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First World War II victory

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8 CAPONE'S AIDES INDICTED IN FRAUD; ONE KILLS HIMSELF

Accused of Fleeting Movie Union and Employers Out of \$2,500,000

LINKED TO BIOFF SWINDLE

"Syndicate" Leader Dies by Bullet in Chicago—Newark Labor Chief Involved

Eight of Al Capone's gangster henchmen, with a Newark labor leader and indicted by United States Attorney Mathias P. Coyne as "the boys in Chicago" who had taken over a movie union and forced employers and employees alike of \$2,500,000.

They were indicted yesterday in a Federal grand jury indictment returned in the Southern District of New York, where they had lived with the family. The indictments were returned by Judge Charles W. Mitchell.

The men in which these Federal indictments are brought to bear against evidence which shows a conspiracy to defraud the Government by Mr. Capone three years ago.

At the beginning, an act related to John T. Cahill, then Federal Attorney, by one connected with income tax evasion. The charge is obtained by the conviction of Joseph M. Sweeney and Joseph H. Meluskey, movie production officials.

They had to be taken into custody.

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Food Men Warn of 'Famine' Supplies in Cities Dwindle

Production of Emergency Allowances for Soldiers Ordered Halted—City Reports Growing Meat Shortage

As the Federal Government continues to pile up war food drives for the armed forces, food stores and other producers of food are warning that the nation is dangerously near famine, the Army Quartermaster General has notified stores and producers to hold up production of emergency allowances for the armed forces, as of March 21.

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ROOSEVELT URGES DELAY IN ENACTING LABOR DRAFT PLAN

Rosenbaker, N. A. M. Group Also Call for Thorough Test of Voluntary System

FLIER ASKS INCENTIVE-PAY

Yells Senate Committee Now Deal Legislation Should Be Repealed to Aid Production

WASHINGTON, March 25.—President Roosevelt today urged Congress to delay the enactment of a labor draft law until after the war effort has been tested.

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AMERICAN TROOPS TAKE EL GUETTAR, BUT FLOODS SLOW TUNISIAN ADVANCE; RUSSIANS PRESSED BACK ON DONETS

Two Places Lost South of Kharkov, but Most Attacks Are Crushed

GERMANS CLAIM BELGOROD

Also Stiffen Defense Before Smolensk, but Red Army's Gains There Continue

By The Associated Press.

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SOVIET LINE YIELDS ALLIES PUSH ON IN CENTRAL TUNISIA

U. S. FORCE AT PASS Beyond El Guettar Axis Troops Hastily Fortify Key to Gabes Road

BRITISH RETREAT IN NORTH Yield Tamara, but Hold Fast Three Miles Back—Eight Army Adjusts Positions

By THE WASHINGTON POST.

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WPA TO LIFT CURBS ON SOME PRODUCTS

Making of Refrigerators and Other Goods to Resume—Labor Council Planned

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HOUSE VOTES RISE FOR FARM PRICES

Rural Group Finds Few City Labor Costs Put in Parity With

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Air Defenses of Battleships Called '100 Times' Better

By SENATOR WALTER

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Italy	

Commanders and leaders

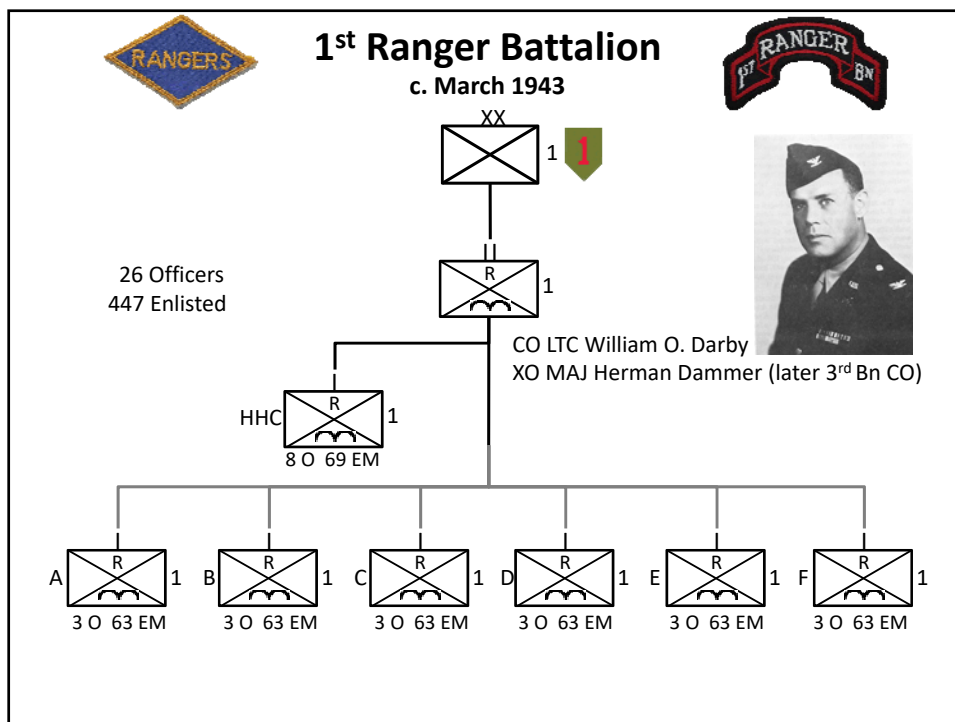
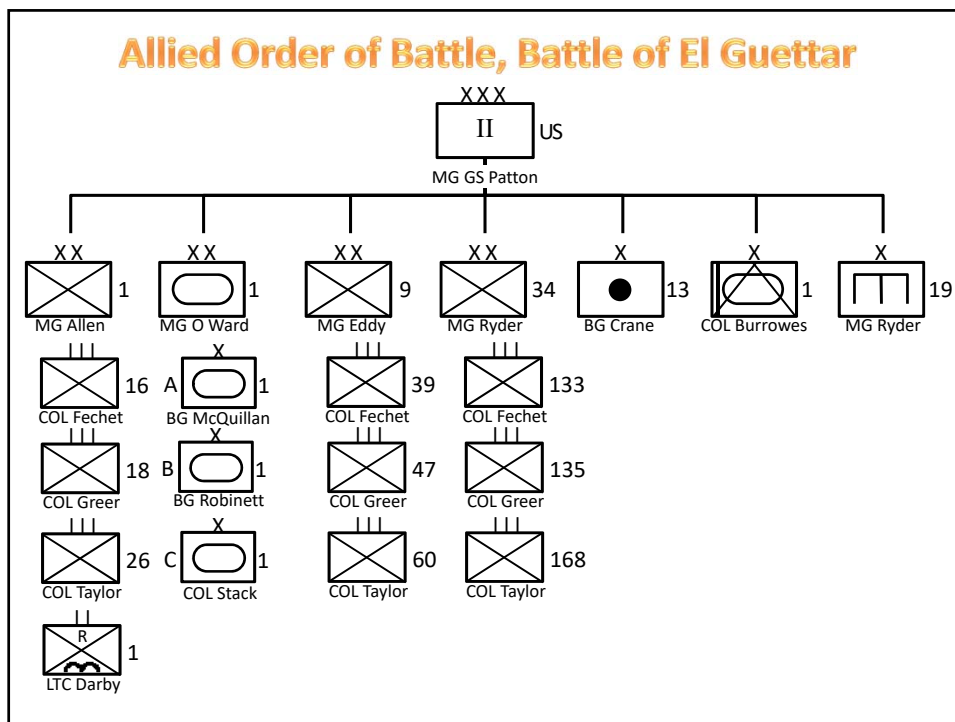
MG George S. Patton, US II Corps	Gen Jurgen von Arnim, Army Gp Afrika
MG Terry Allen, US 1st Infantry Division	Gen Giovanni Messe, 1st Italian Army
LTC. William O. Darby, 1st Ranger Bn	

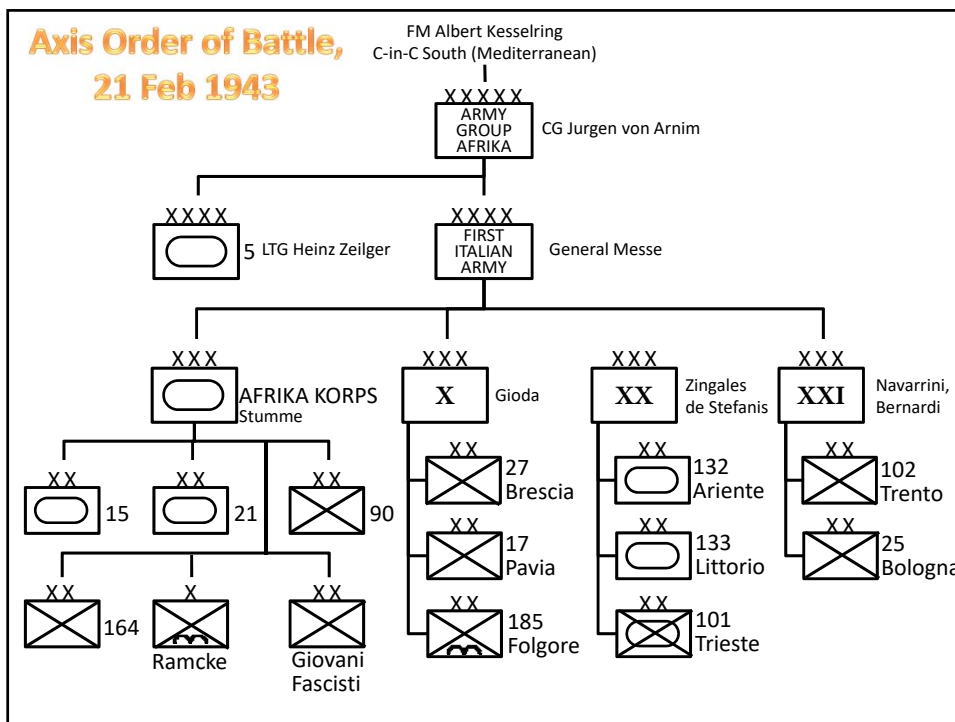
Strength

II Corps (US) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Infantry Division 1st Ranger Battalion 9th Infantry Division 1st Armor Division 	1st Italian Army <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DAK (Africa Corps) 10th Panzer Division 21st Panzer Division 131st Armor Divi Centauro (Italy)
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Casualties

