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1	<p><u>West Atlantic:</u> SS Carperby (British cargo ship, 4,890 tons) sunk by SS at 39- 57 N, 55-20 W.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p><u>North Sea:</u> SS Polgarth (British cargo ship, 794 tons) sunk by mine off E coast of England. SS Audacity (British tanker, 589 tons) sunk by mine at 54-00 N, 00-00 E.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Ger- mans claim to have inflicted heavy losses on Soviets in Kerch Peninsula; fierce fighting con- tinues in Donets area. Red Army attacks in Rzhev area continue. Germans report heavy air attack on military instal- lations in Murmansk harbor, claiming hits on a large transport.</p>	<p><u>Malta:</u> Valletta attacked by enemy bombers; Germans claim hits are scored on submarine base, docks, and public utility plants.</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> Ground activity confined to patrolling.</p> <p>Night of 1/2, Wellingtons carry out successful raid on Tripoli harbor, starting several fires.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Japanese troops are crossing the Sittang R. in force and fanning out over a 70-mi. front in Pegu area; patrol skirmishes reported.</p>	<p><u>P.I.:</u> U.S. positions on Bataan bombed by hostile planes, including 3 believed from their coloring to be Messerschmitts.</p> <p>Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, who commanded Japanese forces in Malaya, arrives from Singapore.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Java: Despite Allied opposition, Japanese troops which landed on Java, night of February 28/March 1, advance inland from Kragan (E of Rembang) and from Indramajoe. Japanese documents indicate that the 2d Div pushes 6 mi. from landing point at Bantam Bay (W Java) toward Batavia, that possibly the 9th Div or part of the 48th drives from Semarang (N central Java) southwards toward Madioen, and that the 48th Div is halted at landing point on E tip of Java near Soerabaja. Enemy advance cuts communications between his main objectives, Batavia and Soerabaja. In Soebang area, 600 Japanese, using light tanks, attack and capture Kalidjati airdrome; 21 Allied planes, dispersed on the field, captured.</p> <p>Dutch announce that oil installations at Tjepoe have been demolished.</p> <p>As a result of aerial bombardment of Java airfields during last 2 weeks in February, Japanese now control the air. Continuing offensive against</p>	<p><u>Pacific:</u> SS Rononia (British cargo ship, 213 tons) sunk by SS in the Far East.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p>1</p>



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		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Allied airfields, enemy planes carry out destructive raids on Soerabaja, sinking the Dutch DD, Witte de With, which is in the harbor for repairs. Dutch DD, Banckert, which had been damaged during air attack on Soerabaja on February 24, destroyed by the Dutch in Soerabaja harbor.</p> <p>Japanese now control the sea as result of Java Sea engagements lasting from February 27 to March 1, during which the bulk of the Allied fleet is destroyed and the remaining forces split up. Since all Java ports are now untenable for Allied surface forces, Allied Naval Command is dissolved and the U.S., British, and Australian ships ordered to proceed to Australia, leaving only submarines to operate against the enemy. The USS Edsall (DD), USS Pillsbury (DD), and USS Asheville (PG), as well as a few British corvettes, fail to reach their destination and are considered lost. Exeter (British CA), accompanied by Encounter (British DD) and Pope (US DD), are intercepted by 3 enemy cruisers shortly after leaving Soerabaja, and nothing more is heard of the 3 vessels. Pecos, U.S. tanker proceeding toward Fremantle, is sunk during attack by 3</p>			<p>1 C'd</p>

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2	<p>U.S.: President Roosevelt, by executive order, authorizes the reorganization of the Army into the following 3 units, under General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff: (1) Army ground forces, headed by Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair; (2) Army air forces, headed by Lt. Gen. Henry H. Arnold; (3) services of supply, under Major Gen. Brehon B. Somervell.</p> <p><u>West Atlantic:</u> SS Gunny (Norwegian cargo ship, 2,362 tons) sunk by SS at 27-09 N, 66-33 W. USS Jacob Jones (DD) sunk by SS off Cape May, New Jersey.</p>			<p>Russia: Soviet forces continue offensive operations in the Crimea, the Donets area, and the Lake Ilmen sector, where the encircled German 16th Army is experiencing great difficulty in obtaining supplies; Russians report that Soviet Air Force is frustrating attempts of German command to supply Axis army from the air. Berlin announces severe air attacks on Soviets on Kerch Peninsula, claiming to have sunk a transport in Kerch Strait; they also report night raids on airplane engine works at Voronezh, damaging factory buildings and air-drome installations.</p>	<p>Malta: Valletta harbor and air-dromes on the island again attacked by German bombers; civilian property and Kalafrana airfield suffer extensive damage.</p> <p>Sicily: RAF bombers make night raid on Palermo; 2 merchant ships sunk; fires and explosions caused among shipping and engineering works, dry dock, and seaplane base.</p> <p>Crete: Heraklion bombed by force of Bienheims; bursts observed among barracks.</p>

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<p>Libya: British patrols operate in area W of Tmimi.</p> <p>Hurricanes on patrol engage about 7 Axis fighter planes; 1 shot down; 3 Allied aircraft lost. Twenty Wellingtons make night raid on Benghazi, bombing and mining the harbor.</p> <p>Egypt: About 35 Axis planes make night attack on Suez Canal area; explosions result but none in the canal; El Kabrit airdrome cratered and 4 aircraft burned and 6 damaged on the ground; Beau-fighters shoot down 2 of the attacking planes.</p>	<p>Burma: Small force of British infantry with tank support unsuccessfully engages enemy at Waw (NE of Pegu); 2 tanks destroyed. Allied planes make low-level attacks on Japanese transport and on town of Waw where many fires are started.</p> <p>Indian Ocean: SS Siantar (Dutch cargo ship, 8,667 tons) torp. and sunk at 21-30 S, 109-00 E. SS Modjokerto (Dutch cargo ship, 8,806 tons) sunk by aircraft at 12-00 S, 106-00 E.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>waves of enemy planes. SS Eng-gano (Dutch cargo ship, 5,412 tons) sunk by aircraft at 12-00 S, 109-21 E. SS Sipora (Dutch cargo ship, 1,594 tons) sunk by enemy action off N.E.I.</p> <p>New Guinea: Single enemy plane ineffectively raids Bulolo, dropping 10 bombs. Buildings at Wau damaged during attack by 9 hostile bombers.</p> <p>P.I.: Japanese troops land at Zam-boanga, Mindanao, from convoy of 4 AP's escorted by a cruiser. Hostile warships shell the following ports: Cebu City and Argao on Cebu I.; Misos, Tolong, Dumaguete, and Marica Bong on Negros I.; and Bugo on Mindanao I.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Java: Command of United Nations forces in N.E.I. is turned over to the Dutch; Lt. Gen. Hein ter Poorten assumes command of ground forces. Japanese troops driving from Kragan have reached Flora and those advancing from Indramajoe have captured Soebang. Dutch launch counterattack to recapture Soebang and nearby Kalidjati air-Grone. During attack on this air-drome by Dutch planes, some</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p>U.S.: State Department makes public a statement by the American Vice Consul at Noumea to the High Commissioner of New Caledonia, announcing that the U.S. is "cooperating for the defense" of New Caledonia and other Free French islands in the Pacific.</p>	<p>2</p>

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		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>hits are scored among 15 enemy bombers and 20 fighters dispersed there. Japanese claim capture of Batavia and that the N.E.I. Government has been forced to move from there to Bandoeng. Dutch assert that Batavia is not threatened, but admit that vital installations there are being demolished. Allied planes continue to inflict losses on hostile troops and shipping.</p> <p>Following Dutch cargo ships scuttled at 05-00 S, 110-00 E: Belawan (1,330 tons); Bengalen (6,924 tons); Loa Koeloe (1,865 tons); Rochussen (2,333 tons); Roggeveen (4,782 tons); Sidajoe (1,788 tons); Silindoeng (1,793 tons); Speelman (1,030 tons); Tjilkandi (7,970 tons); Tjikarang (9,505 tons); Van Dieman (1,030 tons); Van Neck (3,027 tons); Maros (550 tons); Minjok (966 tons); Paloh (452 tons); Tembusu (344 tons); Tomori (983 tons). Two Dutch tankers scuttled in same position are: Pendopo (5,209 tons) and Talang Akar (2,046 tons). SS Mijer (Dutch cargo ship, 1,873 tons) scuttled at 05-00 S, 106-00 E and SS Sibolga (Dutch cargo ship, 1,370 tons) at 05-30 S, 106-00 E. Allied vessels sunk by unknown enemy action off N.E.I. are:</p>			2 C'd

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		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Ban Ho Guan (Dutch cargo ship, 1,693 tons); Poelau Bras (Dutch cargo ship, 9,278 tons); Woolgar (Norwegian cargo ship, 3,060 tons); Siberg (Dutch cargo ship, 1,871 tons). Following ships sunk by unknown enemy action at 05-00 S, 110-00 E: Bordvik (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,623 tons); Shinyu (British cargo ship, 1,615 tons); Sisunthon Nawa (British cargo ship, 3,286 tons); Taiyuan (British cargo ship, 2,995 tons); Tunni (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,281 tons); W. M. Tupper (Panamanian cargo ship, 1,756 tons); Proteus (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,679 tons); Juno (Dutch tanker, 2,345 tons). Allied vessels sunk by aircraft: Sinabang (Dutch cargo ship, 1,799 tons) at 04-40 S, 109-00 E; Tjisaroea (Dutch cargo ship, 7,089 tons) off N.E.I.; Kota Radja (Dutch tanker, 7,177 tons) at 07-12 S, 112-44 E. SS Rooseboom (Dutch cargo ship, 1,035 tons) sunk by SS off N.E.I. Following vessels sunk by unknown enemy action at unknown latitude, 105-00 E: Kulit (British cargo ship, 213 tons) and Ribot (British cargo ship, 237 tons). Solomon Is.: Single Japanese flying boat bombs Tulagi.</p>			2 C'd

