and 1st British Div Sousse. Area Bizerte-Tunis 34 US Div Bizerte. Medjez El Bab 1st Army Carthage. - Kairouan 1 British Airborne Div Mascara Q 15. (Kairouan 82nd US Airborne Div Oudja. Souk Ahras 5th Corps troops Carthage. Bone 21st Tk Bde and 25th Tk Bde area Beni Aichoun K63-Menzel Temine K76. Guelma 4th British Div Beni Aichoun K 76. Jemmapes G32. (Third US Div Jemmapes.) Le Kroub M07. (Sixth Armd Div Hammamet K51. Bougie 51st Div Bougie Blida N57.) 46th Div area Medjez El Bab-Oued Zarge. (Algiers 9th Corps troops Hammam Lif T24.) In Mostaganem 1st Armd Corps in Perregaux Q07 2 Corps. In St Barbe Du Tlelat U67. 2nd Armd Div. Oran 1st US Inf Div Oran. Chanzy U30. Ninth Div enroute. In Rabat 6th Corps and 36th Div. Casablanca 1st US Armd Div Tebesse, Souk Ahras nd Bou Chebku

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Para 3. Movements 17th May. Ninth Inf Div commenced movement from Bizerta to Oran area. 18th and 26th Rct (1 US Inf Div) arrived Oran from Beja. Three Inf Div arrived Jenmapes from Ferryville. 18th May. 4th Indian Div left 1st Army area for Tripoli. 19th May. Hq 18th Army Group arrived Algiers from Le Kef. 16th Rct (1 US Inf Div) (end of cipher part 1 part 2 follows) arrived Oran from Beja.

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Note: Refer to CM-IN-16366 (26 May 43) OPD

Action: OPD

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

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May 25, 1943
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From: Algiers
To: London USFOR
WAR
British War Office
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May 25, 1943

Two hundred and thirteen. Twenty four May.
Nil.

Part 2.

1. Naval. (Action USFOR rptd AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, 1st Army, Mideast, Malta, Adv NWAAF for information. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. 4285 25th nil. Part 1. SITREP) USS Fields attacked U Boat off Oran. Wreckage and large oil patch observed. US aircraft attacked U boat 300 miles west Casablanca 1 corpse and debris sighted later. Submarine sank 2200 ton schooners off coast Africa 13th May and bombarded Calvi Corsica Airfield on 20 May. MTB patrolled off Pantellaria night 23/24 May. SS Alpera damaged by air attack off Cape St Vincent 22 May.

2. Movements commenced. Second party 1st US Armd Div left Bone Area for Rabat. Nine one Rcn Bn left Mateur for Oran Area.

3. L of C. Djidjelli raided by enemy aircraft night 23/24 May. Water and electricity supply temporarily cut off and (Part 3 follows) telephone lines damaged.

ACTION: OPD

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

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May 24, 1943
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By RHP, NLR, Date FEB 19 1974

From: Algiers
To: WAR
British War Office
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May 24, 1943

Land. Nothing to (action AGWAR for WDBGI Troopers pass USFOR information 1 Army 2 Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12 Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast 5 Army from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI W/225 24 May part one) report. G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 23 May.

2. Air. Over Bone at 0650 Z 2 enemy bombers recce reported. Presumably searching for shipping, few bomber recce out over Sicilian channel afternoon. Reported over Djidjelli after 2200 Z 6 JU 88's which approached in 2 waves of 2 and 4, 1st wave destroyed at 0030 Z by Beaufighter which shot down also one of second wave about 100 miles at sea at 0105 Z. No reports of bombs being dropped. General. On very small scale was enemy fighter activity. During attack by our P 38s few enemy aircraft patrolled southwest of Sardinia but did not engage ours. No other reports of activity.

3. Naval nothing to report.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD, CG AAF

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MC		✓
STRONG		✓
KRONE		✓
BRATTON		✓
SIT		✓
CURR		✓
DISS		✓
AIR	✓	
R-A		✓
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REX		
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JIC		✓
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WE		✓

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May 24, 1943
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From: Algiers.
To: WAR W 1244/4096
London USFOR Unnumbered

May 24, 1943

Allied and estimated enemy casualties incurred in North African campaign follow. This is NAF 225 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHDSC.

1. From 8 November to 15 May: United States personnel killed 2184, wounded 9437, missing captured interned 6937. British 1st Army killed 4114, wounded 12783, missing 8905. French 19 Corps killed 645, wounded 5915, missing 6361.

2. From 21 March to 14 May: British 8th Army killed 1876, wounded 7954, missing 1192.

3. Enemy forces in Tunisia from 8 November to 13 May killed 30,000, wounded 26,400, prisoners 266,600. includes casualties on Mareth front.

4. Enemy forces in North Africa from 23 October to 13 May killed 38,000, wounded 47,400, prisoners 317,600, includes casualties on El Alamein front.

ACTION: CCS

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INFORMATION: OPD

General Arnold
Admiral King
General Strong
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May 24, 1943
1630 Z

From: Algiers
To: Far

No. W 1213, May 24, 1943.

(1) Ref our 2082 of 17 May. Latest count prisoners since 5th May 224,201. Analysis received reads Germans 64,482, Italians 81,814, unspecified 77,905. No evidence yet available to show proportion Military, Naval, Air, and civilian labour personnel. Rough estimate 124,000 Germans-100,000 Italians. AGWAR from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI. *See attached*

(2) Reference G 2 casualty estimate of 13 May dispatched by fast air, under prisoners. 5-18th May read 124,000 German-100,000 Italian. Include in figures are unspecified numbers Tunisian, Tripolitanian and Italian civilian labour personnel. Totals for whole period 136,600 German 12,000 Italian prisoners. 323,000 Axis personnel expended in Tunisia.

(3) Figures for evacuated wounded arrived at by examination outgoing air and sea transport.

(4) Proportion German and Italian wounded impossible to estimate. Suggest ratio probably same as for killed.

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To: London USFOR Unnumbered
WAR 4012/W 1216
British War Office Unnumbered
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May 24, 1943

Two one two. Two three May. (To USFOR rptd
AGWAR Troopers Mideast 5th Army 1st Army Malta Adv
NWAAP from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT
4012 W 1216 24 May. SITREP).