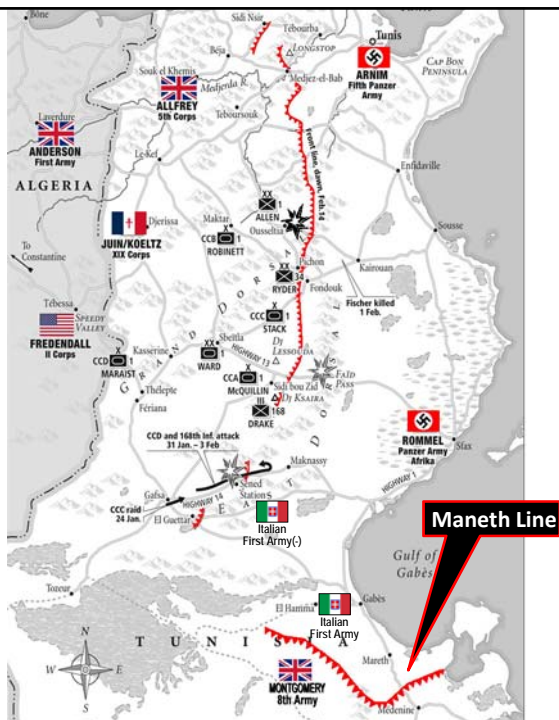
4,000-5,000 KIA or WIA 25 tanks	4,000-6,000 KIA or WIA 40+ tanks
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The Winter Line
in Tunisia,
February 1943



The Raid on
Sened Station



11 Feb 1943, Rangers attack Sened Station





In the
Beginning











The Battle of **El Guettar**

The Battle of El Guettar, Tunisia, 1943

- Like most WWII battles, the Battle of El Guettar is not just one encounter on a particular day, but an extended operation taking place over days or weeks.
- It was a part of a more significant operation, which itself took place within a larger campaign.
- Like many such battles, it was fought by forces equal in many ways. As such, it was desperate and bloody.
- The battle is notable for the insights it gives into the new, untested American Corps Commander, Major General George S. Patton.
- It also includes a classic US Army Ranger mission.

The Allied Dilemmas

- As senior Allied Commander in North Africa, General Dwight Eisenhower was faced with strategic, tactical, personality and political dilemmas.
- Strategic: Axis Army Group Africa had contracted to strong defensive positions from Bizerte and Tunis in the north along the Eastern Dorsal of the Atlas Mountains to the Mareth Line in the south. What should the primary objective be?
 1. Capture Tunis (and Bizerte) and behead the Axis.
 2. Press up from the south and roll the Axis up.
 3. Strike through the centre to Sfax and split the Axis.
 4. Destroy Axis forces throughout Tunisia.

The Allied Dilemmas

- Tactical: how should the Allied forces be organised, allocated, and prioritised?
 - Anderson's First Army was poised to attack Tunis, but not for the first time.
 - How can the French be deployed appropriately?
 - Montgomery's 8th Army was still delayed at the Mareth Line as at late March 1943.
 - Could the US II Corps overcome the stain of the disasters at Sidi Bou Zid and the Kasserine Pass? How would Patton, appointed 9 March, work out?
 - Oh, yes! What is G2 on the Germans and Italians?

The Allied Dilemmas

- Personality: how did so many egos rise to command?
 - LTG Anderson British First Army was okay but was being assertive about resource shortfalls.
 - Gen Giraud insisted on overall field command, and the French refused to work under British control.
 - Montgomery was, well, Montgomery.
 - Patton, appointed 9 March, champing at the bit, was full of plans and piss and vinegar. He was locked and loaded and ready to roll, whipping his men into shape, enforcing dress regulations (incl. helmets and neckties), and enforcing discipline.
 - These, of course, are but a few on the top end.

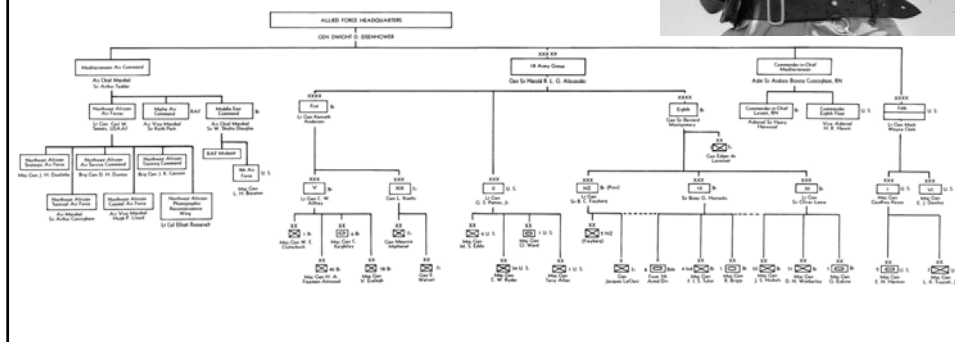
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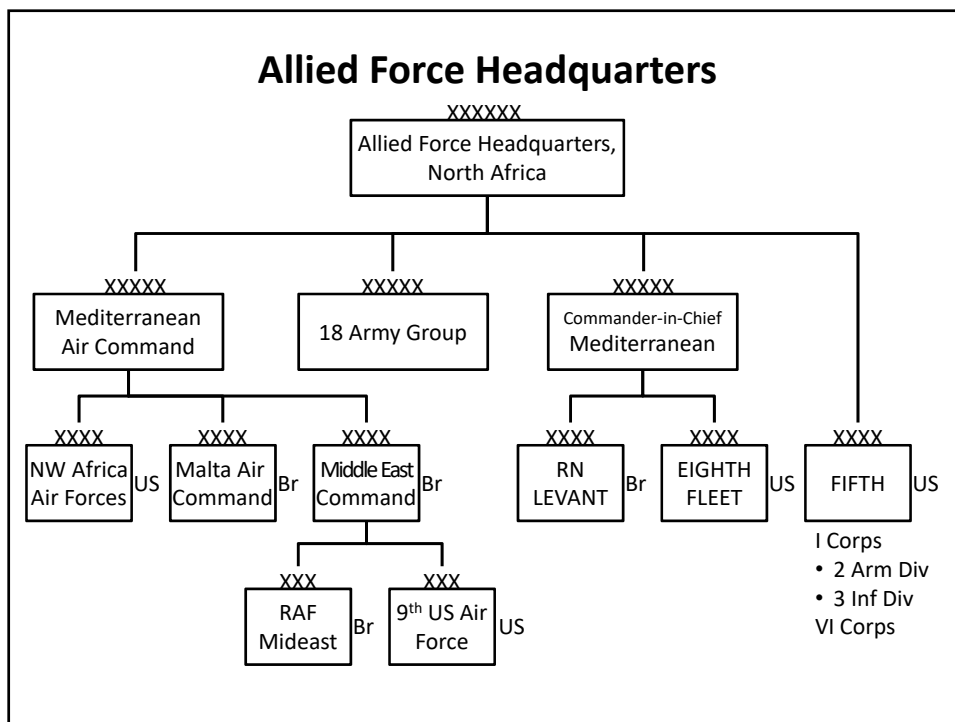
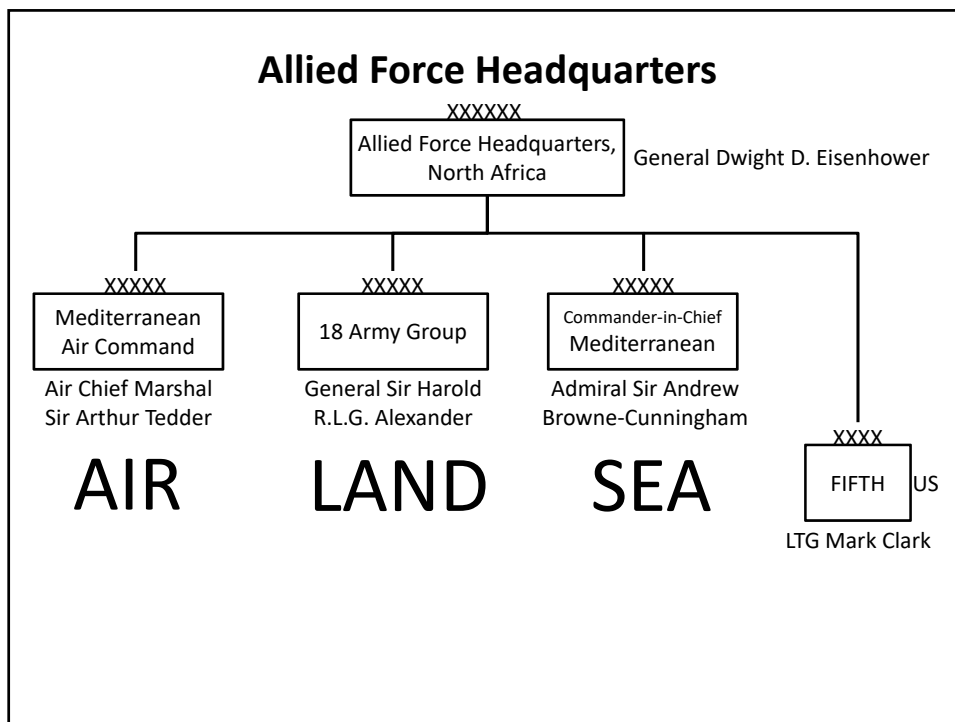
- Political: how best can cats be herded?
 - The British wanted overall command, with British 1st and 8th Armies having conflicting requirements as well as “claims on the throne.”
 - General Giraud insisted on overall battlefield command as tactical commander-in-chief.
 - To complicate matters, the French refused to work under British control, but would be under US.
 - As Supreme Allied Commander, North Africa, Ike was a planner not a combat commander, and tended to defer to those with combat experience, but was really a servant of the *real* politicians.