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3	<p><u>West Atlantic:</u> SS Mary (U.S. cargo ship, 5,104 tons) sunk by SS at 08-25 N, 52-50 W.</p>	<p><u>France:</u> Renault works at Paris is target for night raid by about 230 RAF planes; approximately 460 tons of bombs dropped with excellent results; most of the principal buildings damaged by direct hits; opposition encountered is negligible and only 2 of the attacking planes are missing. Vichy confirms heavy damage caused by the raid.</p> <p><u>North Sea:</u> SS Frumenton (British cargo ship, 6,675 tons) sunk by mine at 52-21 N, 01-58 E.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Enemy claims repulse of strong Soviet attacks in Crimea and Donets areas, but Red Army forces appear to be making slight gains in latter sector. Moscow announces progress in Leningrad area where Soviets are advancing near Chudovo.</p> <p>Germans report heavy attack by GAF on Kerch, claiming that large fires are started.</p>	<p><u>Malta:</u> Airfield and naval bases are targets for day and night raids by Axis aircraft; some damage and casualties inflicted.</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> British artillery forces retirement of enemy patrols SE of Tmimi.</p> <p><u>Egypt:</u> Axis bombers make night attack on port area of Alexandria.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Helenus (British cargo ship, 7,366 tons) torp. and sunk at 06-10 N, 12-22 W.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Japanese columns are converging on Pegu; 1 force occupies Payagyi (N of Pegu) and moves up the road to Pyinbon, where road blocks are set up. British units achieve local successes against Japanese patrols.</p> <p><u>Cocos Is.:</u> Enemy raider attacks islands; cable station hit and communication ceases.</p> <p><u>Malacca Str.:</u> SS Siangtan (British cargo ship, 1,195 tons) sunk by unknown enemy action at 01-00 N, 104-00 E.</p>	<p><u>P.I.:</u> P-40's carry out surprise attack on enemy shipping in Subic Bay, destroying 3 loaded enemy AP's and 2 motor launches and damaging smaller craft. Large fires followed by heavy explosions observed on docks of Olongapo and Grande I.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Java: In W Java, Japanese, reinforced in the Bantam area, drive to Tangerang and to point 10 mi. from Buitenzorg. Allied forces prematurely destroy bridge at Leuwilliang, just W of Buitenzorg, thus preventing a counterattack to the N. In Soebang area, Allied forces fail in attempts to recapture Kalidjati airdrome and town of Soebang. Enemy parachute troops dropped at Bajongbong, in central Java, attacked by armored cars. In E Java, Japanese are bridging the Bengawan Solo R. in vicinity of Tjepoe.</p> <p>Allied planes continue attacks against hostile troops and shipping and raid Kalidjati airdrome. Japanese heavily attack Bandoeng airdrome, inflicting considerable damage and setting grounded planes on fire; 2 of the attacking planes reported destroyed.</p> <p>USS Stewart (DD), lying damaged in dry dock at Soerabaja, sunk by Allied forces.</p> <p>Following Dutch cargo ships sunk</p>		<p><u>U.S.:</u> Western Defense Commander, Lt. Gen. John L. De Witt, designates a Pacific coast military area in W positions of California, Arizona and Washington, and S Arizona. Enemy aliens and American Japanese may be excluded or their movements restricted in this area.</p> <p><u>U.S.-Brazil:</u> State Department announces that the U.S. and Brazil have concluded a series of agreements whereby the U. S. is to increase lend-lease aid to Brazil and make available through the Export-Import Bank \$100,000,000 in credit in exchange for which Brazil agrees to develop and supply important strategic materials for the U.S.</p>	3

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		<p>(Cont'd) or captured just S of Tjilatjap: Barentsz (4,819 tons); Pasir (1,187 tons); Sipirok (1,787 tons); Alfoer (473 tons); Asahan (75 tons); Atjeh (495 tons); Bangka (76 tons); Berouw (756 tons); Dajak (174 tons); Kampar (574 tons); Kidoel (775 tons); Makian (537 tons); Mampawa (468 tons); Mandar (536 tons); Manipi (536 tons); Mesa- rong (186 tons); Mias (108 tons); Paneh (154 tons); Paseidon (696 tons); Kengat (512 tons); Reteh (513 tons); Rokan (563 tons); Singkel (615 tons); Tohiti (982 tons). SS Intan (Brit- ish cargo ship, 117 tons) and SS Pandai (British cargo ship, 166 tons) sunk or captured at 05-00 S, 110-00 E and SS Rasa (British cargo ship, 217 tons) at 05-00 S, 106-00 E. Dutch cargo ships sunk by unknown en- emy action off N.E.I. are: Bintoehan (1,021 tons); Duij- mayer (1,030 tons); LeMaire (3,271 tons); Siaoe (1,573 tons); Sigli (1,579 tons). Other Allied vessels sunk by un- known enemy action are: Auby (British cargo ship, 636 tons); at 05-00 S, 106-00 E; Petazing (British cargo ship, 168 tons) at 05-00 S, 110-00 E; Rengam (British cargo ship, 185 tons) at 05-00 S, 110-00 E; Rimau (British cargo ship, 214 tons) off N.E.I.; Rim- ba (British cargo ship, 139 tons); Toradia</p>			3 C'd

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		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>(Dutch cargo ship, 981 tons) at 05-00 S, 110-00 E. Enemy SS's sink following Allied vessels: Boero (Dutch cargo ship, 7,135 tons) at 06-00 S, 105-30 E; Parigi (Dutch cargo ship, 1,172 tons); Moesi (Dutch cargo ship, 913 tons). Following Allied vessels scuttled: Paula (Dutch tanker, 2,770 tons) at 05-30 S, 106-00 E; Ipoh (British cargo ship, 1,279 tons) at 05-00 S, 106-00 E; Kinta (British cargo ship, 1,220 tons) at 05-00 S, 106-00 E. Phasianella (British cargo ship, 855 tons) at 05-00 S, 106-00 E. SS Sloet V. D. Beele (Dutch cargo ship, 2,977 tons) sunk by aircraft at 05-00 S, 110-00 E.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Twelve enemy bombers, escorted by 3 fighters, raid Port Moresby, dropping 100 bombs; gasoline dumps, runways, buildings, and an AA battery damaged.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Of 5 RAAF Hudsons which set out to bomb Gasmata, only 1 reaches target; several hits scored on buildings and runway and fires started; 2 of the remaining Hudsons missing.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> During morning, 8 enemy Zeros attack Wyndham with machine guns and cannon fire, destroying a grounded plane and 3 petrol dumps. At about the same time Japanese planes bomb Broome, inflicting heavy damage.</p>			3 C'd

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				<p>Russia: Germans claim destruction of Soviet forces attacking from Sevastopol and repulse of Red Army attacks in Donets region. Russians report repulse of Nazi counterattacks in Staraya Russa sector and claim occupation of 3 inhabited localities.</p>	<p>Malta: Axis planes continue to pound Malta bases; Luqa and Halfar airdromes severely attacked; service buildings and grounded planes damaged.</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> Benghazi and Tripoli attacked, night of 4/5, by British bombers.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Japanese continue pressure in Pegu area, where they contact small British units in local engagements. RAF and AVG constantly attack enemy troops and equipment in support of Allied ground forces.</p>	<p><u>N.E.I.: Java:</u> Dutch report that principal destruction of installations on Java has been carried out. Enemy continues to advance in all sectors. Allied planes attacking hostile shipping set an AP on fire off E coast. Other Allied planes strafe Kalidjati airdrome. Japanese bombers again raid Bandoeng airdrome. Tjilatjap, on southern coast, is also target for enemy planes.</p> <p>Acting Rear Admiral J. J. A. van Stavern succeeds Admiral Conrad Helfrich as commander of N.E.I. naval forces.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Port Moresby undergoes 2 attacks by enemy planes: 2 planes drop bombs among troops and on runway; later, 3 planes drop 18 bombs, causing slight damage to buildings.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> Six Zeros attack Darwin; 1 enemy plane destroyed, another probably destroyed.</p>	<p><u>Hawaiian Is.:</u> Several bombs dropped on outskirts of Honolulu by 1 or more unidentified planes, believed to be cruiser-based; no damage or casualties result.</p> <p><u>Marcus I.:</u> U.S. carrier-based planes make surprise raid on Marcus I. just before dawn; attack group, consisting of air group commander, 14 scout bombers (SBD's), 17 bombers (SBD's), and 6 F4F's, drops approximately 100 bombs, setting possible fuel storage tank on fire, damaging buildings or hangars, and starting 2 large and numerous smaller fires; heavy AA fire opposes attack; 1 Allied plane lost.</p>	<p><u>France:</u> Vichy decrees national mourning for large number of French people killed during raid 3/4 on Paris factories.</p> <p><u>Hungary-Chile:</u> Nicholas Horthy, Jr., son of Regent of Hungary, named as first Hungarian Minister to Chile.</p>	4

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5	West Atlantic: SS O. A. Knudsen (Norwegian tank- er, 11, 007 tons) sunk by SS at 26- 17 N, 75-50 W. SS Collamer (U.S. cargo ship, 5,112 tons), straggler from a convoy, sunk by SS at 44-18 N, 63-10 W.	Russia: Nazis claim repulse of Soviet attacks in Donets area; Rus- sians report re- pulse of enemy at- tacks on several sectors of the front. Red Army in Smolensk area advances, cap- turing Yukhnov, S of Vyazma. Ger- mans report suc- cessful shelling by heavy artillery of objectives in Kronstadt.	Malta: Air- dromes and sub- marine bases are objectives in at- tacks by about 50 Axis planes; some damage and cas- ualties inflicted.
6	West Atlantic: SS Astrea (Dutch cargo ship, 1,406 tons) sunk by SS at 29-12 N, 64-29 W. SS Tonsberg- fjord (Norwegian cargo ship, 3,156 tons) sunk by SS at 31-00 N, 67-40 W. SS Mariana (U. S. cargo ship, 3,110 tons) sunk by SS at 27-45 N, 67- 00 W.	West Atlantic: SS Skane (Swedish cargo ship, 4,528 tons) sunk by SS at 20-50 N, 62-05 W.	Russia: Red Army continues attacks in various sectors of the front, particularly in Donets area, claiming slight gains. Germans report shelling of objectives in Len- ingrad.	Malta: Enemy planes continue daily bombard- ment of targets on island; bar- racks at Valletta suffer consider- able damage; some casualties caused among civilians.