Part 1. Nil.

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Part 2.

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Naval. First west to east convoy
has passed through Sicilian narrows without incident.
HMS Fantome minesweeper was mined off Cape Bon 20 May
and towed to Bizerte with stern blown off. HMS Sickie
probably sunk U Boat 40 miles SW of Marseilles 20 May
and sank another same area following day. Two one
May HMS Eggesford shot down 1 aircraft off Cape De
Garde. Nights 21 22 and 23 May coastal craft from
Bizerte and Malta operated off Empedocle and SE
Sicily. Two three May HMS Laforey sank northbound
400 ton auxiliary in Sicilian channel.

Movements commenced. Hq 9 Corps left
forward area for Algiers. Hq 10 Corps started move
to Tripoli.

LOC. Night 22 23 May 2 enemy aircraft
shot down by fighters over Djidjelli. Details of
raid later.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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Addressed: A.I.G. 264

From: C. in C. Med.

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BY SR, DATE FEB 19 1974

Situation Report Number 99.

(1) U.S.S. NIELDS attacked U-boats contact at 1818/21 in position 36° 01' N. 00° 34' W wreckage including planking and large oil patch were observed after the attack.

(2) U.S. Aircraft attacked U-boat A.M. 1718/23 in position 34° 30' N. 13° 13' W. One corpse and debris were sighted later in the vicinity.

(3) Mines were sighted in the Lake of Bizerta on 22nd May and clearance sweep of the lake is in progress.

(4) One mine was swept on 22nd May during sweeping operations off Kelibia.

(5) S.S. ALPTRA was damaged by air attack off Cape Saint Vincent at 2045/22. Ship was taken in tow by escorting trawler. Salvage tug has been despatched from Gibraltar.

(6) M.T.B.'s carried out patrol off Pantelleria during night 23rd. May/24th May.

(7) H.M.S. SHAKESPEARE reports sinking 2 200 ton schooners at 1800/13 one three in position 41° 20' 06" 16' mins east. At 1330/20 bombed Calvi Airfield. 20 rounds fell in target area action broken off when enemy short range defence weapons obtained range.

(8) Main Eighth Army and Main First Army pass to N.L.O.'S.

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First Sea Lord

F.M.

Admiral

Air Marshall

Gen. Maccreedy

Code Room (2)

C.O.S.

Plans

Brigadier Redman (8)

M.I.

Lt. Col. Cook

S.O. (0) Personal

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. 3506/W1102 May 23, 1943

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Summary (44) How-
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and quite interesting*

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AGWAR from Freedom 3506/W1102 TOO nil 22 May) 1. From
May 6 onwards ammunition shortage with fighting units
noticeable. Very few ammunition dumps found. 2. Short-
age of mines indicated by many fewer minefields than
expected. 3. Most vehicles found in running order with
petrol tanks full and some spare tins available. Petrol
general. Very short supply and reserves probably ex-
hausted thus preventing formation of a mobile reserve.
4. Physique and health of prisoners appears excellent.
Some troops captured short of food but this probably
only local through bad distribution. Troops had been
living largely on country and requisitioning any food
required. 5. Both German and Italian morale good and
did not break though both very ready to surrender as soon
as ordered. Evident that they had for some time realized
their fate. Germans only anxiety was that their country
would consider that as soldiers they had done everything
they could. Relations between officers and men good and
discipline very high. Many regiments kept together by
their officers in cages. Atmosphere in cages resembles
holiday camp with considerable relief that campaign is
over. Attitude of many Germans exemplified by their

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Information: OPD
CG AAF
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EW

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5-23-43
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Operational Priority

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 6147 May 23, 1943

British First Inf Div reported arrived Sousse Area May 20th. Seventh Armd Div reported from First Army area to Tripoli May 21st (from Brereton) 9th Air Force May 22nd reports no report received from 12th, 57th and 79th Groups. No missions by Bomber Command or 340th Bomb Group.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No: W 1175/3845 May 23, 1943

211 22nd May. Part one. Nil. (Action USFOR
rptd AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 1st Army Malta Adv
NWAAP Mideast from LWR G 3 AFHQ WVD/JWS signed
Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. W 1175/3845 23rd nil.
Sitrep) Part two.

Para one. Naval. Nil.

Para two. Movements commenced. 1st party
1st US Armd Div left Bizerta area for Rabat, CCA
2nd US Armd Div left Arzew for Jemmapes. Move-
ments completed. 776, 894th and 899th TD Bns arrived
Oran from Ghardimaou. Part three follows.

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

No. 3506/W1102 May 23, 1943

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G2 Dist	Action	Info
MC		
STRONG		✓
KRONER		✓
SHATTON		✓
ST		✓
CHUR		✓
DINS		
AIR		✓
E-A	✓	✓
FE		
NA		
LA		
COLL		
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GEOG		
TRNG		
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ONI		✓
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Information: OPD
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NAVAL MESSAGE

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Addressed: A.I.G. 264

From: C. in C. Mediterranean

SITUATION REPORT NO. 98

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JCS MEMO. 1-17-78

NYSR, DATE FEB 19 1974

- (1) Two through Convoys West to East have been passed through the Sicilian Channel without incident. Fleet Minesweepers and Destroyers running TSDs preceded the Convoy in the vicinity of Cape Bone where clearance operations are still in progress.
- (2) H.M.S. FANTOME was mined and stern blown off at 0735/20 whilst sweeping in Cape Bone Area. Ship has been towed to Bizerta. 3 serious casualties.
- (3) During Minesweeping operations off Cape Bone 13 mines were swept on 19th May, 16 on 20th May and one on 21st May. Total number of mines swept off Tunisian Coast since 9th May - 122.
- (4) H.M.S. EGGERSFORD shot down one enemy aircraft off Cape De Garde at 0057/21. 3 of the crew were recovered.
- (5) Coastal Forces operating from Bizerta and Malta carried out patrols off Emperdocle and South East Corner of Sicily during nights 21 May and 22nd May to cover passage of Convoys.
- (6) H.M.S. CLACTON intercepted small sailing boat off Cape Bone at 0820/2 and took 8 German prisoners escaping from Sidi Daud.
- (7) At 0345/23 LAFOREY whilst on patrol with LOOKOUT in Sicilian Channel sank Northbound 400 ton Auxiliary in position 37° 24' N 11° 53' E. 8 Italian prisoners were taken.
- (8) H.M.S. SICKLE scored one hit on U-Boat which was considered sunk at 2154/20 in position 42° 50' N 06° 00' E. Another U-Boat was sunk in the same vicinity at 1512/21.