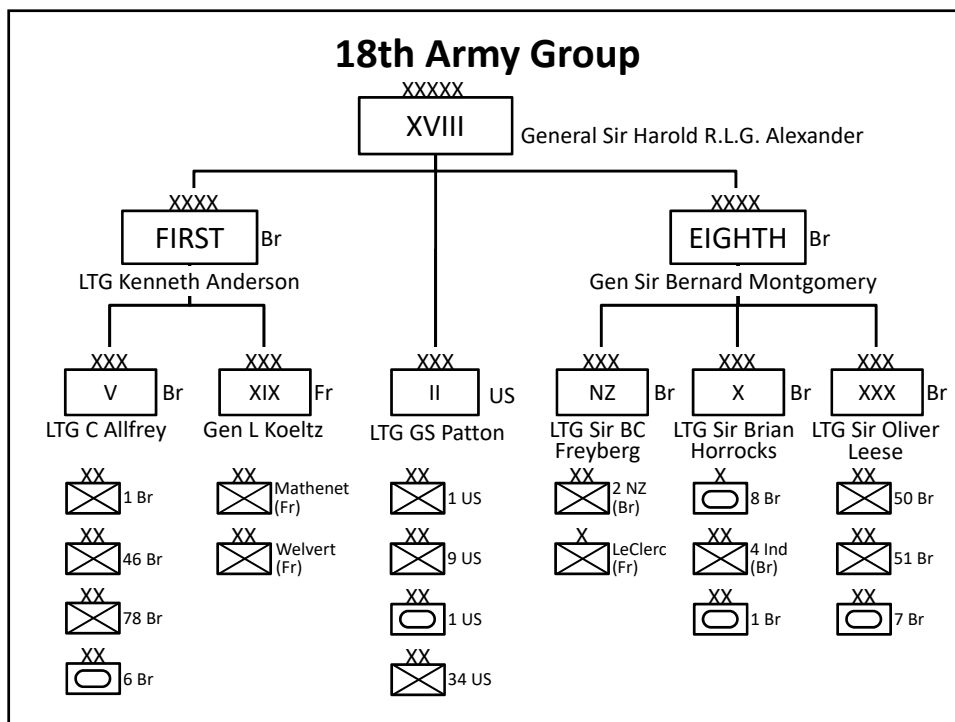
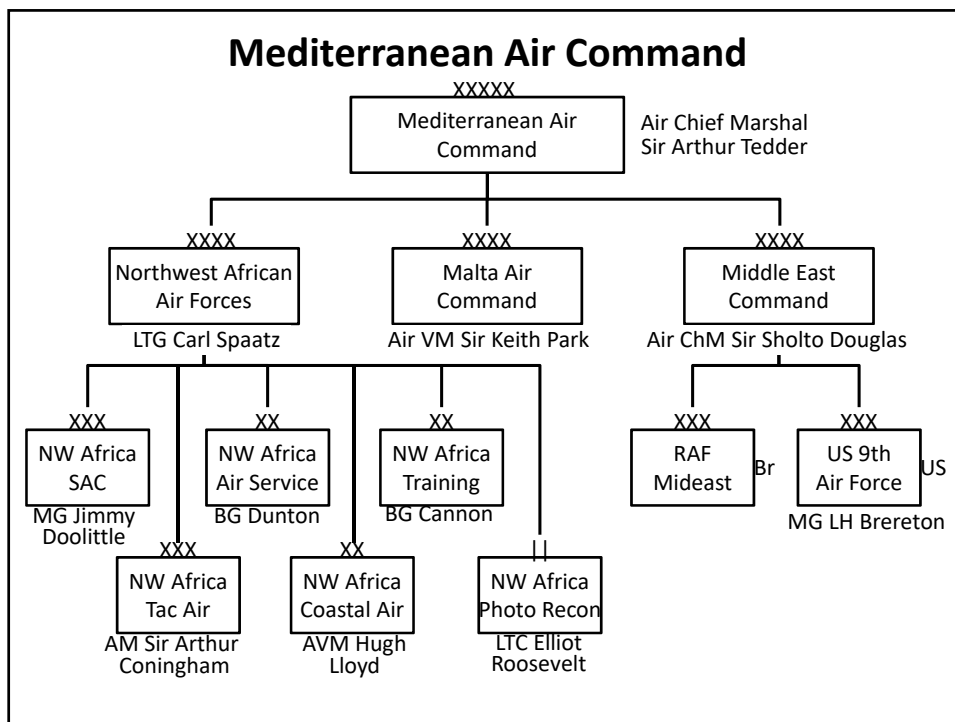


What Eisenhower did

- Called for help!
- Re-organised.
- Established 18th Army Group under Field Marshal Alexander, who had planned El Alamein 2.







Sweeping attitudinal changes

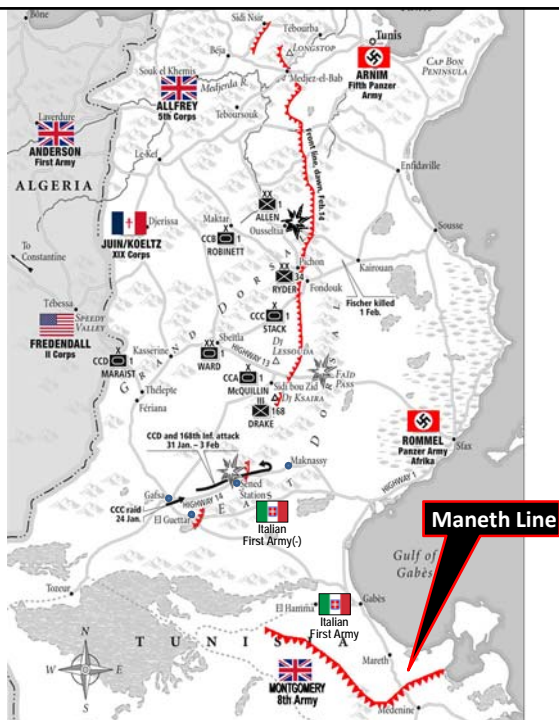
- Changes in command.
- Discipline.
- Tactics.
 - Adopt more flexible artillery tactics, allowing all batteries within range of a target to respond to a single call for fire.
 - Keep large units massed rather than breaking them up into smaller, unsupported elements.
 - Improve close air support (although satisfactory levels not reached until later in the war).

About the 131st Armored Division Centauro

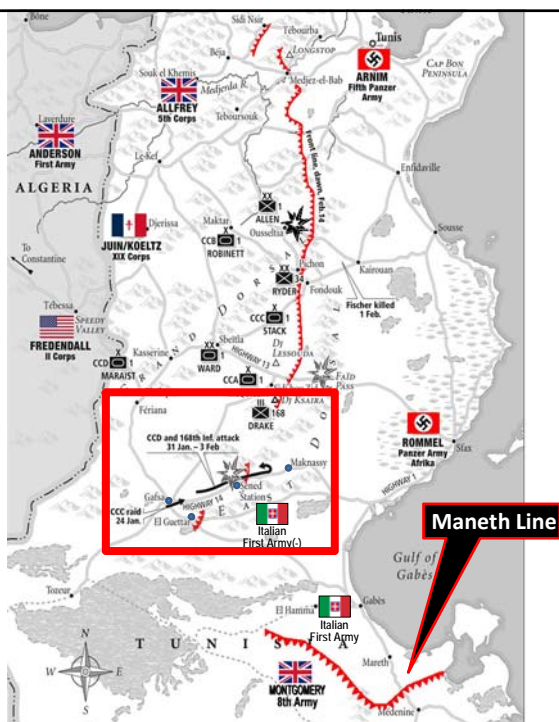
“Artillery and aircraft may harass but cannot dislodge him. Only bullets and bayonets of rival riflemen can do that. This was well illustrated in the Ousseltia Valley campaign in January when tanks and artillery laid down one of the finest barrages of the campaign but couldn't rout Italians dug in like moles in the hills bordering the road to Kairouan. The artillery was beautiful to see but they couldn't do the job alone. Finally American infantry swarmed up the hills at night and flushed the Italians out in droves with hand grenades and the pointed persuasion of their bayonets.”

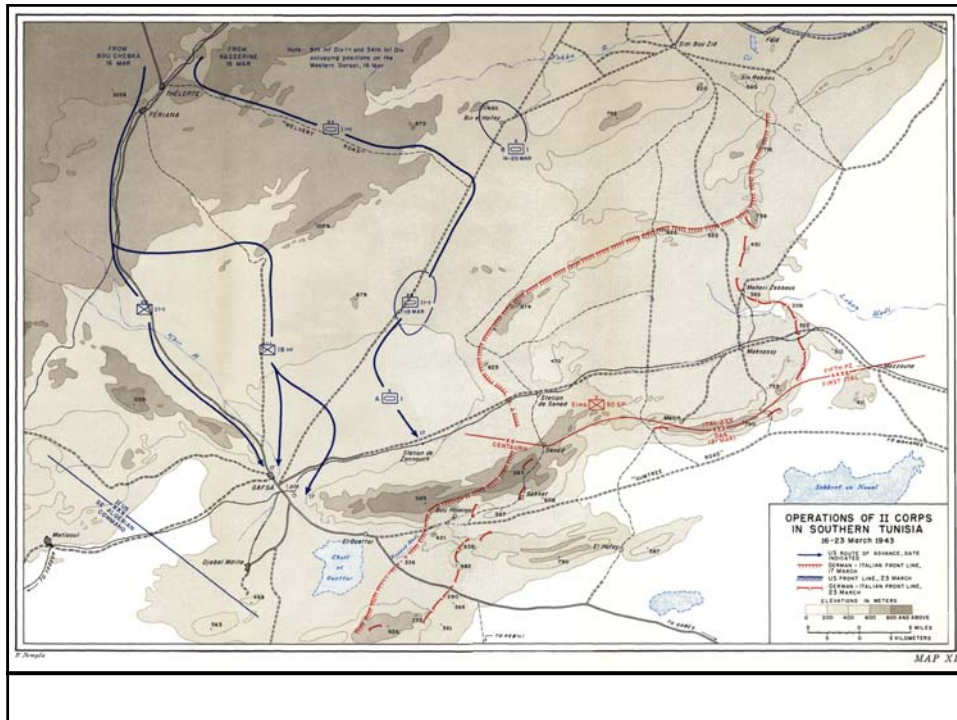
Harold V. Boyle, an Irish war correspondent, on the Italian troops.