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<p><u>Libya:</u> Heavy rains hamper ground and air action. Wellingtons make night raid on Benghazi, scoring near miss on 1 ship.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Benmohr (British cargo ship, 5,920 tons) sunk by SS at 06-15 N, 14-15 W.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Japanese units engaged by Allied forces in Waw area. Allied troops with artillery and air support attack Payagi, capturing equipment and clearing the enemy from the village.</p> <p>Enemy aircraft bomb Waw, starting fires; Allied planes attack Japanese troops in Pegu area.</p> <p>General Sir Harold Alexander assumes command in Burma with General Hutton, former commander, as Chief of Staff.</p>	<p><u>N.E.I.: Java:</u> Dutch announce that the Japanese have captured Krawang and Poerwakarta in W Java, and Soerakarta and Bodjonegoro in E Java. Batavia, in W Java, reported evacuated by Allied forces. Enemy air raids on Bandoeng are becoming more intense.</p> <p>Following British cargo ships sunk by unknown enemy action at 03-00 S, 106-00 E: Rawang (198 tons); Relau (223 tons); Rompin (189 tons). SS Rantau (British cargo ship, 197 tons) sunk by unknown enemy action at 02-00 S, 105-00 E.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Japanese flying boats raid Port Moresby.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> Darwin raided by hostile planes.</p>		<p><u>U.S.:</u> Act of Congress "to provide for the planting of guayule and other rubber-bearing plants" approved by President Roosevelt, who authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out the program.</p> <p><u>France:</u> French Ambassador Gaston Henry-Haye protests to Sumner Welles, acting Secretary of State, against RAF raids on Paris area night of 3/4; U.S. recognition of Free French on New Caledonia also disapproved. German official denounces RAF raid on "defenseless French population" in Paris area 3/4.</p> <p><u>India:</u> Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, leader of the All-India Congress Committee, demands full political freedom for India.</p>	5
<p><u>Libya:</u> British patrols operate in Tmimi area. Wellingtons make successful night attack on Benghazi; small vessel destroyed.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Enemy crosses RR at Payagi and cuts off brigade of 17th Indian Div at Pegu; other Japanese forces land S of Rangoon on N bank of China Bakir R. and along W bank of Rangoon R.; British begin withdrawal from Rangoon N on road to Prome. Enemy aircraft heavily bomb and machine-</p>	<p><u>P.I.:</u> Japanese force estimated at 1,500 lands from 4 AP's at Calapan, Mindoro. Hostile planes bomb several towns on E coast of Mindoro. On Mindanao, enemy forces at Zamboanga are estimated to be 2,000; Allied troops are in contact with the enemy 5 mi. from the city.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.: Java:</u></p>		<p><u>U.S.:</u> U. S. Government announces that an advisory mission will be sent to India to assist in developing "the industrial resources of India as a supply base for the armed forces of the United Nations in the Near East and the Far East."</p> <p><u>Brazil-Rumania:</u> Brazil breaks off</p>	6

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7	<p><u>West Atlantic:</u> SS Arabutan (Brazilian cargo ship, 7,874 tons) sunk by SS at 35-15 N, 73-50 W.</p>	<p><u>Caribbean:</u> SS Steel Age (U.S. cargo ship, 6,188 tons) torp. and sunk at 06-45 N, 53-15 W. SS Car- donia (U.S. cargo ship, 5,104 tons) torp. and sunk at 19-53 N, 72-27 W. SS Uniwaleco (Brit- ish tanker, 9,755 tons) sunk by SS at 13-25 N, 61-31 W. SS Barbara (U.S. cargo ship, 4,637 tons) sunk by SS at 21-00 N, 73-00 W.</p>	<p><u>France:</u> Enemy naval base at St. Nazaire bombed at night by 17 British planes, 1 of which is missing.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviet troops continue of- fensive operations, claiming slight gains in various sectors of the front. Germans report severe air attacks on Red Army positions and troop concentrations on the upper Volga and in the Lovat sector.</p>	<p><u>Malta:</u> Island attacked during day and night by about 100 enemy air- craft; Luqa air- drome is principal target; 4 Welling- tons and 1 Beau- fighter damaged.</p>

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<p>Libya: Enemy activity in Tmimi area increases; British infantry column engages force of Axis armored cars and forces their withdrawal. Tripoli harbor bombed during night by British aircraft.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) gun British Divisional Hq NE of Rangoon.</p> <p>Burma: Japanese troops are infiltrating through the Pegu-Yoma hills; Tokyo reports capture of Pegu. British forces, led by 7th Armd Brig, retire 26 mi. along road to Prome; road block encountered, and breakthrough determinedly opposed by enemy troops; British put demolition scheme into operation in Rangoon before city is finally evacuated. RAF provides cover for withdrawal; Japanese planes attack Allied troops on Prome road.</p> <p>Gunboat of Royal Indian Navy inter-</p>	<p>(Cont'd) Japanese forces continue to advance on all fronts. Jog-jakarta, near S central coast, has been captured by the enemy. In W Java, superior enemy forces are infiltrating S of Krawang.</p> <p>SS Siberot (Dutch cargo ship, 1,799 tons) sunk by enemy action off N.E.I. Following Dutch tankers sunk or scuttled at 05-00 S, 110-00 E: Aldegonda (2,088 tons); Ambo (7,691 tons); Angelina (2,086 tons).</p> <p>New Guinea: Three enemy bombers raid Bulolo.</p> <p>New Britain: Gasmata airfield bombed at night by 2 RAAF Hudsons.</p> <p>P.I.: Hidden Allied artillery fires on column of 90 enemy trucks loaded with troops N of Abucay on Bataan, destroying 29 of the trucks and most of their occupants. The trucks are loaded with an infantry regiment of about 2,500.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Java: Radio and cable communications with Bandoeng cease. Final reports indicate that the enemy is advancing on all fronts, that the defenders are completely exhausted, and that all Allied fighter planes have been destroyed. Press dispatches report that the ene-</p>	<p>PACIFIC THEATER</p>	<p>(Cont'd) diplomatic and commercial relations with Rumania.</p> <p>Brazil: Brazilian Government protests against treatment of its diplomats in Japan and says it will retaliate with similar measures against Japanese diplomats in Brazil.</p> <p>Hungary: Rome reports that Premier Ladislaus de Bardossy of Hungary has resigned "for reasons of ill health."</p> <p>Turkey: According to Ankara dispatches, 50 foreigners have been arrested in connection with the attempted assassination of Franz von Papen, German Ambassador to</p>	<p>7</p>

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8	<p>West Atlantic: SS Cayru (Braz- ilian cargo ship, 5,152 tons) sunk by SS at 39-10 N, 72-02 W.</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> About 200 RAF planes carry out night raid on Krupp works at Essen, dropping approxi- mately 180 tons of bombs, including 26 2-ton bombs; attack considered successful and many fires ob- served; 8 British planes missing. <u>France-Low Countries:</u> During daylight, 24 Bostons raid tar- gets at Comines and Abbeville and Matford factory near Paris; hits observed at Abbe- ville and on the Matford factory; 1 Boston missing. Force of about 480 RAF fighters en- gage in offensive operations or es- cort bombers; of approximately 150 enemy planes en- countered, 2 are destroyed, and 6 damaged; 3 Spit-</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Red Army launches fierce attacks E of Khar- kov and in lower Donets area; Ger- mans claim re- pulse of these. Moscow announces capture of Sychevka on Rzhev-Vyazma RR, and reports continued fighting on Leningrad front.</p>	<p><u>Malta:</u> Enemy aircraft continue daily raids on Malta; only slight damage and casual- ties inflicted. <u>Greece:</u> RAF planes make night raid on targets at Piraeus. <u>Dodecanese Is.:</u> Night of 8/9, RAF planes attack ob- jectives at Rhodes and at Porto Lago Bay on Leros I.</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> Patrolling operations continue. Germans report GAF raid on Tobruk and Gambut airfield; British fighters intercept and destroy 9 enemy planes at former.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Baluchistan (British cargo ship, 6,750 tons) torp. and sunk at 03-50 N, 07-50 W.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) cepts 8 enemy river craft moving W from mouth of Salween R.; 1 captured but rest succeed in landing troops.</p> <p><u>Christmas I.:</u> Tokyo reports that Japanese naval unit bombards island early in morning, causing heavy damage to military installations.</p> <p><u>Indian Ocean:</u> SS Lanywa (British cargo ship, 52 tons) sunk by unknown enemy action at 19-00 N, 72-00 E.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> British forces reduce road block at Hmawbi and move N toward Tharrawaddy. Japanese announce that occupation of Rangoon is completed in morning.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) my has penetrated the outer N defenses of Bandoeng and that the force travelling S from Jogjakarta has reached the S coast. German sources report heavy raid on Bandoeng. Tokyo claims that Soerabaja is "under close siege."</p> <p><u>Timor:</u> All available Hudsons from Darwin raid Koepang.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Japanese convoy consisting of a cruiser, several DD's, and a number of AP's sighted off Buna.</p> <p><u>P.I.:</u> It is reported that Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, commander-in-chief of the Japanese forces in the Philippines, has committed harakiri because of his inability to destroy American-Filipino forces there. It is also alleged that his funeral rites were held on February 28 in Manila.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Java: Axis reports claim that the Netherland Indies command has asked for an armistice and that Soerabaja has been captured.</p> <p><u>Timor:</u> Four RAAF Hudsons bomb Koepang air-drome.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Japanese land on Salamaua during early morning, following aerial bombardment of the town. Later in the morning, enemy troops land</p>	<p>UNCLASSIFIED</p>	<p>(Cont'd) Turkey, on February 24.</p> <p><u>U.S.:</u> Federal Reserve Board issues new restrictions on installment credit as an anti-inflation move.</p> <p><u>Uruguay:</u> President Alfredo Baldomir appoints a Council of State to replace Congress which was dissolved on February 21. The new Council consists of 28 members and includes former President Jose Serrato.</p>	<p>8</p>