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First Sea Lord

F.M.

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Admiral

Air Marshall

Gen. Macready

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Brigadier Redman (8)

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Captain Pim.

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May 22, 1943

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From: Algiers
To: War - Also other interested addressees

Number W 1106/3527 May 22, 1943

210. 21st May. Nil. Signed Eisenhower. Cite
FHGCT.

Part 2. Para 1. Naval. Nil.

Para 2. Movements commenced. Seven (BR)
Armd Div from 1st Army area to Tripoli.

Para 3. L of C. Djidjelli was raided by 12
enemy aircraft night 20/21 May. Slight damage to
North Moles, 1 dead 2 injured by AA. Three enemy
aircraft destroyed by AA.

Part 3 follows. Action USFOR rptd AGWAR,
Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 1st Army, Malta, Adv
NWAAF for information. W 1106/3527 22 nil.

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Action: OPD
Information: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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From: Algiers
To: War No. W1000/3168
All interested parties

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17th May
17th to 19th May. Para 1. 1st Army. (To Troopers rptd USFOR Mideast Britman Washington Arminia Delhi PAIC landforces Melbourne DECHIEFS Pretoria DECHIEFS Capetown Force Nairobi from Freedom W1000/3168 20 May. Linrep 48. Summary of operations) The evacuation of prisoners and of captured material, together with the regrouping of our forces continued.

Para 2 Naval. Our destroyers have maintained daylight patrols off Cape Bon and operated northwest of Pantellaria during the night. On 17th May landing parties searched Zembra and Zembretta Islands off Cape Bon for suspected wireless transmitters. One of HM submarines reports obtaining 2 probable hits with torpedoes on a merchantman of 11,000 tons escorted by 2 destroyers off east coast of Corsica on 12th May. 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 bombed the port area of Trapani in latter raid. Merchant vessel was seen to explode in the harbor. Ninety seven tons of bombs were dropped in daylight on 18th May on the harbor of Pantellaria when 1 large transport received direct hits. Airdromes in Sardinia were heavily and successfully raided on 19th May. On this day for Puttick.

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All interested parties
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Para 4. Political. Further repeal of Vichy laws curtailing personal liberty have been enacted. Admiral Derrben has been placed under arrest in Tunisia and an official inquiry of his actions is under way.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF

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INCOMING MESSAGE ^{CCM} 21, 1943.
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From: Algiers.
To: AGWAR Troopers 18 Army Group Hq Mideast AFHQ 5th Army.
No. X 6409 May 21, 1943.

May 20, part 3, 207 signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGT.
NWA Strategic AF. Day 19. 24 B 25 Mitchells escorted
(AGWAR Troopers 18th Army Group HQ Liaison Group Mideast
AFHQ 5th Army from NWA AF Adv HQ M 4633, 20/5) by 25
P38 Lightnings bombed Milis Airdrome Sardinia. Hits
seen on buildings and aircraft on ground. ME 109 destroyed
in air. 24 B 25 Mitchells escorted by 36 P 38 Lightnings
bombed Villacidro Airdrome Sardinia. Dispersal areas
covered and fires started. Bombs fell across fuel dumps
and barracks area. 5 ME 109 and one MA 200 destroyed
1 P 38 Lightning crashed near Bone, pilot safe. 30,000
pamphlets were dropped. 27 B 17 Fortresses escorted by
36 P 38 Lightnings attacked Milo Airdrome Sicily. Target
well covered fires started. 9 ME 109 and 1 FW 190 de-
stroyed 5 ME 109 1 FW 190 and 1 ME 201 probably destroyed
4 ME 109 damaged. 4 P 38 Lightnings missing. 43 B 26 Mar-
auders escorted by 38 P 40 Warhawks attacked Monserrato
and Elmas Airdromes Sardinia, Cagliari Harbour and city
and outskirts of Quarto. Weather conditions and combat
prevented observation of results. 3 MA 200 and 8 ME 109
destroyed and 1 ME 109 damaged. 2 P 40 Warhawks lost. NWA
coastal AF. Night 18/19. Hudsons carried out convoy
escort and U boat hunts. Beaufighters flew defensive
patrols. No incidents. Day 19. Hudsons on convoy escort
and U boat strikes without incident. Marauders flew rcn
nil report. Beaufighter on rcn destroyed 1 JU 88 and

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No. X 6409 May 21, 1943.

damaged another. Routine defensive patrols flown without incident. Action USFOR information rest of addressees.

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ACTION: OPD

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

From: Algiers
To: WAR
No: W 1037 May 21, 1943

posted
20th May od signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT.
Nil. Part two.

Para one. Naval. Nil.

Para two. Movements completed. 6th Corps Hq
moved to Rabat 18th May. 1st Br Inf Div arrived
Sousse area.

Para three. Oe L of C. Oran, (USFOR rptd
AGWAR W 1037 Troopers Mideast 5th Army 1st Army
Malta Adv NWAAF 3265) 21st May. Nil. Part one.
SITREP 209.) Arzew and Mostaganem were raided by
12 enemy aircraft night of 19/20th May. One ship
and electric transformer seriously damaged at
Akran. Two ships and one Jetty slightly damaged
at Arzew. No damage reported at Mostaganem.
Casualties. military. 75 including 12 dead.
Civilian. 4 dead.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION:

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CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
ADM. KING
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From: Algiers
To: War No. 2936/W956
All interested addressees

May 20, 1943.

208. 19th May. Part 1. Nil.