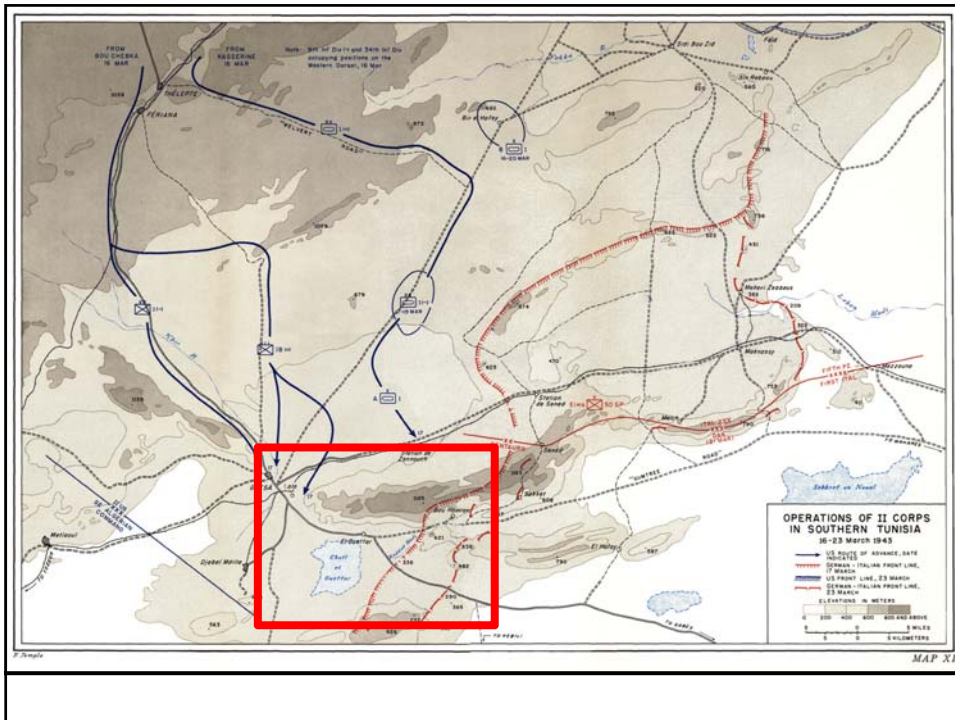
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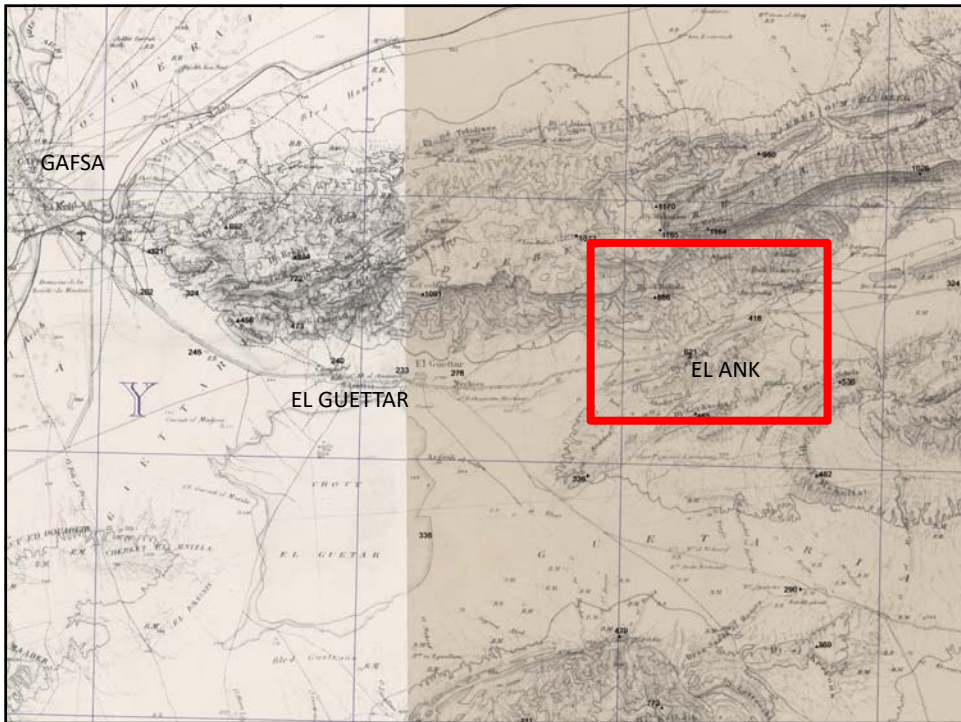
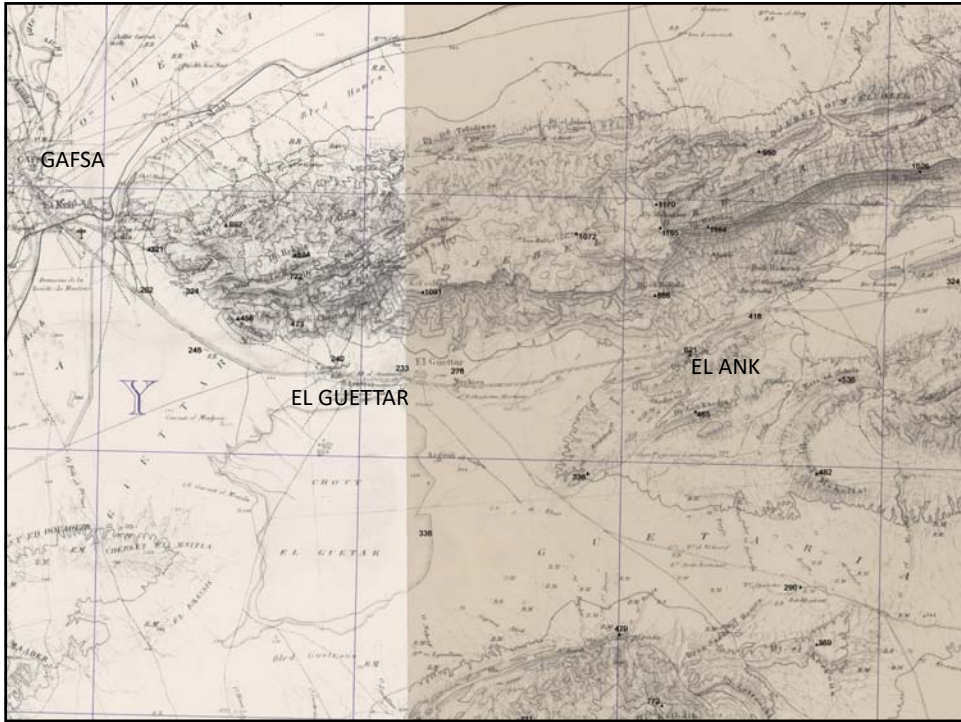


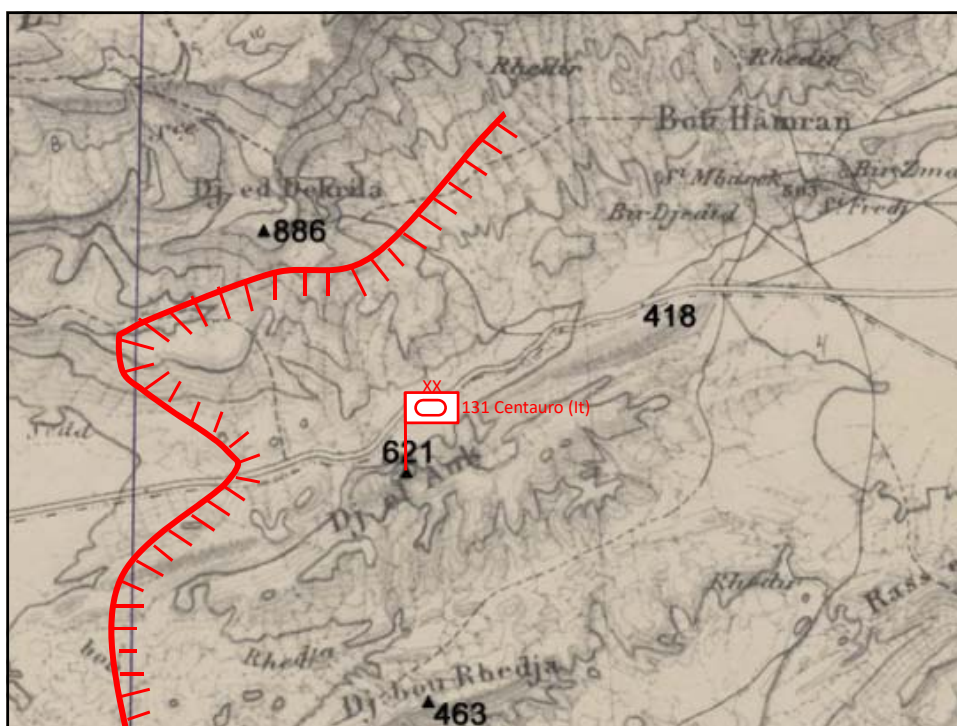
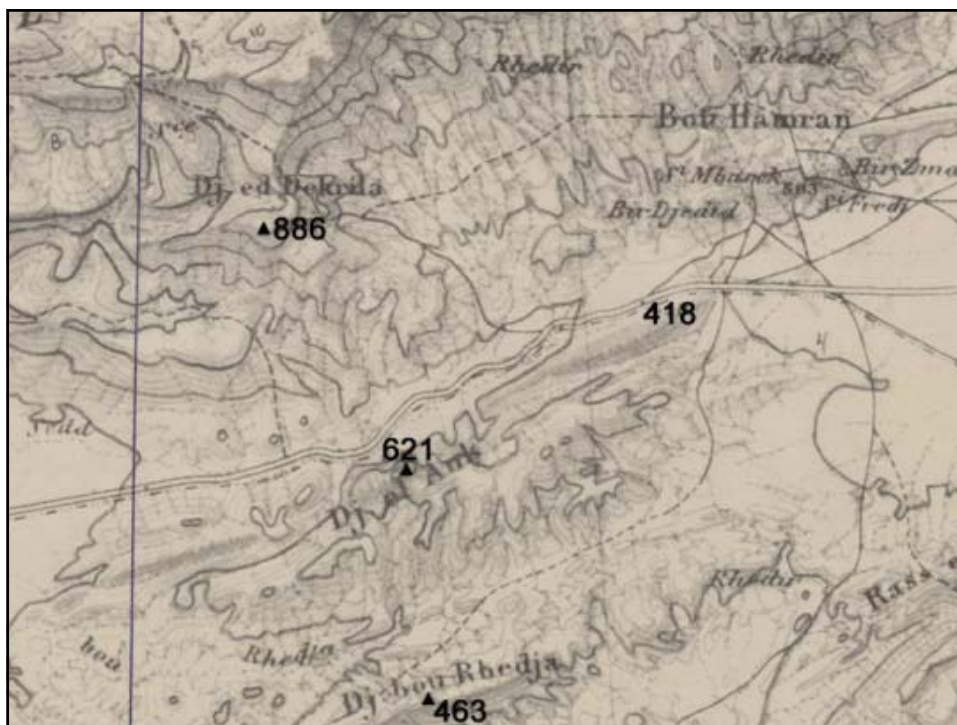
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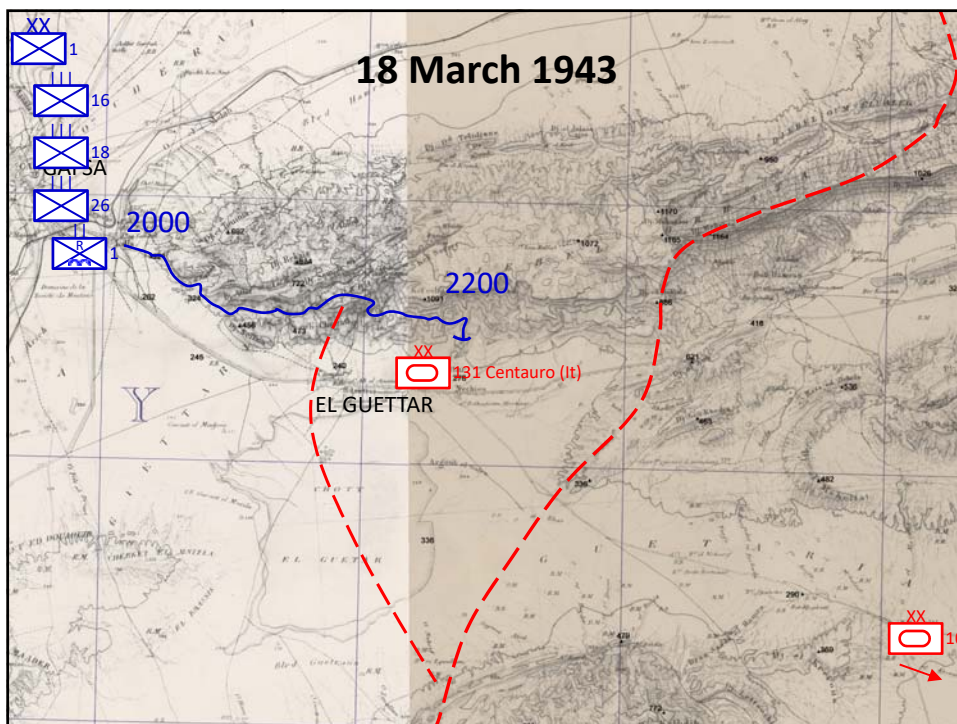
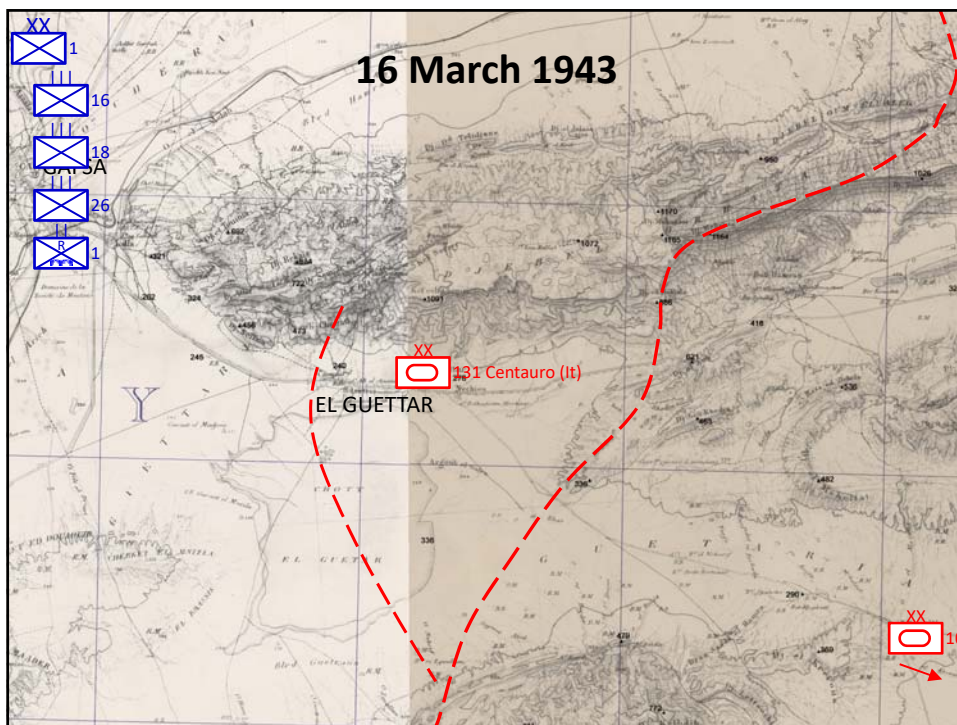