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9	<p>U.S.: Secretary of the Navy announces that Admiral Ernest J. King has been appointed Chief of Naval Operations in addition to his present post of Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet. Admiral King succeeds Admiral Harold R. Stark, who will command U.S. Naval Forces operating in European waters.</p> <p><u>West Atlantic:</u> SS Montevideo (Uruguayan cargo ship, 5,785 tons) sunk by SS at 29-13 N, 69-35 W. Axis U-boats attack Allied convoy at 43-32 N, 54-14 W, sinking the following 2 vessels: SS Tyr, (Norwegian cargo ship, 4,265 tons) and SS Lily (Greek cargo ship, 5,719 tons).</p>	<p><u>British West Indies:</u> Castries Harbor, St. Lucia, attacked by enemy submarine during night; 2 ships damaged.</p> <p><u>Caribbean:</u> SS Hanseat (Panamanian tanker, 8,241 tons) torp. and sunk at 20-25 N, 74-00 W.</p> <p><u>West Atlantic:</u> SS Charles Racine (Norwegian tanker, 9,957 tons) sunk by SS at 23-33 N, 60-10 W.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) fires lost. At night, RAF makes light raids on Havre, Ostend, and various airdromes. England: About 50 enemy planes operate against England during the night; 1 shot down and another damaged.</p> <p>Germany: About 150 RAF planes attack Essen at night, dropping 157 tons of high explosive bombs as well as many incendiaries; Krupp works damaged and numerous fires started; 3 British planes missing.</p> <p>France: Six escorted Bostons attack power station in N France during daylight; 5 intercepting enemy planes destroyed and 5 damaged for loss of 4 Spitfires. Boulogne is target for light night raid by RAF.</p> <p>East Atlantic: SS Hengist (British cargo ship, 984 tons) sunk by SS at 58-31 N, 10-40 W.</p>	<p>Russia: Enemy claims repulse of Soviet attacks in Kharkov area; Russians report that they are driving Nazis out of an important isolated town (probably Rzhev.) Germans claim destruction of 36 Russian transport planes as result of air attacks in Valdai area and report successful night raid on aircraft works at Rybinsk.</p>	<p>Malta: During day and preceding night, island attacked by total of 134 Axis aircraft; at Luqa airdrome Hq and squadron offices destroyed and 4 planes burned; intercepting Allied fighters destroy 4 enemy planes, 3 probably, and damage 9.</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> Ground activity on both sides limited to patrolling. Seven Wellingtons make night attack on Benghazi harbor, possibly scoring hit on a ship. Martuba landing ground bombed by 12 Blenheims and Hurricanes.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> Axis convoy bound for Benghazi attacked 170 mi. NE of Misurata by British Navy planes; hits scored on a DD and a cruiser and a fire started on a cargo ship.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Allied troops continue withdrawal on Rangoon-Prome road; no enemy encountered. RAF bombers make heavy attack on Moulmein airdrome, starting fires among dispersed aircraft; AA fire and Japanese fighter planes offer ineffective opposition, and all Allied planes return safely. Enemy bombers unsuccessfully attack area S of Tharrawaddy.</p>	<p><u>P.I.:</u> General MacArthur announces that Lt. Gen Tomoyuki Yamashita has replaced Lt. Gen. Homma as commander-in-chief of enemy forces in the Philippines. Yamashita's field Hq is located at San Fernando.</p> <p>Light enemy cruiser shells Cebu City, causing slight damage.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Java: Lt. Governor General Hubertus van Mook and the Netherlands Government in London deny Japanese claims of full capitulation of the Netherlands Indies. The fall of Bandoeng is admitted by van Mook.</p> <p>SS Anastasia (Dutch tanker, 3,029 tons) sunk or scuttled at 05-00 S, 106-00 E. SS Milo (Dutch cargo ship, 322 tons) sunk or scuttled at 05-30 S, 106-00 E. SS Van der Hagen (Dutch cargo ship, 3,033 tons) sunk by unknown enemy action off N.E.I.</p> <p>New Guinea: Jap-</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> Louis Johnson, former Assistant Secretary of War, will head the U.S. advisory mission being sent to India to aid in war production there, the State Department announces.</p> <p><u>Great Britain-Greece:</u> Great Britain and Greece sign agreement in London whereby Great Britain will equip Greeks fighting in the Middle East in exchange for Greek naval aid in the Mediterranean.</p>	<p>9</p>

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10	<p>West Atlantic: SS <u>Gulfrade</u> (U.S. tanker, 6,776 tons) sunk by SS at 39-50 N, 73-52 W.</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> For the 3d consecutive night, RAF planes attack Krupp works at Essen: more than 100 planes participate in the raid, but haze hampers bombing and prevents observation of results; 4 aircraft missing.</p> <p><u>Arctic Ocean:</u> SS <u>Ijora</u> (Russian cargo ship, 2,815 tons) sunk by aircraft at 72-35 N, 10-50 E.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Russians continue pressure SE of Kharkov and in Smolensk area although enemy claims to have penetrated Soviet positions in latter sector.</p> <p>Berlin announces sinking of a Soviet merchant ship by German light naval forces in N Arctic.</p>	<p><u>Malta:</u> Enemy planes attack targets on island throughout day; intercepting Spitfires and Hurricanes shoot down 1, 2 probably, and damage 2.</p>

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<p>Libya: Allied aircraft make night raid on Benghazi harbor.</p> <p>East Atlantic: SS Sydhav (Norwegian tanker, 7,587 tons) torp. and sunk at 04-47 N, 14-57 W. SS Cabo S. Vincente (Portuguese cargo ship, 269 tons) sunk by SS off the Azores.</p>	<p>Burma: Allied withdrawal on Rangoon-Prome road continues without enemy interference; demolition begun in Bassein. RR yards at Letpadan bombed by Japanese aircraft; considerable damage results.</p> <p>Lieut. Gen. Joseph Stilwell, United States Army, is appointed Chief of Staff under Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.</p> <p>Indian Ocean: SS Lakishim Govinda (British cargo ship, 235 tons) torp. and sunk at 13-22 N, 87-27 E.</p>	<p>(Continued)</p> <p>Japanese convoy at anchor off Salamaua attacked by 4 B-17's from Horn I., all available Hudsons at Port Moresby, and 4 Hudsons from Townsville; results unobserved. Ten heavy enemy bombers attack Port Moresby, concentrating on Murray Barracks and the airfield. Bulolo raided by unspecified number of enemy planes.</p> <p>Solomon I.: Hostile planes raid Tulagi.</p> <p>P.I.: Japanese and Allied positions on Bataan appear to have become temporarily stabilized.</p> <p>New Guinea: Two U.S. aircraft carrier groups execute successful coordinated attack on shipping and installations at Lae and Salamaua; 104 planes participate in the raids, using 38 tons of bombs and torpedoes; Lexington group attacks first, and the Yorktown group strikes immediately afterwards. Estimated results are as follows: total sinkings: 5 AP's or AK's, 2 CA's, 1 CL, 1 DD; probable sinkings: 1 CM; seriously damaged and possibly sunk: 2 DD's, 1 PG; seriously damaged: 1 AV, 1 PG.</p> <p>In addition, air-dromes at both Lae and Salamaua damaged and an AA gun at Lae silenced.</p>	<p>Central Pacific: Four Allied fighters intercept 2 large enemy 4-engined seaplanes W of Midway; in ensuing battle, 1 of the enemy planes shot down; 1 Allied fighter damaged, but reaches base safely.</p>	<p>Hungary: Nicholas von Kallay, former Minister of Agriculture, succeeds Bardossy as Premier of Hungary and forms new Cabinet, retaining all the former Ministers.</p> <p>Japan: British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, speaking before the House of Commons, tells of wholesale atrocities committed by the Japanese at Hong Kong.</p>	<p>10</p>

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11	<p>West Atlantic: SS Hvoslef (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,630 tons) sunk by SS at 38-25 N, 74-42 W. SS Caribsea (U.S. cargo ship, 2,609 tons) sunk by SS at 34-40 N, 76-10 W.</p>	<p>Caribbean: SS Cygnet (Panamanian cargo ship, 3,530 tons) torp. and sunk at 24-02 N, 74-21 W.</p>	<p>North Sea: SS Horseferry (British cargo ship, 951 tons) sunk by E-boat at 53-00 N, 02-00 E.</p>	<p>Russia: Russians continue attacks in Donets sector, claiming to have occupied 5 populated places in 2 days; Germans deny any progress by Red Army and report that strong Soviet attacks are repelled with heavy losses for the attackers. Soviet troops maintain pressure N and E of Smolensk, and are reported to have cut Smolensk-Vyazma highway. Nazis report GAF attacks against harbor installations of Sevastopol and Kerch.</p>

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<p>Libya: Axis patrols in vicinity of Gabr el Aleima become more active; hostile artillery forces withdrawal of British patrols in area. Night of 11/12, British bombers again attack shipping at Benghazi.</p>	<p>Burma: Burma 1st Div launches attack against enemy positions on Sittang front in Shwegyin sector and makes some progress; this is diversion to relieve pressure on Allied forces withdrawing from Rangoon.</p> <p>Japanese land forces from 12 small boats at mouth of river S of Bassein.</p> <p>Indian Ocean: SS Chilka (British cargo ship, 4,360 tons) torp. and sunk at 00-23 S, 95-41 E.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>No enemy fighter opposition encountered during the attack and Allied losses limited to 1 scout bomber shot down by shore-based AA fire; 11 other planes sustain slight damage. Following the raids by carrier-based planes, B-17's attack shipping at Salamaua with undetermined results.</p> <p>Japanese make 3d landing on New Guinea, at Finschafen. Following the landing, RAAF Hudsons on rcn unsuccessfully attack enemy AP's at Hanisch Harbor near Finschafen.</p> <p>Seven Japanese heavy bombers raid Port Moresby air-drome, setting a fuel dump on fire. Single hostile float-plane attacks radio station and a vessel at Buna.</p> <p>Java Sea: SS Josefina (Dutch tanker, 2,594 tons) sunk or scuttled at 05-00 S, 110-00 E.</p> <p>New Guinea: Five B-17's bomb Salamaua and Lae, destroying buildings and hangars at the former and scoring direct hit on dock and near miss on ship in harbor at latter; enemy planes attempt to intercept and 1 is shot down.</p> <p>Port Moresby, raided by 12 enemy heavy bombers, which drop 18 bombs on runway.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p>U.S.: Office of Alien Property Custodian established in the Office for Emergency Management, by executive order of the President; Leo T. Crowley appointed Alien Property Custodian.</p> <p>On the first lend-lease anniversary, President Roosevelt reports to Congress on the status of lend-lease aid.</p> <p>Brazil: As a result of the sinking of 4 Brazilian ships since February 15, Presi-</p>	<p>11</p>

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12		<p>Caribbean: SS Texan (U.S. cargo ship, 7,005 tons) and SS Olga (U.S. cargo ship, 2,496 tons) sunk by SS at approximately 21-33 N, 76-26 W.</p>	<p>Germany: About 50 British planes raid Kiel at night, dropping over 80 tons of bombs; burst observed in shipyards and barracks; intense AA fire and searchlights oppose attack. A smaller RAF force drops about 36 tons of bombs on Emden under difficult weather conditions; results unobserved. Seven British planes missing from the night's operations.</p>	<p>Russia: Soviet troops push forward, continuing attacks between German centers of resistance, and claiming occupation of 6 inhabited localities; enemy claims to have defeated Red Army attacks in Donets.</p>	<p>Malta: Axis planes continue daily pounding of targets on island; Takali airdrome bombed by 58 aircraft; service buildings and MT severely damaged and many craters caused.</p> <p>Greece: RAF bombers make night raid on Piraeus.</p> <p>Crete: Axis airdrome in southern part of island is target in night attack by RAF bombers.</p>