Part 2. Para 1. (Action USFOR rptd AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 1st Army, Malta, Adv NWAAF for information from Freedom 2936/W956 20th May nil. SITREP.) Naval. Destroyers continued daylight patrols off Cape Bon and operations north west of Pantellaria during night. 17th May Zembra and Zembretta Islands off Cape Bon searched. One of HM submarines reports obtaining 2 probably hits with torpedoes on merchantman of 11,000 tons Virgilio class escorted by destroyers off east coast of Corsica 12th May.

Para 2. Movements completed. Hq 18th Army Group arrived Algiers from Le Kef. 16 RCT of 1st US Inf Div arrived Oran from Beja. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FBGCT 5th Armd FA Group arrived Philippeville from Mateur.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: War

Nr: 4530 May 19, 1943

May 19 part 3 206. Signed Eisenhower. Cite
FHGT. ((AGWAR Troopers 18 Army Group Hq Liaison
Group MIDEAST 5th Army from NWAAF Adv Hq. 4530 19/5
most secret)) NWA Strategic AF. Night 17/18. 16
Wellingtons attacked Alghero dropped 32 tons of bombs
bursts in town and port areas many fires seen one large
fire in center of town appeared out of control. Fire
in goods train. Three 500 lb bombs dropped on Alghero
airdrome 800,000 leaflets dropped on Alghero and Wsoarpj*
3 86 medium bombers escorted by 91 P 38 dropped 97 tons
bombs on Pantelleria. Hits on docks jetties and adjacent
installations bombs fell among barracks and aircraft
on airdrome one string among * to 15 small craft * groups
of B 17 fortresses escorted by P 38 Lightnings enable
attacks Messina due bad weather attacked Trapani dropping
* tons bursts in town and north side of the harbour hits
among 6 ships in harbour caused explosion in one. NWA
Coastal AF. Carried routine patrols as UUU boat hunts
one UUU boat attacked night 17/5. With unobserved re-
sults * two JU 88 were destroyed by Beau fighters. *
and interception patrols were run during the day of 18th
without incident. Action USFOR information rest of ad-
dressees.

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Action: OPD

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

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May 19
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From: Algiers
To: USFOR - London
WAR W916
British War Office
Oudjda French Morocco
First Army Advance at Constantine
Malta
LDAD

May 19, 1943

Two hundred and seven. 18 May.

Part 1. Move of 4th Indian Div from 1st
Army Area now completed. Destination Tripoli.

Part 2.

Paras 1 and 2. Nil. (USFOR repeated AGWAR
Troopers Mideast 5th Army 1st Army Malta Adv
NWAAP W916 19 May. Nil. Signed Eisenhower
cite FGGCT).

Para 3. L of C. Djidjelli raided early
the morning 19 May by 7 aircraft. Possibly mine
laying as no bombs reported (SITREP).

ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. W-881 May 19, 1943

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1. Am obtaining verification of correct totals by categories of all tanks and guns captured. Your B 293 dated 18 May. This will take some time but will be telegraphed immediately on complete information being received.

AGWAR for WDGBI from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FEGBI.

2. Number of tanks given on May 11 were those estimated to be runners and under repairs. Figures did not include Derelict tanks. By this date also all fighting north of Tunis had ceased and only German tank formation still fighting was part of 7 Tank Regiment. Therefore considerable number of tanks had already been captured but figures had not been received.

3. Artillery pieces. Our cable 231 dated 11 May only gave enemy artillery pieces. Our cable 231 dated 11 May only gave enemy artillery remaining in action. Tactical situation was same as in para 2 above.

4. Our weekly estimates only gave artillery of 75 MM calibre and over. Smaller guns were not included. Figure of 1200 is for all types.

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INFORMATION: OPD, CGAAR, General Deane (CCS).

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From: Algiers
To: War W 873/2572
British War Office

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Part 1 land. Nothing to report (AGWAR Troopers information 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12 Air Force MBS ABS Malta Mideast 5th Army from Freedom W 873 2572 TOO Nil 19 May). G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400Z 18 May.

Part 2 air. Picked up and shadowed 1 JU 88 about 0730Z large eastbound convoy Oran area. About 3 aircraft carried out usual recce patrols off west coast of Sicily afternoon and during 2nd half night 18 to 19 May 1 further aircraft reported in same area. Between 0052 and 0235Z 19 May 7 bombers reported over Djidjelli with no attack developing. No reports of air attacks against eastbound convoy picked up in morning. Taking part in interception of our bombers over Trapani were approximately 50 enemy aircraft consisting of ME 109's, FW 190's, ME 202's and ME 200's which kept up attacks on our bombers for 60 miles and on escort for 125 miles after leaving target. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFBQ 5th Army pass 1st Armd Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI.

Part 3 Naval. Attacked by submarine 1850Z in

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To: War W 873/2572
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position 36 degs 34 mins north 00 degs 17 mins east 2
our ships in convoy. 1 damaged but proceeded under own
power, other sunk.

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Information: OPD
CG AAF

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Addressed: A.I.G. 264

From: C. in C. Med.

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 97

1. Destroyer patrol continues to be maintained in vicinity of Cape Bon by day and North West of Pentellaria by night. Zembra and Zembretta were visited on 17th May in view of reports of W/T transmissions. No transmitting apparatus was found but one German Telegraphist was captured.
2. Minesweepers have completed clearance of war channel from Galita to 10 degs. 40 mins. East. 18 mines were swept on 17th May in vicinity of 37 10 North 11 08 East and a further 20 on the 18th May in the same area where progress has been slow owing to anti-sweeping devices.
3. H.D.M.L. 1154 blew up at about 2300/14 while patrolling Bizerta approaches. Ship was probably mined there were 4 survivors. H.M.S. SPEEDY was mined off Malta on 15th May whilst sweeping North Eastern approach channel. Ship was towed into harbour, some casualties.
4. S.S. EMPIRE EVE and FORT ANNE in Convoy K.M.S. 14 were torpedoed by U-Boat at 1950/8 in position 36 degs. 35 mins. North 01 01 East. EMPIRE EVE sank, FORT ANNE has arrived at Algiers.
5. H.M.S. RORQUAL laid mines off Stile Point on 15th May.
6. H.M.S. TRIDENT reports attacking Virgilio Class Merchant Vessel escorted by 2 Destroyers in position 42 21 North 50 East at 1650/12. Two probable torpedo hits were obtained.