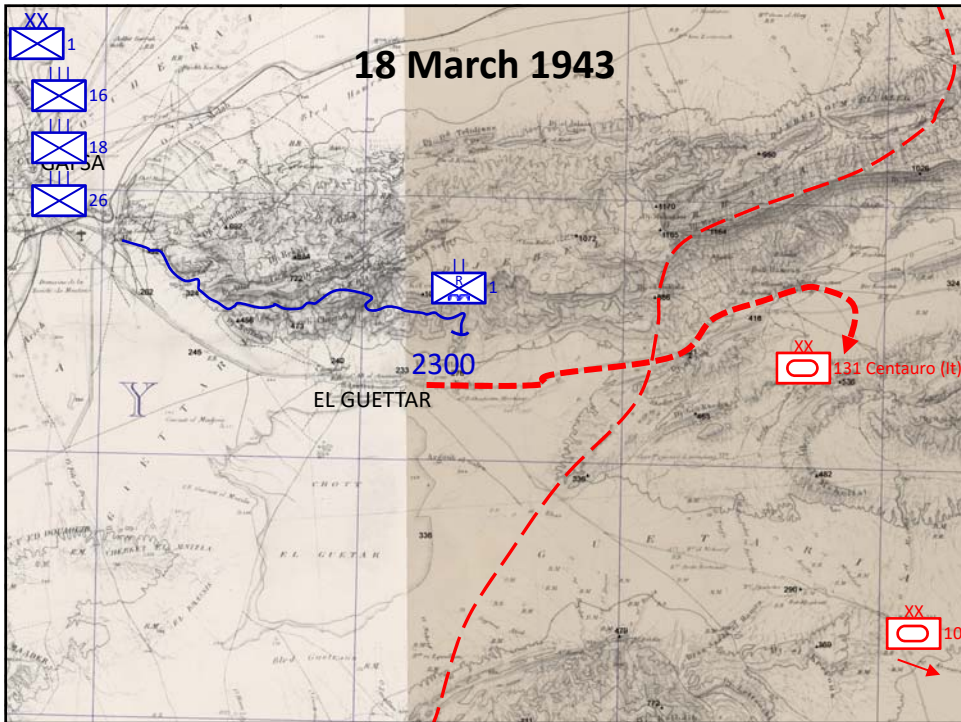


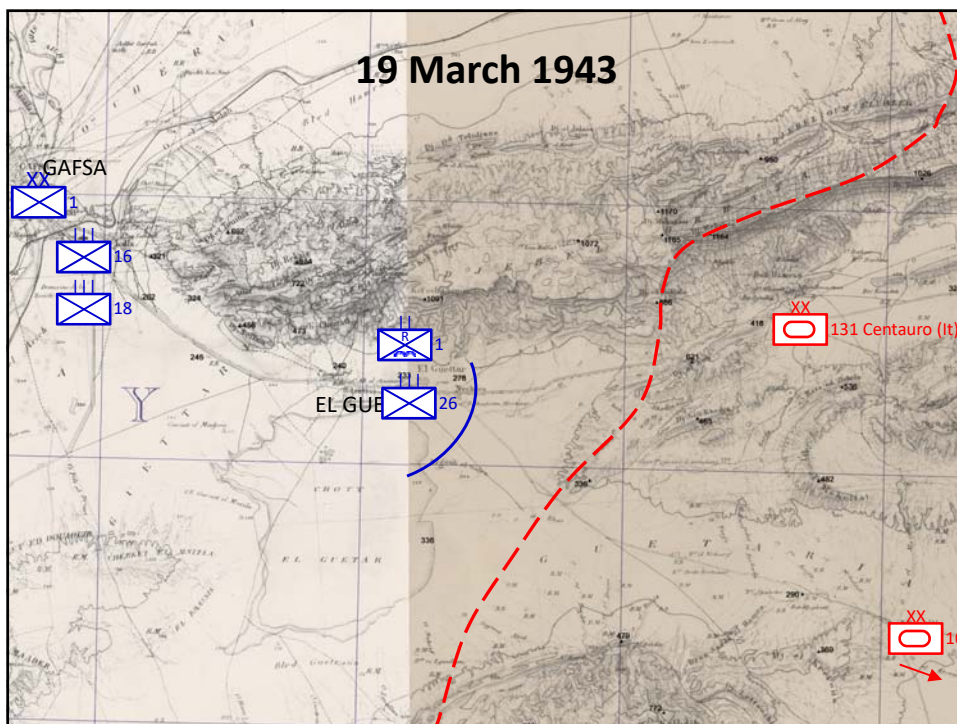
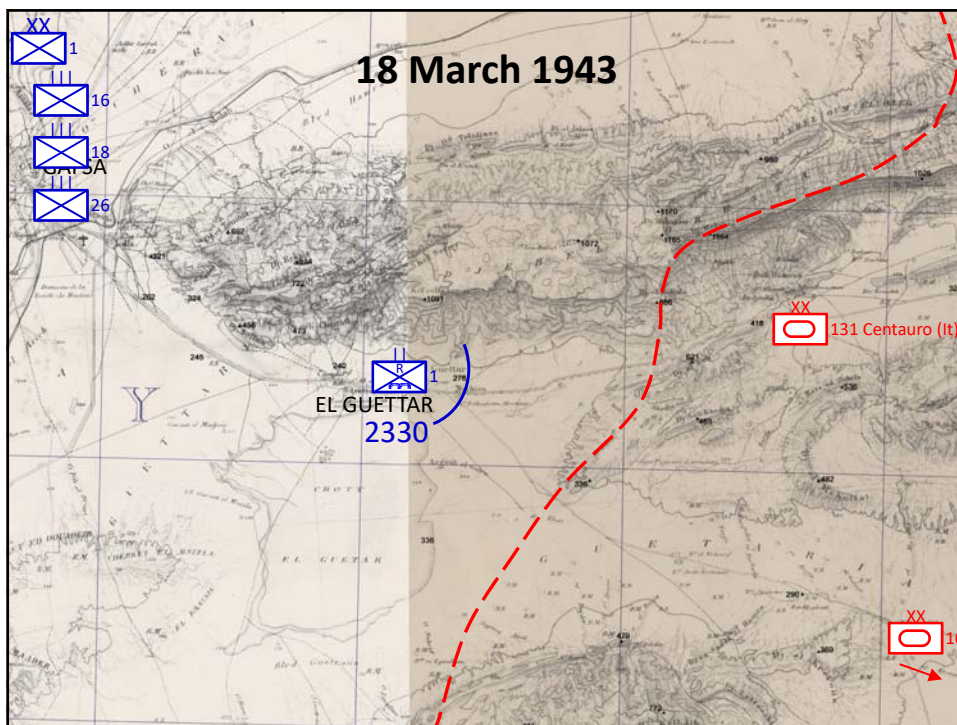