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	<p>.. .. .</p> <p>Burma: Allied attack at Shwegyin makes progress; Allied forces continue withdrawal on Prome road. Blenheims bomb RR bridges S of Nyaunglebin. Enemy is moving through Irrawaddy delta; Bassein occupied by hostile forces.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p>New Caledonia: U.S. task force arrives at New Caledonia.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>dent Getulio Vargas orders Brazilian ships off the seas and decrees power for himself to declare war without a vote of Parliament and to seize Axis property.</p> <p>Great Britain: Prime Minister Winston Churchill tells House of Commons that a solution of India's demands for independence has been agreed on by the British War Cabinet. Sir Stafford Cripps, Lord Privy Seal, is to present the proposals to the Indian people.</p> <p>Brazil: President Vargas orders confiscation of up to 30% of Axis funds to compensate for shipping losses inflicted by Axis powers. Anti-Axis riots occur in Rio de Janeiro.</p> <p>Japan: Premier Hideki Tojo, speaking before the Diet, says that operations against the U.S. and Great Britain will be intensified and threatens India and Australia.</p>	<p>12</p>

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13	<p>West Atlantic: SS John D. Gill (U.S. tanker, 11,615 tons) sunk by SS at 33-55 N, 77-39 W. SS Trepca (Yugoslavian cargo ship, 5,042 tons) sunk by SS at 37-28 N, 72-35 W. SS Tolten (Chilean cargo ship, 1,858 tons) sunk by SS at 40-10 N, 73-30 W. SS Daytonian (British cargo ship, 6,434 tons) sunk by SS at 26-33 N, 74-43 W.</p>	<p>Caribbean: SS Penelope (Panamanian tanker, 8,436 tons) torp. and sunk at 15-00 N, 64-00 W.</p>	<p>Germany: At night, 112 RAF bombers attack Cologne, dropping 98 tons of high explosive and 70 tons of incendiaries; numerous large fires started in the city and near RR installations; 4 RAF planes missing. Residents report widespread destruction of property.</p> <p>France: Eleven escorted Bostons carry out daylight attack on RR installations at Hazebrouck; 8 intercepting enemy fighters destroyed, 4 probably destroyed, and 4 damaged for loss of 6 Spitfires. At night, Boulogne and Dunkerque are targets for light RAF raids.</p>	<p>Russia: Berlin reports renewal of strong Soviet attacks against Nazi positions on Kerch Peninsula and claims to have repulsed them after heavy fighting. Moscow announces heavy fighting in Taganrog sector and reports that heavy losses are inflicted on the enemy by Soviet troops in this area. Russians claim repulse of repeated German counterattacks in Donets area.</p>	<p>Malta: Takali airdrome attacked by 25 enemy planes; further damage inflicted on buildings and stores; fires and explosions result.</p>
14	<p>West Atlantic: SS Lemuel Burrows (U.S. cargo ship, 7,610 tons) sunk by SS at 39-21 N, 74-13 W. SS Mount Lycabetus (Greek cargo ship, 4,292 tons) sunk by SS at 40-15 N, 61-00 W. SS British Resource (British tanker, 7,209 tons) sunk by SS at 36-04 N, 65-38 W.</p>	<p>.. ..</p>	<p>North Sea: During 3 RAF sweeps over the Channel, Spitfires destroy 10 enemy fighters and probably destroy 2 others without loss to themselves. HMS Vortigern (DD) sunk by E-boats in North Sea.</p>	<p>Russia: Red Army continues offensive operations on all sectors of the front. Enemy claims repulse of fierce attacks by Soviet troops with strong tank support on Kerch Peninsula, NW of Taganrog, and in Donets area. Soviets are attacking strongly at Rzhhev and heavy fighting is also reported in Yukhnov area. Berlin announces successful shelling of objectives in Leningrad.</p>	<p>Malta: Fifty-eight Axis planes bomb Halpar airdrome; numerous craters result; 1 enemy plane shot down, 2 probably, and 2 damaged.</p> <p>Rhodes: RAF bombers, night of 14/15, attack objectives at Maritza and Calato; some planes bomb Milas, Turkey, by mistake. Light naval forces successfully bombard military establishments, port installations, and shipping and withdraw unmolested.</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> British armored patrols in Mekili area force group of Italian tanks to withdraw; Axis activity in Gabr el Aleima sector increases; about 100 enemy tanks observed advancing E from El Agheila.</p> <p>Tobruk bombed by 15 Axis dive bombers with escort of 9 fighters; 3 shot down and 1 damaged.</p> <p>Wellingtons make night raids on Benghazi and enemy MT at Mekili.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Empress of Canada (British AP) torp. and sunk at 01-13 S, 09-57 W.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> SS Zoodochis Pigi (Greek cargo ship, 170 tons) sunk by aircraft.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Fighting continues in Nyaunglebin-Shwegyin area; Japanese forces are moving N on Rangoon-Prome road, but main body of troops is still S of Taikyiki.</p> <p><u>Indian Ocean:</u> SS Mabella (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,513 tons) torp. and sunk.</p>	<p><u>Java Sea:</u> SS Op Ten Noort (Dutch cargo ship, 6,076 tons) sunk or captured at 05-00 S, 110-00 E. SS Toendjoek (Dutch cargo ship, 6,200 tons) sunk or captured at 05-30 S, 106-00 E.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Port Moresby airdrome strafed by 5 enemy fighters, which destroy a civilian airplane.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Single B-17 bombs Vunakanau airdrome at Rabaul, scoring 6 hits on runway; 1 grounded plane destroyed, and 2 others probably destroyed; no fighter or AA opposition encountered. Gasmata is target for 1 RAAF Hudson, which bombs dispersal pens; heavy AA fire opposes attack.</p>	<p>.. ..</p>	<p><u>Japan:</u> Japan protests against restriction of Japanese Ambassador in Brazil and denies charges of similar action against Brazilian diplomats in Japan.</p>	13
<p><u>Libya:</u> Axis ground forces continue activity SW of Tmimi. Force of Bostons escorted by Kittyhawks bombs Martuba landing ground; 3 enemy fighters destroyed, 2 probably; 2 Allied fighters lost.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Burma 1st Div continues to engage Japanese in Shwegyin area; capture of Shwegyin, Madauk, and Pyuntaza reported. British forward troops maintain positions in Tharrawaddy sector. Allied planes severely bomb and strafe enemy in Hmawbi and Taukyian areas.</p>	<p><u>New Guinea:</u> Nine enemy planes, believed to be heavy bombers, raid "7-mile airfield" at Port Moresby.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> Formation of Japanese planes, consisting of 3 heavy bombers and 9 fighters, raids Horn and Thursday islands, just N of C. York, destroying a Hudson on the ground and damaging 2 others; 9 P-40's intercept the attack, shooting down 1 bomber and 2 fighters; 1 P-40 lost and another damaged.</p>	<p>.. ..</p>	<p><u>Spain-Argentina:</u> Barter trade agreement between the two countries signed in Madrid.</p>	14

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15	<p>West Atlantic: SS Athelqueen (British tanker, 8,780 tons) sunk by SS at 26-50 N, 75-40 W. SS Ario (U.S. tanker, 6,952 tons) sunk by SS at 34-37 N, 76-20 W.</p>	<p>Caribbean: SS Manaqui (British cargo ship, 2,802 tons), travelling in convoy, sunk by SS at 17-15 N, 61-00 W. SS Sarniadoc (British cargo ship, 1,940 tons) torp. and sunk at 15-45 N, 65-00 W. U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Acacia sunk by SS 185 mi. NW of Mar- tinique.</p>	<p>East Atlantic: SS Dago (British cargo ship, 1,757 tons) sunk by aircraft at 39-19 N, 09-26 W.</p>	<p>Russia: Enemy again maintains that strong Soviet attacks on Kerch Peninsula are un- successful. Ground troops of both sides have been continually supported by air- craft. Germans daily report GAF attacks on Soviet troops and com- munications. Ber- lin announces severe raid on har- bor and RR install- ations at Murmansk claiming that large Soviet transport is left burning.</p>	<p>Malta: Enemy's daily raids increase in intensity; Luqa airdrome and the submarine base at- tacked by 102 Axis aircraft; consid- erable damage re- sults.</p>
16	<p>West Atlantic: SS Ranja (Norweg- ian tanker, 6,355 tons) sunk by SS at 32-00 N, 72-30 W. SS Australia (U.S. tanker, 11,628 tons) sunk by SS at 35-07 N, 75-22 W.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p>North Sea: SS Cressdene (Brit- ish cargo ship, 4,270 tons) sunk by mine at 52-08 N, 01-52 E.</p>	<p>Russia: Berlin again claims re- pulse of strong Soviet attacks against German positions on Kerch Peninsula, report- ing hand-to-hand fighting. Bitter fighting continues in Kharkov sector, where Red Army troops are ap- proaching the city. Enemy reports shelling of objec- tives in Leningrad.</p>	<p>Sicily: Catania attacked by RAF aircraft.</p>

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<p>Libya: British column engages Axis column of infantry and tanks in area W of Gazala, inflicting some casualties. Martuba landing ground bombed by Bostons which destroy 5 parked aircraft; of enemy planes, attempting interception, 1 is shot down and 2 probably. Benghazi bombed by Wellingtons during night.</p> <p>Nine Axis dive bombers with escort of 10 ME-109's attempt to attack Tobruk but are intercepted by 3 Tomahawks; 1 enemy escort plane probably destroyed.</p>	<p>Burma: Burma 1st Div withdraws and establishes contact with Chinese troops along an E-W line N of Nyaunglebin; enemy patrols encountered in evening S of Kyauktaga. Japanese forces, moving up Irrawaddy R. in small boats, land at Tharrawaw and Tiendaw, contact natives, and withdraw.</p>	<p>NEE: Minor. RAAF planes raid Dilli airdrome.</p>		<p>Germany: Adolph Hitler, in a Memorial Day address, attributes the failure of Nazi offensive in Russia last year to an early winter and predicts a successful campaign next summer.</p>	15
<p>Libya: Axis infantry and artillery force occupies Eluet el Aggara, between Gazala and Bir Halegh. Adverse weather hampers air activity.</p> <p>East Atlantic: SS Baron Newlands (British cargo ship, 3,386 tons) sunk by SS at 04-35 N, 08-32 W.</p> <p>South Atlantic: SS Alcyone (Dutch cargo ship, 4,534 tons) sunk by mine at 35-00 S, 18-00 E.</p>	<p>Burma: Enemy forces launch heavy attack against British flank S of Kyauktaga; heavy fighting ensues. Chinese troops engage force of Thais at Ywathit, about 50 mi. E of Toungoo, inflicting casualties on the enemy.</p>	<p>P.I.: Japanese raiding party unsuccessfully attacks Allied positions on Bataan. Cebu ineffectively shelled by a hostile DD. From Cavite, enemy guns heavily shell harbor forts, but little damage results.</p> <p>Australia: Each of two formations of 7 enemy bombers attacks Darwin, considerably damaging the airdrome, buildings on the airdrome, and a grounded Hudson.</p>		<p>U.S.: International Red Cross reveals that 219 U.S. civilians have been interned in Japan, of whom 90 were seized in Japan at the outbreak of the war and 129 captured in Guam.</p> <p>U.S.: Speaking in New York, Maxim Litvinoff, Russian Ambassador, urges the Allies to open an offensive against Germany as soon as possible.</p>	16