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First Sea Lord

F.F.

Admiral

Air Marshall

Gen. Macready

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Brigadier Redman (C)

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From: Algiers
To: British War Office Unnumbered
London - USFOR Unnumbered
War W 859/2533 (and all other interested stations).

May 18, 1943

B 17's (Fortresses) with escort of 100 Fighters followed by 98 medium bombers and 110 Fighters. Great damage was done to Naval Base, Naval Berths, Silktanks and installations in the town. 1 Merchant Vessel was seen to explode, direct hits were obtained on 2 others and 4 were left burning. (2nd and last cipher part W859/2533 18th from Freedom) Other raids by P 38's (Lightnings) have been carried out over Sardinia. Civitavecchia NW of Rome was bombed by over 50 B 17's on 14th May when Wellingtons again attacked Cagliari. 20 Wellingtons raided Palermo night 14/15th May and Trapani was attacked following day.

Paragraph 6. Political. The Bey of Tunis has been deposed and his place taken by Sidi Mohamed Lamine a member of the reigning family. Political and economic conditions in Tunisia appear better than expected. There are no new developments in the Giraud-De Gaulle negotiations.

ACTION: OPD

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King
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To: British War Office No Number
WAR W 771
USFOR No Number

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May 18, 1943

Summary
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Seventh Arm'd Div was placed under Command 5th Corps and moved NE and north from Tunis. (Action Troopers information AGWAR USFOR from Freedom W 771 2182 18th nil). By evening the area south of river Medjerda had been cleared and large number of prisoners captured. 78th Div occupied Tebourba and Djedeida and cleared the area south of the Medjerda as far as Dj Amar J 9762 where contact was made with 7th Arm'd Div. The same day 19th Corps made a good advance on its left although the enemy held firm in front of Algerian Div (Conne) on the right. The next day bitter fighting followed in the area of Hamman Lif and Creteville in the morning. The afternoon clearance of the high ground south of Hamman Lif was accomplished by First Gds Bde of 6th Arm'd Div and assisted by heavy artillery support 26th Arm'd Bde broke through. Arriving at a point about two miles west of Soliman by evening. 1st Br Arm'd Div succeeded in capturing Creteville with leading elements of Second Arm'd Bde reaching the area K 2640 while mopping up both north and south along the Axis of their advance. All fighting stopped north of Tunis at 1100A the same day and concentration of 7th Arm'd Div began. 4th Indian Div advanced to the area Ain El Asker J 9329 in preparation for a drive to the south in order cooperate with 19th Corps which was still held up by strong enemy positions in the area K 0413-K 0510. By 10th May it was evident that enemy opposition on the front of the 1st and 6th Arm'd Div was disintegrating. At 1400 A Soliman was captured. At 1700A Grombalia and at 1800A 26th Arm'd Bde had its leading elements within 7 miles

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of Hammamet while patrols of Derby Yeomanry were in Nabeul K-62. First Br Arm'd Div concentrated in the area of Grombalia with purpose of blocking any enemy attempt to break into the Cap Bon Peninsula. Ten and 12th Bdes of 4th Br Div moved to Menzel Bou Zelfa K 44 and Beni Khallud K 44 and extended north and east across the approaches to the peninsula. Little progress was made during the day by 19th Corps. 11th May 29th Arm'd Bde elements encountered an enemy at screen and some tanks to the south of Bou Fichta. Bou Fichta was occupied by a Bn of First Gds Bde while a complete circuit of Cap Bon Peninsula was made by 10th Bde moving clockwise and 12th Inf Bde counter/clockwise. Making contact at Menzel Heurr Y 7754. Little opposition was encountered although situation in center of peninsula was obscure.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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From: Algiers
To: British War Office, Unnumbered
WAR, W-771
USFOR London, Unnumbered

May 18, 1943

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of first capt
about captured
Van Arnim*

In the meantime 4th Indian Div moved south to Dj Ehira K 1627 and thence to K 2228 in the St Marie Du Zit K 21 Road. (Action Troopers rptd AGWAR, USFOR from G-3 OPS (T) Section AFHQ 2182 18 May W 771/2182) The same day the Moroccan Div (Mathinet) and Oran Div (Boisseau) of 19 Corps made good progress capturing 12,000 prisoners. No change occurred on front of Algerian Div Conne. The next day 26 Armd Bde made contact with 8 Army General Von Arnim commanding all Axis forces in Tunisia was captured by 1st Royal Sussex of 7 Indian Bde. All enemy forces between Zaghouan and Saouaf unconditionally surrendered to 19 Corps. All organized resistance ceased except for isolated groups of the enemy in front of 1st Fighting French Div and the Algerian Div. Mopping up, clearance of battlefields and movement to concentration areas continued on 13 and 14 May. It is estimated that 1 Army has captured at least 130,000 prisoners since 5 May. 2 Corps. 1st US Armd Div on 8 May moving to the north and south of high ground in area J 88 had reached J 8793 and J 8783 34 Inf Div arrived at Djedela and moved north across the front of 1st US Inf Div which at that time was along general line of 17 Easting. Exploitation of the area east of Bizerta was carried out by first US Armd Div at 1100A May 9 General Krause surrendered unconditionally all forces between Lac de Bizerta and Porto Farina K 09. Mopping up operations then continued along the north coast east of Bizerta. Remainder of period covered by this report was devoted to collection of prisoners and war material and cleaning the battlefield. A total of 37,998 prisoners of war of which 33,498 were German have been checked through the corps cages.

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Location statement 14 May 8 Army with Headquarters at P 4965 consists of 10 Corps P 4366 and 30 Corps U 9047. 10 Corps consists of 51st Div P 2274. 56 Div P 3276 2 New Zealand Div (P 0679). 1st Fighting French Div. L Force and Fighting French Flying Column. By evening 14 May 1 Army J 5034 was disposed as follows. 19 Corps J 856045 with Algerian Div area K 2203/K 2501 Oran Div Area K 2414. End of part 3. Part 4 to follow.

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

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To: British War Office Unnumbered
London - USFOR Unnumbered
War W 859/2533 (and all other stations interested).