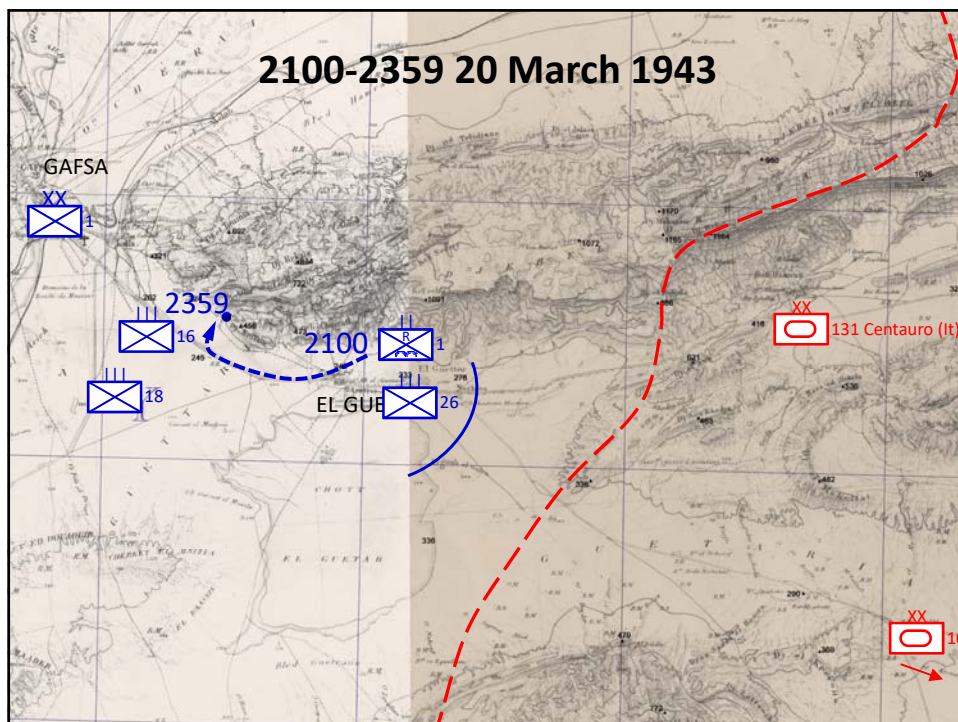


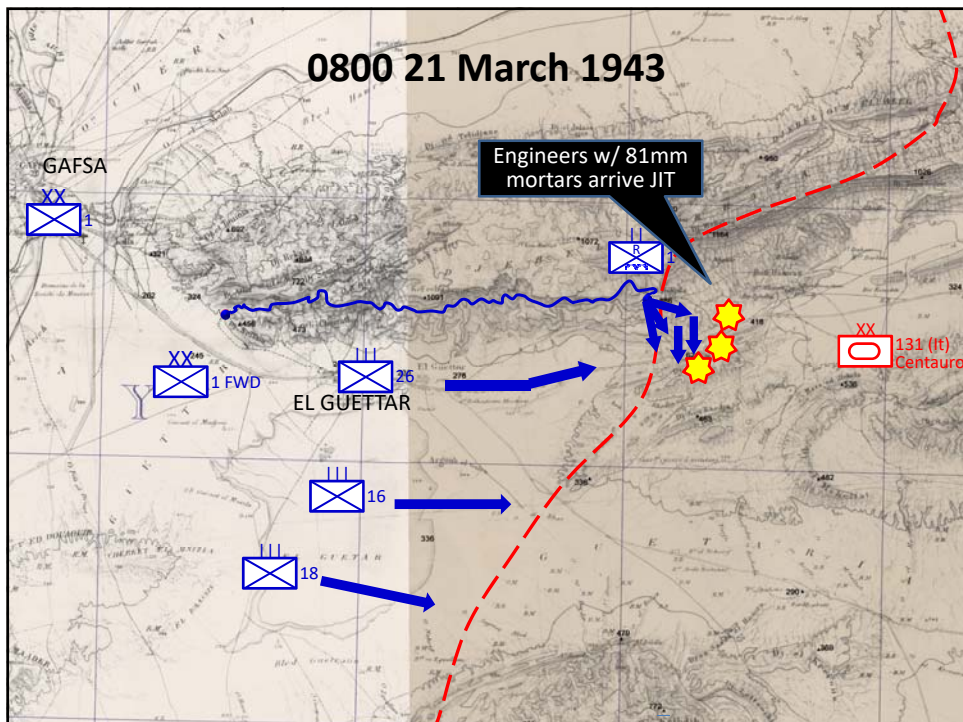
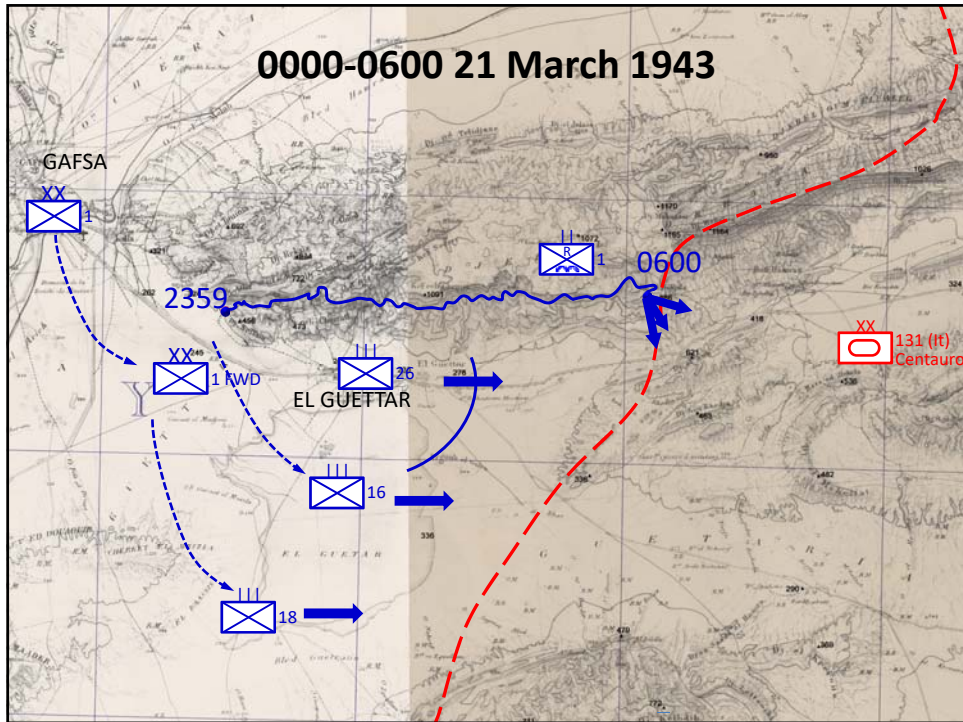


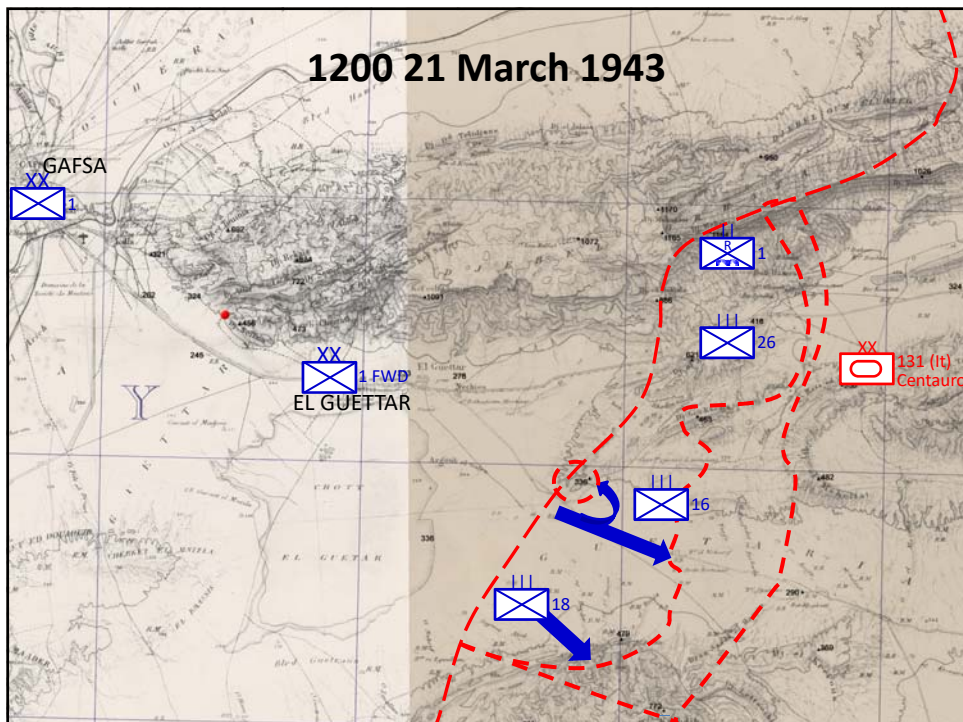
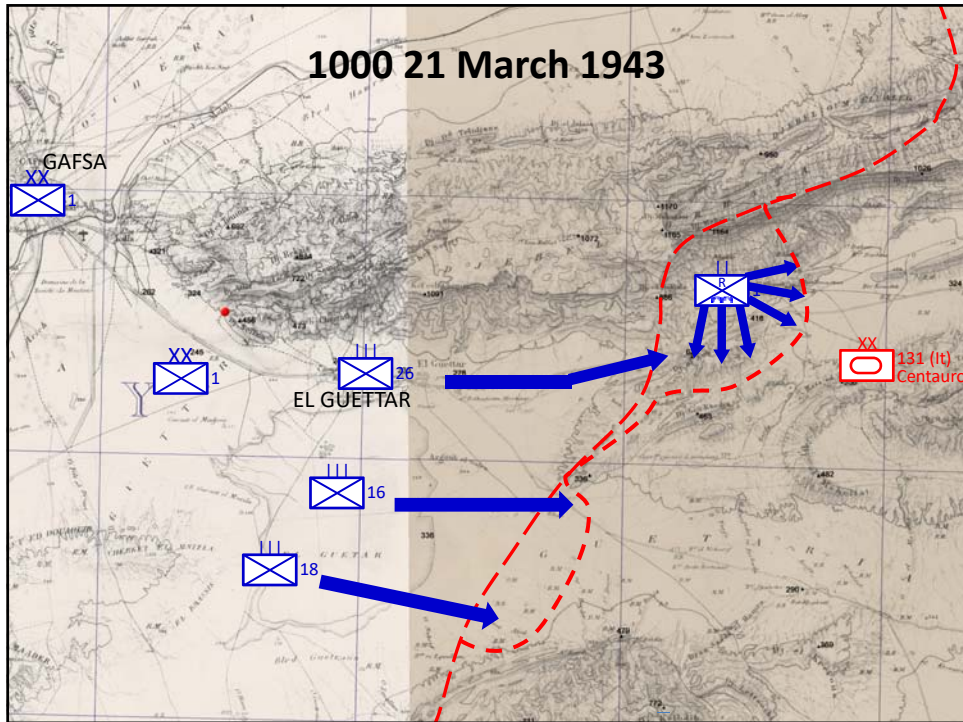