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17	<p>West Atlantic: SS Celba (Honduran cargo ship, 1,698 tons) sunk by SS at 35-43 N, 73-49 W. SS San Demetrio (British tanker, 8,073 tons) sunk by SS at 36-59 N, 74-05 W. SS Cassandra Louloudis (Greek tanker, 5,106 tons) sunk by SS at 35-05 N, 75-25 W.</p>	<p>West Atlantic: SS Oscilla (Dutch tanker, 6,341 tons) torp. and sunk at 19-00 N, 60-00 W.</p>	<p>Russia: Germans report repulse of Soviet attacks on Kerch Peninsula; Red Army continues offensive operations in area E of Khar-kov. Fierce fighting continues in Rzhev-Vyazma sector, where Russians claim slight gains, reporting occupation of several populated places. According to Moscow, heavy fighting is taking place on Leningrad front.</p>	<p>Malta: Sixty-four planes attack, severely damaging Luqa and Takali airdromes; 1 grounded plane destroyed and 4 damaged; 5 enemy aircraft damaged.</p>
18	<p>West Atlantic: SS E. M. Clark (U.S. tanker, 9,467 tons) sunk by SS at 34-50 N, 75-35 W. SS Papoose (U.S. tanker, 5,939 tons) sunk by SS at 34-17 N, 76-39 W. SS Ingerto (Norwegian cargo ship, 3,089 tons), straggler from convoy, sunk by SS at 29-45 N, 66-30 W.</p>	<p>Caribbean: SS Stangarth (British cargo ship, 5,966 tons) sunk by SS off St. Thomas, Virgin Is.</p>	<p>Russia: Enemy reports weaker Soviet attacks on Kerch Peninsula and claims to have repulsed them. Fierce fighting continues in Kharkov sector; Berlin denies any progress by Red Army and claims that Nazis are counterattacking successfully. Red Army units in Rzhev-Vyazma sector appear to have virtually surrounded the Germans at Gzhatsk, 40 mi. NE of Vyazma. Moscow announces sinking of 3,500-ton enemy transport in Barents Sea.</p>	<p>Malta: Axis planes attack targets on island during day and night; fires and explosions result; 1 ME-109 destroyed.</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> Axis and British patrols exchange artillery fire near Bir Temrod; enemy columns in Tmimi area withdrawn.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> Axis shipping attacked during night by British aircraft; hits scored on 2 merchant ships, 1 of which is set on fire.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS <u>Scottish Prince</u> (British cargo ship, 4,917 tons) torp. and sunk at 04-00 N, 07-30 W.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Heavy fighting continues in Kyauktaga area where stiff British resistance forces enemy to withdraw; during night Allied troops withdraw to new positions at Kywebwe, S of Toungoo.</p>	<p><u>Java Sea:</u> SS <u>Am-pang</u> (British cargo ship, 213 tons) sunk by unknown enemy action at 03-00 S, 106-00 E.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.: Timor:</u> Single Hudson bombs Koepang airdrome under difficult weather conditions; 10 enemy fighters attempt interception.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> General Douglas MacArthur arrives in Australia to assume supreme command of Allied forces in the SW Pacific. MacArthur's trip from the Philippines was made by PT boat and plane. Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright succeeds General MacArthur as commander in the Philippines.</p>		<p><u>Chile:</u> In protest against the sinking of the Chilean ship, Tolten, on March 13, a minor demonstration against the Axis occurs in Santiago. The Tolten is the first vessel that Chile has lost in this war.</p> <p><u>Germany:</u> Berlin announces that the SS, Hitler's Elite Guard, has been made a separate armed service.</p> <p><u>French Morocco:</u> Vichy orders the internment of British nationals between 18 and 50 years of age in coastal area of French Morocco in reprisal for RAF raids on factories near Paris.</p>	17
<p><u>Libya:</u> Martuba landing ground bombed by Bostons. British bombers make night attack on objectives at Benghazi.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> British guerilla band engages enemy party at Henzada, inflicting casualties. RAF planes attack Moulmein and Fedel landing grounds; a minimum of 15 enemy planes destroyed on the ground. Toungoo heavily bombed, night of 18/19, by enemy aircraft. Enemy patrols contacted at Sitkwin, N of Tharrawaddy.</p>	<p><u>N.E.I.: Timor:</u> Six Hudsons raid Koepang airdrome, scoring hits on runway.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Heavy concentration of Japanese with armored vehicles and other equipment reported crossing the Markham R. in vicinity of Lae.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Two B-17's attack Japanese shipping at Rabaul, scoring probable hit on a CA.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> On Florida I., Tulagi and Gavutu harbors bombed by 9 enemy planes. In a 2d raid on Tulagi, by 3 hostile flying boats, a Catalina is slightly damaged. Japanese naval</p>		<p><u>U.S.:</u> Navy Secretary Frank Knox orders merchant vessels operating off the E coast of the U.S. to use specified sea lanes.</p> <p>By executive order, President Roosevelt establishes the War Relocation Authority in the Office for Emergency Management, to be headed by Milton S. Eisenhower. The purpose of the organization is "to provide for the removal from designated areas of persons whose removal is necessary in the interests of national security."</p> <p><u>Chile:</u> President-elect Juan Antonio Rios asserts in Santiago that his</p>	18

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19	West Atlantic; SS Muskogee (U.S. tanker, 7,034 tons) sunk by SS at 28- 00 N, 58-45 W. SS W. E. Hutton (U.S. tanker, 7,076 tons) sunk by SS at 34- 20 N, 76-45 W. SS Liberator (U.S. cargo ship, 7,720 tons) sunk by SS at 35-05 N, 75-30 W.	Russia: Enemy claims repulse of strong Red Army attacks on Kerch Peninsula and in Donets area. Heavy fighting continues E of Kharkov where Russians appear to be advancing slowly. Berlin announces destructive air at- tacks on Soviet towns and troops on Kerch Peninsula and airfields and transport in Mos- cow-Smolensk area.	Malta: Airfields and gun emplace- ments are targets for enemy planes throughout the day.

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<p>Libya: Ground activity confined to artillery exchanges and patrolling.</p> <p>Mediterranean: SS Pampas (British cargo ship, 5,415 tons) sunk by Axis planes at 35-00 N, 14-00 E.</p>	<p>Burma: Detachment of Chinese cavalry attacked by Japanese armored cars and infantry S of Pyu; heavy casualties suffered by both sides, but enemy is repulsed. On Irrawaddy front, Japanese are reported to have occupied Tharrawaddy. Toungoo bombed severely by enemy aircraft.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>force observed 15 mi. off Kessa, Buka I., where it is believed the enemy has foraged for food and withdrawn.</p> <p>N.E.I.: SS Princess O Negros (U.S. cargo ship, 522 tons) sunk by unknown enemy action off N.E.I.</p> <p>New Guinea: Eight Japanese bombers raid harbor installations and shipping at Port Moresby without causing any damage or casualties; 1 of the attacking planes possibly shot down.</p> <p>Australia: Darwin is target for 7 Japanese heavy bombers, which heavily damage Naval Hq.</p> <p>Solomon Is.: Single enemy fighter-bomber bombs and strafes Tulagi, damaging a Catalina.</p>	<p>.. ..</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>government will cooperate "with all the American nations, especially the United States."</p> <p>Poland: Polish Government-in-exile issues White Book concerning German occupation of Poland.</p> <p>U.S.: President Roosevelt orders men between ages of 45-64, inclusive, to register on April 27, 1942.</p> <p>Great Britain: Appointment of Richard G. Casey, Australian Minister to the U. S., to represent the British War Cabinet in the Middle East is announced. This is the first time a British War Cabinet post has been held by a dominion official.</p> <p>Germany: German press dispatches report that nearly all the generals who had resigned or been removed last December have been recalled by Hitler. Among those recalled is Field Marshall von Brauchitsch, who had been commander-in-chief on the eastern front.</p> <p>Iraq-China: Iraq announces the signature of a Treaty of Friendship with China.</p>	<p>1942 Mar</p> <p>19</p>