May 18, 1943

Forty Seven. Summary of operations 13 to 16 May (Action Troopers, pass to HM Ambassador Madrid for US Ambassador Madrid, Resident Minister Achimota Britmilat Ankara for Marshal Chakmak, Defender Wellington for Puttick USFOR, Mideast, Britman Washington Arminia Delhi Paic Land Forces Melbourne De Chiefs Pretoria De Chiefs Capetown Force Nairobi from Freedom W 859/2533 18th signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT Sitrep).

Paragraph 1. 18th Army Group Hq 18th Army Group, formed on 17th February in order to control operations of 1 Army CSQ 8th Army and 2nd US Corps closed down upon the successful completion of its mission at 2359 hours 15 May. Prisoners now counted total some 224,200 which is not believed final figure.

Paragraph 2. 8th Army. During night 12/13 May little or no enemy activity. Following morning Field Marshall Messe agreed our demand for unconditional surrender.

Paragraph 3. 1st Army and 2nd US Corps. In these areas clearance of the battlefields and concentration of our Troops preparatory to their moving from Tunisia continued.

Paragraph 4. Naval. Our MTBS and destroyers have been active off Cap Bon and in the Sicilian Channel where a total of 879 would-be evacuees have been removed from small

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boats since 9th May. On early morning 13 May a Cruiser with Destroyer escort bombarded the Harbor of Pantellari while MTBS established patrols inshore to intercept enemy vessels which might put out to engage our Force. On 15 May boarding parties from Destroyer found Military Cargo in flooded vessel of 1000 tons aground off Cap Bon. One of HM Submarines operating off NW Sardinia reports sinking a 450 ton Coaster and a 300 ton Steam Trawler by gunfire on 2nd and 6th May respectively. Same Submarine sank a 2500 ton vessel by torpedoes in Porto Torres Harbor on 8th May.

Paragraph 5. Air. 13th May 21 Wellingtons bombed the industrial area of Naples. Fires were started and bursts were observed in the vicinity of the power station. A heavy and concentrated attack was made same day on Cagliari by 107 (2nd part follows).

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NOTE: See CM-IN-12389 (19 May 43) OPD.

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

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To: British War Office - No #
WAR - # W771/2182
USFOR - No #

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Summary
8th to 14 May (Action Troopers information
rptd AGWAR USFOR from AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite
FHGCT W771/2182 18 nil. Tenth weekly summary.

Para 1.

Summary of operations - 8th Army

8th Army carried out a series of local attacks along the entire front with object of containing the enemy and promptly breaking through for exploitation in case any sign of withdrawal was observed. Our attacks were resisted with determination and an enemy counter attack on May 9 and 10 forced a Bde of 56th Div to withdraw from recently captured high ground P 3292 P 3393. 1st Fighting French Div completed relief of 51st Div on 8th May and 2nd NZ Div less 5th NZ Bde moved to the area south of Enfidaville. On 9 May 6th NZ Bde relieved 169th Bde which went into reserve. There was no evidence of weakness in the enemy resistance until 12 May when elements of 26th Armd Bde of 6th Armd Div had advanced to an area about 3 miles south of Bou Ficha K 30. All serious resistance on the front of the 56th Div stopped on this day although groups of the enemy still holding out on the front of the 1st Fighting

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May 18, 1943

French Div. Field Marshal Messe in command of 1st Italian Army accepted terms of unconditional surrender at 1145A on May 13th. On 14th May movement back to Tripoli area was begun by 8th Army. Period 12 and 13 May it is estimated that 25,000 prisoners were captured. 1st Army. Advance of 9th Corps continued on 8 May. 6th Armd Div moved SE encountering strong enemy rear guards on high ground south of Hammam Lif K 24. Throughout the day fighting took place in this area without further advance. In the meantime 1st Br Armd Div moved NE without opposition. By evening, advance elements making contact with 26th Armd Bde of the 6th Armd Div in the area of Creteville K 2342 where confused fighting followed. Fourth Br Div with the 201st GDS Bde concentrated in the area south of Tunis with the purpose of consolidating the gains made (1st cipher part. 2nd cipher part follows) by the armd advance.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF.
General Deane (CCS)

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From: Algiers

To : War

No. W771/2182 May 18, 1943

Casualties

Seven hundred and fifty three missing five. One hundred and seventy eight total seventy nine. (Action Troopers rptd AGWAR USFOR from G-3 (OPS TKT) section AFHQ 2182 W 771/2182 18 May part five and last.) One thousand one hundred. 1st Army excl 19th Corps week ending 7 May. Killed forty one. Four hundred and ninety eight wounded one hundred and ten. One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine missing thirty seven hundred and seventy five total one hundred and eighty one. Three thousand and seventy two. Week ending 14 May. Killed nineteen two hundred and sixty two wounded fifty four. One thousand one hundred and nine missing three. One hundred and fifty seven total seventy six. One thousand five hundred and twenty eight. 2nd Corps no reports.

Para five: Prisoners week ending 6 May. Read Germans Italians, 8th Army excl 19th Corps nine hundred and forty. Forty three. 2nd Corps five hundred and ninety eight. Seven hundred and fifteen. Exact figures for end of Tunisian campaign not available.

Para six: Administrative summary. Administrative situation is satisfactory.

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INFORMATION:

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CG AAF

Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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Urgent

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 2191-W775 May 18, 1943

Part 1. SITREP 205. One six May (USFOR information AGWAR Troopers Mideast 5th Army 1st Army Malta Adv NWAAP from AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 2191-W775 17 May nil) Clearance of battle field, evacuation of prisoners and movement of units to concentration areas continued.

Part 2. Para 1. Naval. Nil.

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Para 2. Movements commenced G 16 and 26 rct departed Beja for Oran 14 May. Eq 2 Corps departed Mateur for Oran and 13 FA departed Medjerda area for Bedeaux. Z 35 on 16 May.

Para 3. L of C, night 16 May Bone raided by enemy aircraft. No damage and no casualties reported.