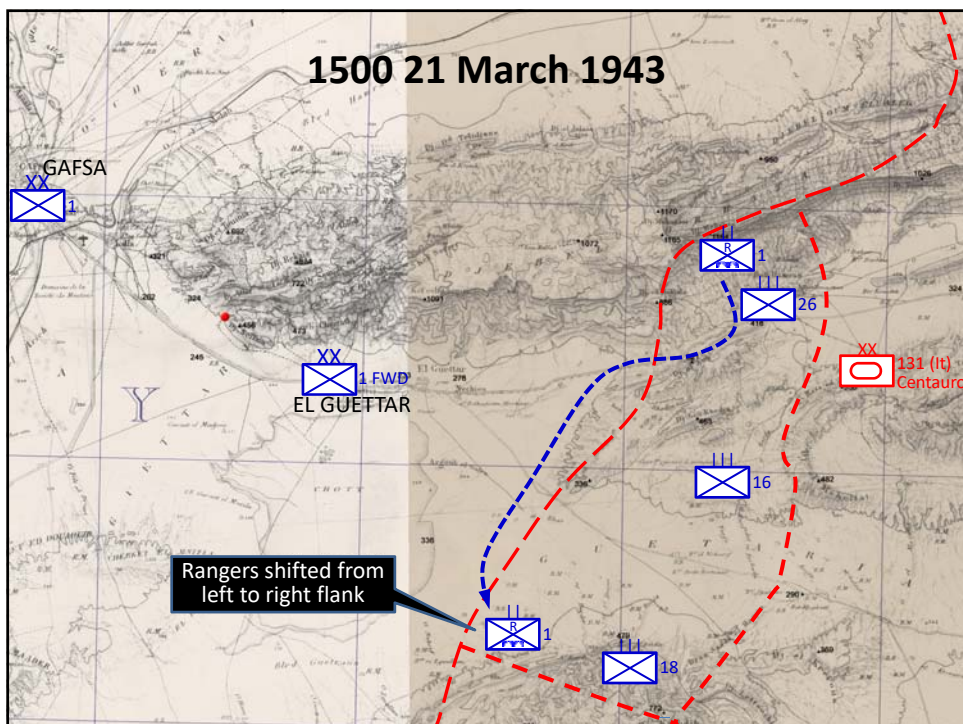
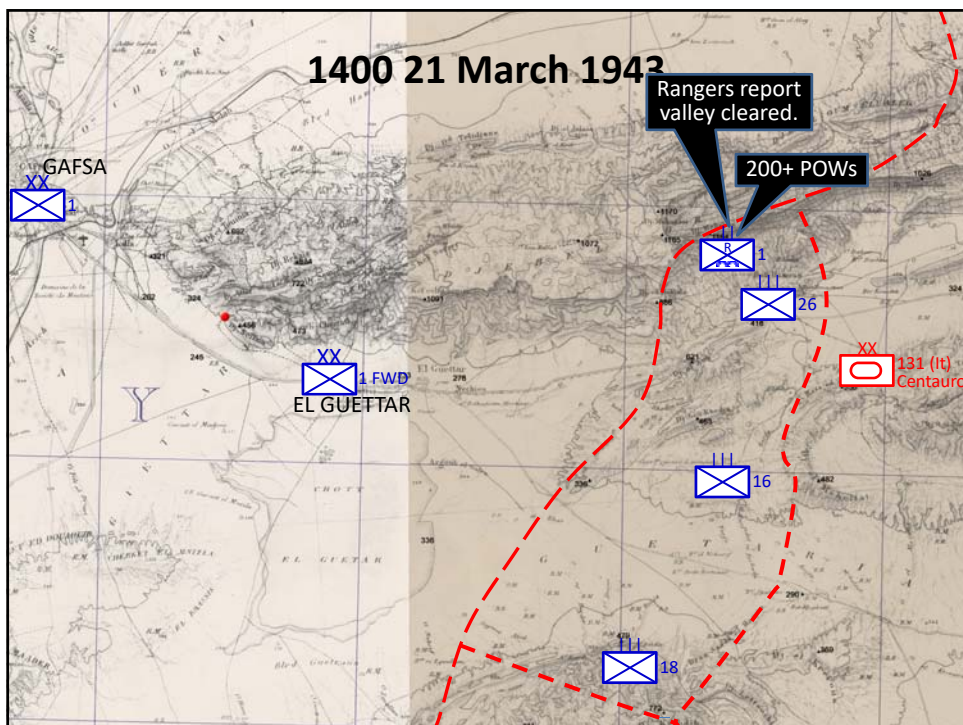


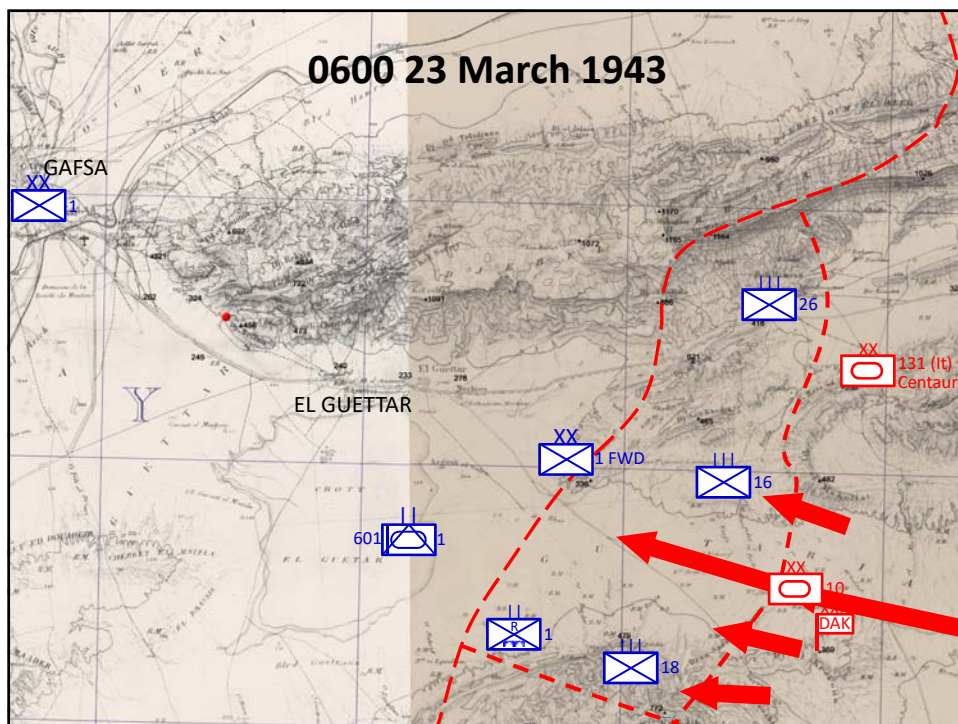




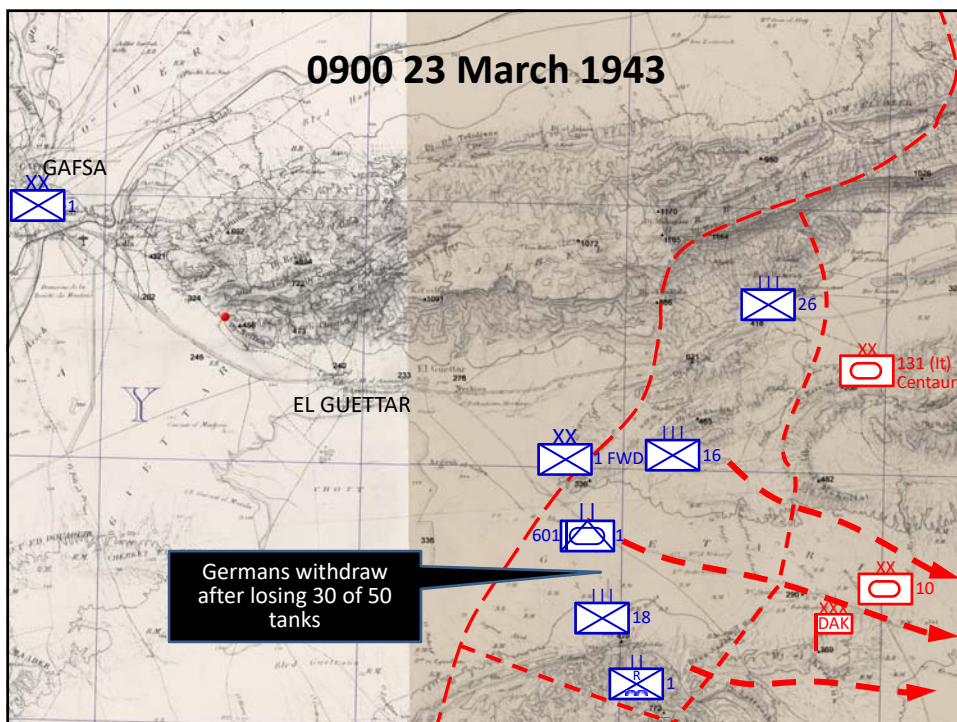
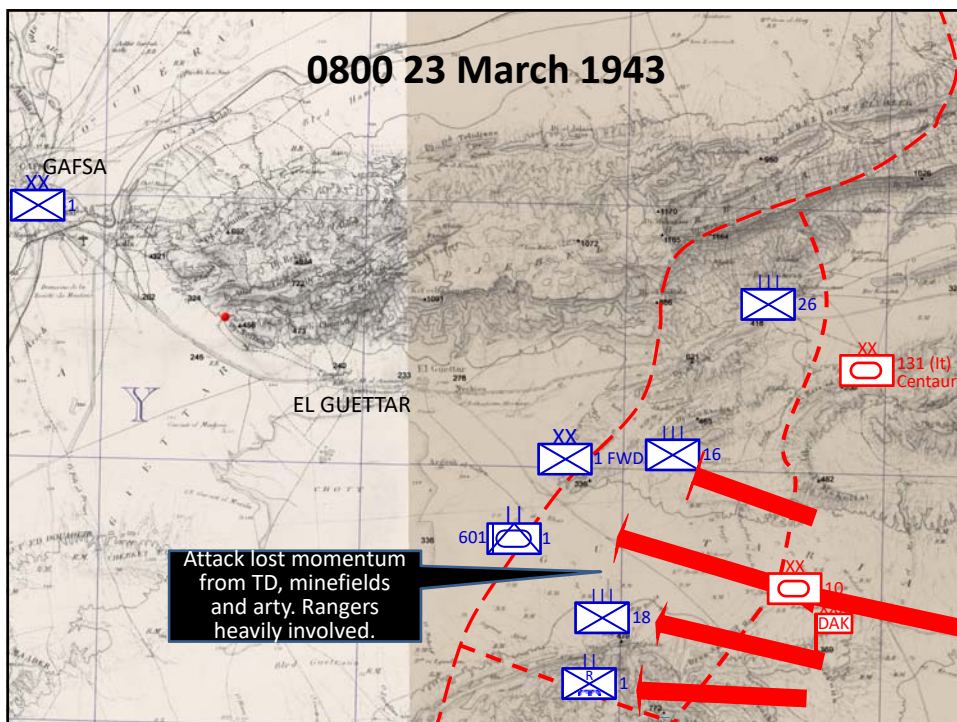