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20	West Atlantic: SS Oakmar (U.S. cargo ship, 5,766 tons) sunk by SS at 36-21 N, 68-50 W.	<p><u>Russia</u>: Soviet forces continue offensive operations along entire front; Germans report repulse of Red Army attacks and successful Nazi attacks on Kerch Peninsula, in Donets area, and on central and NW fronts. Berlin announces successful shelling by heavy artillery of military installations in Leningrad.</p> <p>Sevastopol bombed by GAF; 4,000-ton merchant ship reported sunk and tanker, power station, and fuel dump damaged.</p>	<p><u>Malta</u>: Takali airdrome and harbor at Valletta bombed during daylight by waves of enemy aircraft.</p> <p><u>Greece</u>: RAF planes bomb Eleusis and Hassani airfields during night.</p> <p><u>Crete</u>: Heraklion airdrome attacked, night of 20/21, by RAF aircraft with good results.</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> Martuba landing ground and Benghazi successfully bombed by force of Bostons; several fires result. Hurricanes attack Derna airdrome; Allied fighter planes destroy 1 enemy fighter and probably destroy 2 others for loss of 2 Allied aircraft.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Ile de Batz (British cargo ship, 5,755 tons) torp. and sunk at 04-04 N, 08-04 W.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Japanese troops cross river S of Pyu and are engaged by Chinese troops, who inflict many casualties on the enemy. British forces on Irrawaddy front attack Japanese in Letpadan and drive them from the town and from surrounding villages.</p>	<p><u>P.I.:</u> Allied troops on Mindanao carry out surprise raid on enemy forces at Zamboanga, inflicting many casualties without loss to them themselves. Manila Bay forts intensively shelled for past 72 hours by enemy artillery on S shore of the bay, but little military damage is inflicted; Allied guns return the fire.</p> <p><u>Tanimbar Is.:</u> Three Hudsons attack Saumlakki with unobserved results.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Enemy planes twice raid Port Moresby: 1st attack is made by 4 Zeros, which machine-gun the airdrome, and 2d attack is made by single heavy bomber, which drops 6 bombs; both raids unsuccessful.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Four B-17's raid Japanese shipping at Rabaul, scoring direct hits on 2 cruisers, 1 of which is probably sunk and the other severely damaged.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> Broome airdrome attacked by force of 7 enemy bombers escorted by 3 fighters; 1 civilian plane destroyed on the ground.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Japanese flying boat unsuccessfully attacks Tulagi.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> Dr. Herbert V. Evatt, Australian Minister for External Affairs, arrives in Washington, where he says that Australia and New Zealand should be represented on United Nations' war councils and that the Pacific War Council should sit in Washington.</p> <p>President Roosevelt approves the deferment of anti-trust prosecution in cases where it will jeopardize the war effort if it is undertaken at this time.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> General Douglas MacArthur, speaking of the Philippines, says, "I came through and I shall return."</p> <p><u>Russia-Japan:</u> Fisheries Agreement between Japan and the Soviet Union renewed for one year.</p>	20

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			Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
21	<p><u>English Channel:</u> SS Risoy (Norwegian cargo ship, 793 tons) sunk by aircraft at 50-40 N, 05-01 W.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Red Army units continue attacks against enemy positions on Kerch Peninsula, but Germans claim to have repulsed them. Soviet forces in Donets fail to gain ground against stubborn enemy resistance, but units on Kalinin front appear to be having some success in Rzhev-Vyazma sector. German shelling of objectives in Leningrad continues.</p> <p>Berlin reports heavy air attacks on harbor installations of Kerch Peninsula and on Soviet forces in Donets, Kalinin, and Lake Ilmen areas.</p>	<p><u>Malta:</u> About 200 Axis planes make constant attacks on island; 8 shot down and 3 damaged; airdrome installations damaged and several aircraft destroyed on the ground.</p> <p><u>Greece:</u> Hassani is again target in night raid by RAF bombers.</p> <p><u>Crete:</u> Candia, Tympakion, and Rethymno bombed during night by RAF.</p>

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<p>Libya: Night of 20/21 and day of 21, enemy counter-attacks with tanks SW of Tmimi; British forces raid Axis forward posts in Tmimi area; considerable damage inflicted and 200 prisoners captured; 1 group reaches a point 20 mi. NE of Mekili; Martuba and Tmimi landing grounds shelled by artillery. Enemy MT at El Hamarin (30 mi. SE of Mekili) shelled by Free French.</p> <p>Barce landing ground attacked by force of Bostons, 2 of which fail to return.</p> <p>South Atlantic: SS Pagasitikos (Greek cargo ship, 3,942 tons) torp. and sunk.</p>	<p>Burma: Heavy fighting continues on Sittang front between Chinese and enemy forces as Japanese attack Chinese outposts at Oktwin; patrol activity only takes place on Irrawaddy front. RAF bombers make successful attack on Mingaladon airdrome (N of Rangoon); 3 aircraft destroyed on the ground and several damaged; enemy planes intercept and in the ensuing combat, 9 are destroyed and 5 probably destroyed. Hmawbi also bombed by RAF planes, which start several fires.</p> <p>An Allied airdrome in central Burma heavily bombed by Japanese planes, which inflict severe damage and casualties.</p> <p>Magwe airdrome severely damaged by enemy aircraft which attack in 3 waves: 1st group consists of 27 unescorted Army type 97 bombers, 2d, of 18 single-engine bombers, and 3d, of 12 Army type 97 bombers; total of 20 Zeros and 25 Army type 97 fighters escort last 2 waves; on the ground 8 Blenheims destroyed, 7 damaged, and all AVG aircraft damaged; of Hurricanes attempting interception, 2 are shown down.</p>	<p>P.I. On Bataan front, enemy patrol activity increases sharply. From the Cavite shore enemy batteries continue to shell Manila Bay forts, with Forts Frank and Hughes effectively returning the fire. Japanese warship movements in waters around the Visayas are blockading the central Philippines.</p> <p>Appointment of Lt. Gen. George H. Brett, U.S. Army, to command Australian and U.S. air forces in Australia is announced.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Timor: Group of Hudsons attacks Koepang town and airdrome, hitting the runway and starting fires in buildings.</p> <p>New Guinea: Japanese forces pushing W from Salamaua.</p> <p>Enemy heavy bomber on rcn over Port Moresby is intercepted and destroyed by 2 P-40's.</p> <p>New Britain: Two B-17's drop bombs on Vunakanau airfield at Rabaul, despite opposition from enemy fighters, 2 of which are probably shot down.</p>		<p>U.S.: As a result of a wage dispute lasting since September 28, 1941, President Roosevelt places the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad under Federal control. Joseph B. Eastman, Director of Defense Transportation, is directed to operate the railroad.</p> <p>U.S.-China: U.S. and China sign agreement which makes effective an Act of Congress authorizing financial aid to China to the extent of \$500,000,000.</p> <p>Uruguay: Uruguay protests to Germany the sinking of the SS Montevideo by an Axis SS on March 9.</p>	21

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22	West Atlantic: SS Thursobank (British cargo ship, 5,575 tons) sunk by SS at 38- 05 N, 68-30 W.			<p>Russia: Berlin announces repulse of Soviet attacks on Kerch Peninsula and in Donets area. Russians report slight gains on Kalinin front and claim capture of an important place in Staraya Russa area. Both sides continue air attacks on troops and communications.</p>	<p>Malta: Raids on targets on the island carried out by about 53 Axis planes, but little damage results; AA fire and intercepting Hurricanes damage 6 of the attackers.</p>

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<p>Mediterranean: Force of 3 Axis cruisers attacks Allied convoy bound from Alexandria to Malta; escorting force of light cruiser and DD's drives off the attackers. Later in the afternoon, convoy is attacked by a stronger force, consisting of 1 BB, 2 CA's, and 4 other cruisers with DD escort; Axis BB and a cruiser damaged and another cruiser hit; 3 British DD's and 1 cruiser damaged; enemy force withdraws. Enemy aircraft unsuccessfully bomb convoy throughout the day.</p>	<p>Burma: Chinese forces S of Toungoo suffer only light enemy artillery fire; Japanese on Irrawaddy front reach Mezaligon, NW of Henzada, in advance by 1 section of a 3-pronged drive on Prome; another column is pushing slowly up the road from Rangoon, and a 3d is advancing NW from Pegu through the hills.</p> <p>Enemy aircraft make 2 severe raids on Magwe airdrome; 1st group, of 24 bombers with escort of 20 fighters, attacks in morning; 2d group, consisting of more than 60 bombers with fighter escort, attacks during afternoon in 3 waves; of 52 aircraft on the field, 22 destroyed and 8 damaged; the remainder are flown to a new base.</p>	<p>P.I.: Japanese patrol activity continues along Bataan front. In Manila Bay, enemy batteries from S shore continue to shell harbor defenses, concentrating on Forts Drum and Frank; fire is returned by Allied batteries.</p> <p>Japanese demand that General Wainwright surrender by noon today; no reply is made.</p> <p>New Guinea: Formation of 4 B-17's and 2 Hudsons escorted by 9 P-40's executes highly successfully on Lae airdrome; enemy plane losses on the ground are 3 heavy bombers and 10 fighters destroyed, 2 heavy bombers and 3 fighters damaged; other hostile planes destroyed and damaged in aerial combat; 2 P-40's missing. In addition to losses inflicted on aircraft, Allied planes score direct hit on an ammunition dump.</p> <p>Australia: Force of 5-9 enemy planes raid Darwin, inflicting only minor damage; 2 hostile fighters destroyed, 1 of them by intercepting P-40's.</p> <p>Nine Japanese bombers attack Katherine, SE of Darwin; slight damage results.</p>			22