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General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King
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From: Algiers
To: War

No. W771/2182 : May 18, 1943

Moroccan Div area Zaghouan K0911 and Le Colteux Armd Force area K3005. (Action Troopers rptd AGWAR USFOR from G-3 OPS TKT Section AFHQ 2182 18 May W771/2182 4th cipher part. Five to follow) 9th Corps K3836 with 1st British Armd Div area K 4261-K4546/K3049. Sixth Armd Div area K5523/K7030. First British Inf Div Area K3049/K1843/K1754 and 4th British Div Area K7035/K6850/K8362. Fifth Corps J8044 with 7th Armd Div area J6301/J4500. Fourth Indian Div area K9928/J9329/K9022. Four six Div area J5834-J4034. Seven eight Div area K1053-K1570. Two US Corps 14 May J5878 consists of 1st US Armd Div J6277. First US Inf Div J5464. Three Div J6889. Nine Div D6201. Three Four Div J5960. Five Army. 82nd Airbourne Div Oujda. No other changes.

Para 3. Movements. Eleven May, 5th FA Bn departed Beja for Oran. One five four Bde Gp(51st Div)departed Tebessa for Bougie Area. Eighteen RCT(1st US Inf Div) departed Beja for Oran 12 May, 1st Para Bde arrived Matemore (O) 25 from Boufarik N 59. One five four Bde Gp arrived Bougie from Tebessa. Thirteen May, 77th FA Regt, rerouted from Larba arrived Chanzy U 30th. Five FA Bn arrived Oran from Bejan main Hq 51st Div and 152nd Bde Gp departed Tebessa for Bougi Area. Fourteen May, 355th Engr Regt departed Oran for Tabarka. Third US Inf Div consisting 7th, 15th and 30th

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RCT departed Medjerda for Jemappes G 32. Main Hq 51st Div and 152nd Bde Gp arrived Bougi Area from Tebessa.

Para 4. Casualties. Also includes figures for summary 9. Read officers others. Eight Army. Week ending 7th May. Killed twelve. One hundred and five wounded forty one. Five hundred and sixty three missing ten. One hundred and seven total sixty three. Seven hundred and seventy five. Week ending 14 May. Killed twenty one. One hundred and sixty nine wounded fifty three.

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

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To: USFOR -Unnumbered
WAR - W 843
British War Office- Unnumbered
Information to all other interested offices

May 18, 1943.

Part 1. SITREP 206, 17th May. ((To Action
USFOR. Rptd AGWAR, Troopers, Mideast, 5th Army,
1st Army, Malta, Adv NWAAF for information from
Freedom 2429/ W 843 18 May nil)). 224,200 prisoners
counted to date.

Part 2. Para 1. Naval. Nil.

Para 2. Signed Eisenhower. Cite
FEGCT. Movements commenced. 9th Inf Div commenced
movement from Bizerta to Oran. Movements completed.
3rd Inf Div arrived Jemmapes. 18 and 26 RCT arrived
Oran.

Para 3. L of C Djidjelli raided by
25 aircraft night 17 May. No report of casualties or
damage.

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

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Number W 747 May 17, 1943

AFHQ weekly review number 6 for period ending 2400 hours 16th May. (To AGWAR Troopers Mideast from G2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI W 747 2092 nil) enemy dispositions during last phases Tunisian campaign remained generally unchanged. Tenth Panzer Division and remnants Hermann Goring resisted drive from Hammamlif to Hammamet during 10th May with small pockets holding out west of Grombalia during 11th May. By 12th May all resistance in neck of Cap Bon Peninsula and in Peninsula itself had ceased. 21st Panzer and Superga continued resistance north and south Zaghuin 10th and 11th May before surrendering to French. 90th light resisted attacks from north and south in Bou Ficha area supported according Yorker by 1/43 flak on 11th and but surrendered on 12th May with Bersaglieri D'Africa while Messe started negotiations surrender remainder one Italian Army reduced to 164th light and remnants Trieste, Spezia Pistoia. Small counter attack launched by this force on 12th May but all resistance ceased 1145 hours 13th May. Yorker traffic last days campaign concerned mainly instructions for destruction papers and material, awards, patriotic and farewell messages. Prisoners since 5th May now total 224,000 of which 125,000 estimated German. Of total 39,000 fell to Americans, 35,000 to French. Figures includes Naval and Air Force prisoners. Proportion not yet known. Military prisoners in excess estimated 10,000 when offensive opened considered mostly service and administration personnel many Italian. Propose discontinue this weekly signal for present.

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Operational Priority

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 6060 May 17, 1943

*Disposition
Postcard*

Tactical and main Hq 8 Army closed present location 1900 hrs GCT May 14th and opened area Laia L 05 (30 miles west Tripoli) same hour. Fifty First Div, 152nd Brig and 154th Brig arrived Bougie Area from Tebessa May 15th. Twenty Third Armd Brig to come under command 51st Div and be equipped with Shermans. Fiftieth Div reported Alexandria area today. Fourth Ind Div departed present location for Alexandria May 13th. Three days later 1st and 7th Armd Divs departed for same destination. Zealand Div to commence movement today. Fifty Sixth Ondoner Div and 1st Free French Div continues mopping up and clearing battlefield. From Brereton 9th Air Force reports May 15th bomber command, 340th, and 57th groups no operations. No report from 12th Group. Forty six Sorties 13 missions 79th Group as sea patrol. May 16th no operations 79th Group. No report from bomber command, 12th or 340th Groups. Forty six Sorties 13 missions by 57th Group as ship escort.

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

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From: Algiers
To: USFOR - London
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British War Office - Oudjda French Morocco -
Cairo - First Army Advance at Constantine -
Malta - LDAD

May 16, 1943

One hundred and four 15th May, Part 1.
(Action USFOR rptd AGWAR W692) Troopers 5th Army
Midest 1st Army Malta Adv NWAAF for information
from G-3 (Ops D) section AFHQ 1835 16th. SITREP)
Evacuation of prisoners and clearance of battle-
field continued. Part 2.

Para 1. Naval. One of our destroyers board-
ed enemy vessel of 1000 tons aground near Cape
Bon. Found flooded and full of military cargo.

Para 2. (Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT.)
Movements commenced. 14th May. 3 US Inf Div con-
sisting 7th, 15th and 30th Rcts departed Madjerda
for Jemmapes. Movements completed. 15th May.
Main Hq 51st Div and 152d Bde Group arrived Bougie
Area from Tebessa.