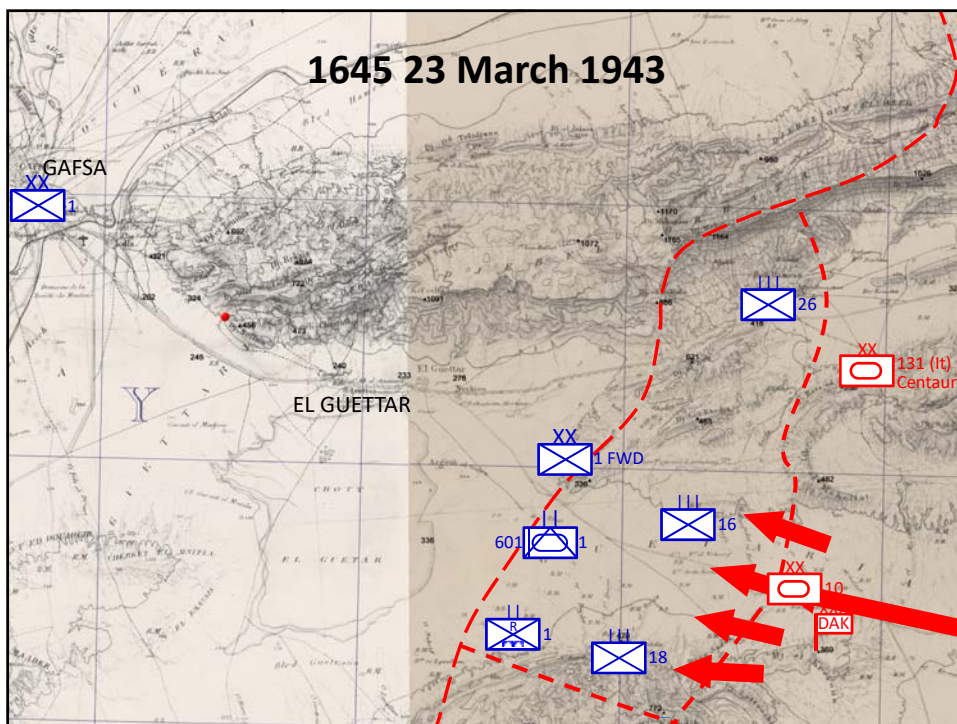






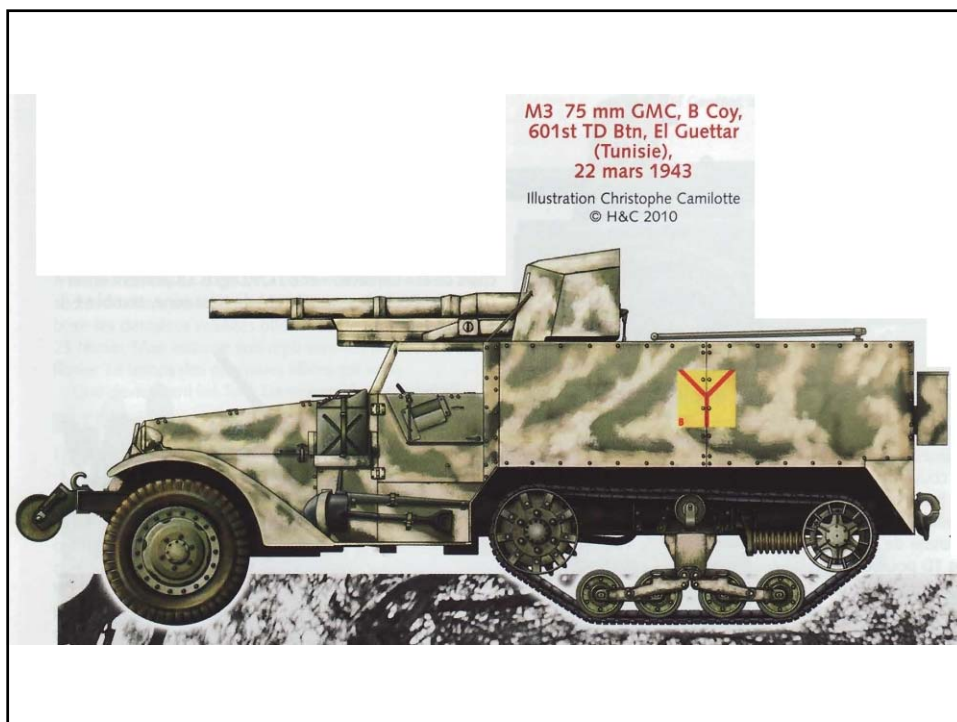


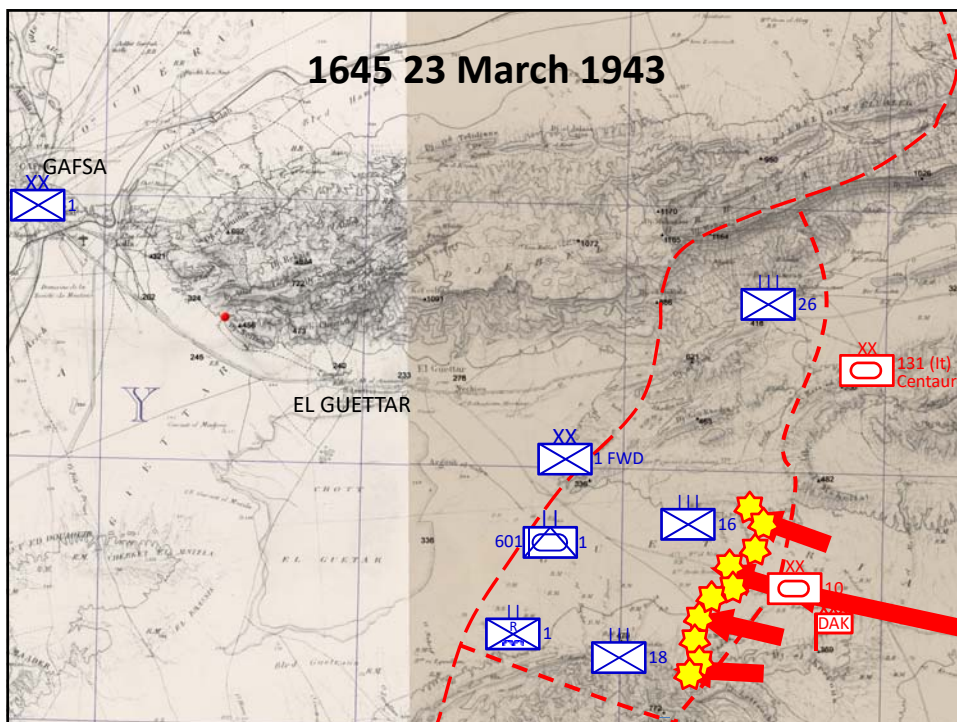






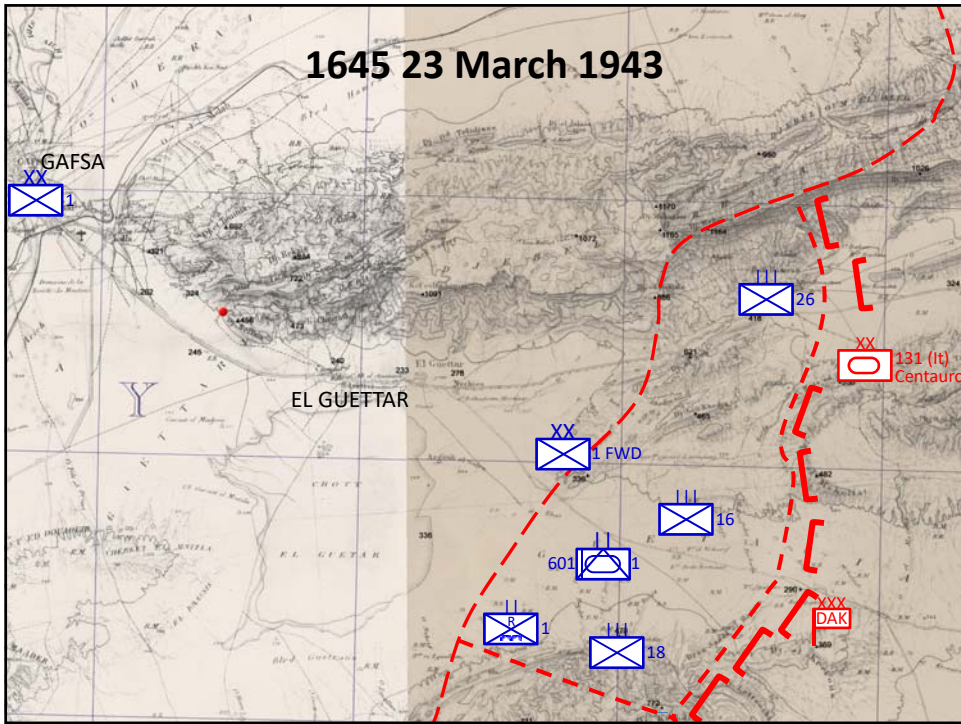

















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1st Armor Division

1st Italian Army

DAK (Africa Corps)

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21st Panzer Division

131st Armor Div. Centauro (Italy)

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