Para 3. L of C. Bone attacked by enemy air-
craft at 2115 hrs. Few bombs dropped caused minor
damage. No casualties reported.

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CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/8)
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Details of last few days of fighting in Western Desert

LINEREP 46. Summary of operations 10th to 12th May. (Troopers rptd USFOR Mideast Britman Washington Armindia Delhi PAIC Landforces Melbourne Dechiefs Pretoria Dechiefs Capetown Force Nairobi from Freedom 1846 14 May).

1. All organized resistance, except by isolated detachments, ceased on the 18th Army Group front on 12th May.

2. 8th Army. During night 9th/10th May 167 Inf Bds of the 56th Div having failed to capture their objective, the high ground 5 miles north of Enfidaville, were driven back to their original positions with some loss. Patrols of First Fighting French Div and of 5th NZ Bde were active the following day, and took some prisoners. First LF Div attacked on 11th May; on the right 2nd FF Bde made some progress in area 6 miles NE of Enfidaville, where they took 200 prisoners. On 12th May, the situation was still confused. General Messe commanding the First PZ Army arranged to discuss terms of surrender with General Freyburg, but meanwhile groups of his force were still holding out.

3. First Army.

A. 19th Corps. On 10th May an enemy counter attack south of Moghrane was repulsed: thereafter opposition

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collapsed. On 11th May Gen Mathinet, commanding the Moroccan Div, accepted the unconditional surrender of the enemy forces on his front. 12,000 prisoners were taken, including the Pfeifer Div with its equipment intact. The advance of French troops continued on 12th May towards St Marie Du Zit and a further 11,000 prisoners were taken.

B. 9th Corps. Resistance disintegrated before 1st Br and 6th Armd Div on 10th May. 26th. Armd Bde pushed through to Soliman at 1400 hours, entering Grombalia 3 hours later and making for Hammamet in order to cut off the Cape Bon Peninsula. On their right, 2nd Armd Bde established contact with 19th Corps. The next day 26th Armd Bde reached Bou Ficha, (end of first cipher part part 2 follows) where they were checked by a strong screen of anti tank guns.

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Meanwhile 1st Derby Yeomanry occupied Nabeul (K 6122). Fourth Br Div had moved east from Soliman behind the Armd Divs, (2nd cipher part of 1546 from Freedom) and on 11 May 10th Inf Bde made a complete circuit of Cape Bon, joining 12th Inf Bde at Menzel Heurr (K 7955). One 12 May 6th Armd Div pushed south and west from Bou Fichta, encountering some resistance from minefields but making contact with 8th Army during the day. By means of their operations during these 3 days, 9th Corps effectively prevented an enemy withdrawal to the Cape Bon Peninsula. Subpara C 5th Corps. On 11 May 4th Indian Div occupied St Marie Du Zit (K 2414) and the following day continued mopping up operations to the South. Para 4. 2nd US Corps. After the collapse of German resistance on 9 May operations were confined to mopping up. Prisoners captured on the 2nd Corps front totalled 37,998. Para 5. Enemy. The enemy resisted desperately in attempt to prevent our thrust along main road Hammam Lif-Bou Fichta. Resistance broken by superior forces and on 11 May last remaining Axis forces in Tunisia were cut into 2 pockets, 1 on Cap Bon and the other west of Bou Fichta. In Cap Bon, enemy was encircled by our movement around the coast and about 10,000 surrendered on 12 May. Small bodies only remain to be mopped up in central hills. Opposition in the main pocket of enemy crumbled rapidly on 11 and 12 May. Von Arnim and the Staff of Army Group Afrika, Von Sponeck with 90 light division and the Italian Young Fascists had all surrendered, while further west more than 20,000 troops capitulated thus reducing the remaining enemy to 164 light division and Italians in general area

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P-19 and K10. At last light on 12 May, General Messe, GOC 1st Italian Army, was believed to be negotiating terms (end of 2nd cipher part part 3 follows) of surrender with 8th Army.

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Thus final stages of enemy resistance in Tunisia almost closed (3rd part of 1546 from Freedom) Prisoners since 6th May number some 143,000 and will eventually exceed 160,000. 15 Generals have so far been taken. Considerable material captured, including at least 1,200 guns all types and 250 German tanks. Estimated equipment captured intact is equivalent of 2 Divisions. Huge quantities supplies, petrol and ammunition also in our hands. Little evacuation has been achieved by sea or air. Total casualties to enemy since beginning Tunisian Campaign estimated to exceed 250,000.

Para 6. Naval. Our light Naval craft have maintained a close blockade of the Cape Bon Peninsula and have also operated off Pantellaria. They have intercepted numerous small boats attempting to take evacuees from Tunisia. One of our MTBS although later beached was a total loss after striking a mine off Sousse. On 11th May our destroyers cleared the enemy from Zembra Island, taking over 120 prisoners. The Italian Liner Laurana, painted as a hospital ship, but not registered as such, was taken to Sousse for investigation.

Para 7. Air. Wellingtons attacked Palermo on night 9/10 May, and other heavy attacks were made on Borazzo (Sicily) and St Milo air fields. In daylight 11th May a formation of 198 heavy and medium bombers escorted by fighters carried out a successful attack on Marsala. Fires left burning after this raid could be seen from the Tunisian

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coast, 90 miles distant. Wellingtons repeated the attack during the night and did much damage in the harbour area. Fighter Bombers have also attacked Pantellaria. Aircraft of the Tactical Air Force, in addition to most effective support of our forward troops carried out shipping sweeps in the Gulf of Tunis and attacked the Harbour of Pantellaria.

Para 8. Political. (Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. Action Troopers pass to HM Ambassador Madrid for US Ambassador Madrid, Resident Minister Achimota, Britmilat Ankara for Marshall Chakmau, Defender Wellington for Puttick). General Girauds memorandum of April 27th to De Gaulle was published in North Africa. Its tone was cooperative and moderate. A reply has been received but awaits Gen Girauds return from Tunis. (End of 3rd part and last) An immediate meeting is not indicated.

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