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23	<p><u>West Atlantic:</u> SS Naeco (U.S. tanker, 5,373 tons) sunk by SS at 33-59 N, 76-40 W. SS British Prudence (British tanker, 8,620 tons), straggler from a convoy, sunk by SS at 45-28 N, 56-13 W. SS Peder Bogen (British tanker, 9,741 tons) sunk by SS at 24-43 N, 57-44 W.</p>	<p><u>France:</u> Eleven squadrons of Spitfires carry out offensive daylight sweeps over N France; 1 Axis plane destroyed.</p> <p><u>England:</u> Enemy planes raid Dover and 2 other towns on SE coast.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Enemy announces unsuccessful weaker Soviet attacks on Kerch Peninsula and claims repulse of strong Red Army units in Donets region, although Moscow announces slight gains in this sector. Russians claim to be inflicting further losses on encircled enemy troops at Staraya Russa. Heavy fighting continues in Yukhnov area.</p> <p>Berlin announces sinking of a 5,000-ton merchant ship by air attack S of Sevastopol.</p>	<p><u>Greece:</u> RAF bombers make night attack on Piraeus and Salamis, causing damage and casualties.</p> <p><u>Crete:</u> Heraklion and Tympakion are objectives in successful night raid by RAF bombers.</p>
24	<p><u>West Atlantic:</u> SS Empire Steel (British tanker, 8,138 tons) sunk by SS at 36-41 N, 64-17 W. SS Tredinnick (British cargo ship, 4,589 tons) sunk by SS at unknown position in North Atlantic.</p>	<p><u>France-Belgium:</u> Eighteen Bostons escorted by about 190 Spitfires bomb RR center at Abbeville and thermic power station at Comines; Spitfires destroy 2 enemy planes, probably destroy another, and damage 3; 9 Spitfires lost.</p> <p><u>England:</u> Of about 30 enemy planes operating over S coast during the night, 10 penetrate</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Enemy claims repulse of Soviet attacks on Kerch Peninsula. Nazi troops counterattack in Kharkov sector and claim some success, although Moscow reports their repulse. Germans report repulse of Soviet thrusts on lower Donets R. Enemy forces are counterattacking strongly in Yukhnov and</p>	<p><u>Malta:</u> Airfields and harbor attacked by 169 enemy aircraft; Germans claim to have damaged shipping and dock installations, but extent of damage not determined; considerable destruction caused at Halfar airdrome. Attack opposed by AA fire and Allied fighter planes; 8 Axis planes destroyed, 2 probably</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> Martuba landing ground attacked by force of Bostons with escort of Kittyhawks; 2 Axis planes destroyed and 1 probably destroyed while 2 Kittyhawks and 1 Boston are missing. Wellingtons make night raid on Benghazi and Hurricane bombers attack camps and MT in Martuba-Derna-Tmimi area.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> Allied convoy for Malta attacked continuously by Axis aircraft; SS Clan Campbell (British cargo ship, 7,255 tons) sunk at 35-00 N, 14-00 E.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Japanese attack both flanks of Chinese position S of Toungoo, at Oktwin and Tanta-bin; enemy is repulsed but, after being reinforced, succeeds in penetrating Allied line; Chinese troops counterattack, drive hostile forces back, and reestablish their original positions; both sides sustain heavy casualties.</p> <p>Enemy aircraft, in support of ground operations, make 6 attacks on Toungoo airport and Chinese troops. Akyab bombed by 26 Japanese planes with fighter escort; 1 plane destroyed on the ground; intercepting Allied fighters shoot down 3 of the attackers for loss of 2 British planes.</p> <p><u>Andaman Is.:</u> Japanese land troops in islands from 3 cruisers, 6 DD's, and 3 transports and occupy them; British personnel previously had been withdrawn.</p>	<p><u>Tanimbar Is.:</u> Allied rcn planes bomb wharf at Saumlakki and strafe vessel near Selaru I.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Force of 10 enemy bombers escorted by 4 Zeros attacks "7 mile airdrome" at Port Moresby, destroying 2 P-40's and damaging another; 2 enemy fighters believed destroyed by AA fire. Tuaguba airdrome, 3 mi. from Port Moresby, ineffectively bombed by 9 Japanese heavy bombers.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> Wyndham airdrome is target for 7 hostile bombers escorted by 3 fighters; landing strip damaged and 30 large craters left on airdrome. Katherine raided for 2d successive day, by 7 enemy planes.</p>	<p>.. ..</p> <p><u>U.S.:</u> Attorney General orders friendly alien seamen who have deserted their ships to be taken into custody in order to alleviate the scarcity of ship labor.</p> <p>The Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad strike, begun on December 28, 1941, ends. Strikers to return to work on March 25.</p> <p><u>India:</u> Sir Stafford Cripps, British Lord Privy Seal, arrives in New Delhi to present proposals concerning Indian independence and cooperation in the war.</p>	23
<p><u>Libya:</u> Dust storms restrict all activity.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Allende (British cargo ship, 5,081 tons) torped and sunk off Cape Palmas.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Chinese positions at Toungoo are outflanked by strong enemy forces, which cut the Toungoo-Pyinnama road at Yedashe; Japanese capture Toungoo airdrome, but Chinese troops to S of the city continue to resist enemy attempts to advance; bitter fighting takes place just N of the city at Kyungon.</p>	<p><u>P.I.:</u> Force of 54 Japanese bombers raids Corregidor, of which at least 3 are destroyed by AA fire. Allied positions on Bataan also heavily bombed by enemy planes, but damage to military installations is light. In local skirmishes on Bataan, enemy suffers fairly heavy losses, while Allied casualties are light.</p> <p>American-Filipino</p>	<p>.. ..</p>	24

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			(Cont'd) inland, dropping a few bombs on Hampshire and Dorset and on the Isle of Wight, without causing serious damage.	(Cont'd) Rzhev areas and appear to be making slight gains W of latter; Soviet troops attack near Gzhatsk. Enemy announces progress by his troops on northern front. Germans report severe air attack on Murmansk and claim to have damaged a merchant ship in the harbor; they also report setting a ship on fire in a Caucasian harbor.	(Cont'd) and 7 damaged. Other targets on island damaged by 29 more planes. Night of 24/25, 7 planes bomb Luqa airdrome; field cratered and 1 aircraft destroyed on ground.
25	U.S.: General Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, and Admiral King, Commander in Chief of the Fleet, issue instructions designed to make anti-submarine warfare along U.S. coasts more effective; naval sea frontier commanders instructed to take command of Army air units allocated for that purpose by Army defense commanders. West Atlantic: SS Ocana (Dutch tanker, 6,256 tons) sunk by SS at 42-36 N, 65-26 W. SS Narrangansett (British tanker, 10,389 tons) sunk	Germany: Approximately 250 RAF planes attack Essen at night, dropping 225 tons of high explosive bombs and about 60 tons of incendiaries; numerous large fires started in Krupp works, RR center, and town. France: Axis U-boat installations at Le Trait raided by 9 escorted Bostons, which hit main buildings and pier and probably hit an AK; escorting fighter's destroy 2 enemy fighters and damage another; 2 British fighters missing. About 35 RAF planes bomb St. Nazaire at night, dropping 40 tons of	Russia: Nazis report repulse of weak Soviet attacks on Kerch Peninsula and of strong attacks in Donets area; Russians attack NE of Kharkov and report some progress. German forces counterattack fiercely in Rzhev-Vyazma sector; Soviets claim repulse of attacks with severe losses for enemy troops.	Malta: Enemy reports damage to Allied light cruiser and merchant ship as result of attack on Valletta harbor by GAF.

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	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Hostile aircraft bomb Toungoo in support of their ground troops, but attacks are ineffective. Total of 54 enemy bombers with fighter escort makes 6 raids on Akyab airdrome, destroying 7 planes on the ground; 3 of the intercepting Hurricanes destroyed; 1 enemy aircraft shot down, 3 probably, and 2 damaged.</p> <p>Thailand: AVG planes make early morning raid on Chiangmai and Lam-bhun airdromes; 7-10 hostile aircraft destroyed on the ground at former and several others probably destroyed and badly damaged; results of attack on latter target unknown.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>troops on Mindanao ambush Japanese motorized column near Zamboanga, inflicting heavy casualties; 1 Allied soldier killed.</p> <p>New Guinea: Port Moresby is target for 18 Japanese heavy bombers escorted by 3 Zeros; 10 of the bombers raid "7-mile airdrome," while remaining 8 attack the town; 1 P-40 and Murray Barracks slightly damaged. Enemy plane on rcn over Port Moresby intercepted and destroyed by 2 P-40's.</p>	<p>.. ..</p>	<p>.. ..</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>Libya: British patrols make night raid on enemy position at Halegh el Eleba, between Mekili and Tmimi; considerable damage inflicted.</p>	<p>Burma: Bitter fighting continues in Toungoo sector where Chinese troops are still holding the Oktwin-Tantabin line S of the city; to the N, hostile forces which by-passed Toungoo occupy Kyungon. Three enemy columns are infiltrating the Pegu Hills, advancing toward Zigon. On Irrawaddy front, a large enemy force is moving on Kyan-gin (40 mi. S of Prome), and other large groups are concentrating at Tharrawaddy, Thonze, and Minh-la. Sandoway, on the coast SW of</p>	<p>P.I.: Corregidor heavily bombarded for 2d successive day by 54 Japanese heavy bombers in 6-hour attack; minor damage and casualties inflicted; AA fire destroys 4 of the attacking aircraft. Sharp local actions continue on Bataan.</p> <p>New Guinea: Three Japanese heavy bombers drop 24 bombs on Port Moresby, without causing serious damage.</p>	<p>.. ..</p>	<p>U.S.: Additional Maritime Control Areas established on the Pacific Coast from California to Alaska, by a Proclamation of the President.</p> <p>Lord Beaverbrook, former British War Production Minister, arrives in Washington to confer with President Roosevelt on British and American war production.</p> <p>U.S. Government announces that an agricultural mission has been sent Saudi Arabia to "examine and report to the Government of Saudi Arabia upon the</p>	<p>25</p>

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	(Cont'd) by SS at 34-46 N, 67-40 W.		(Cont'd) Total of 11 RAF planes missing from night opera- tions at St. Nazaire and Essen.		
26	West Atlantic: SS Dixie Arrow (U.S. tanker, 8,046 tons) sunk by SS at 34-59 N, 75-33 W. SS Equipoise (Panamanian car- go ship, 6,210 tons) sunk by SS at 36-36 N, 74- 45 W.	Germany: Approx- imately 100 RAF planes, in night at- tack on Essen, drop about 126 tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs, starting fires in Krupp works and near RR center. From this and sev- eral minor RAF night raids, 15 British aircraft are missing; Brit- ish intruders des- troy 1 enemy bomb- er and probably destroy another. France: Axis shipping at Le Havre attacked during daylight by 24 Bostons escort- ed by 60 fighters; a possible raider and warehouses receive direct hits; 8 intercepting en- emy fighters shot down and 2 dam- aged for loss of 2 Spitfires and 1 Bos- ton. England: Of about 30 enemy planes over NE coast during the night, 10 attack in- land targets, caus- ing some damage at Malton Colliery near Durham; AA fire destroys 1 of the attacking planes.	Russia: Berlin announces repulse of Soviet forces on Kerch Peninsula and NE of Tagan- rog. Bitter fight- ing on central front continues as Soviet troops make slow progress toward Yelnya; Germans continue attacks W of Rzhev. Enemy reports heavy Luftwaffe attacks on Soviets in Kerch sector and Rzhev-Vyazma area.	Malta: About 42 Axis planes bomb shipping at Val- letta; enemy claims to have damaged a cruiser and 5 merchant vessels.

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<p>Libya: Martuba landing ground bombed by Bostons in daylight; 3 Axis planes probably destroyed by escorting planes and another damaged; 2 Allied aircraft lost. Benghazi bombed during night by 13 Wellingtons; 1 ship in harbor left burning.</p> <p>Axis planes bomb troop train E of Capuzzo; 19 killed and 69 wounded. Tobruk attacked during day by enemy bombers which damage a merchant ship; 1 of the attacking planes destroyed and 1 damaged by AA fire.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Prome, is evacuated. Near the Thai border Chinese troops repel mixed enemy forces in area N of Mong Tung, inflicting severe damage and casualties.</p> <p>Burma: Heavy fighting continues at Toungoo where hostile forces have surrounded the city and are attacking from all sides; N of the city, enemy troops are still at Kyungon. On Irrawaddy front, British have made no contact with enemy. Japanese planes, in waves of 10, bomb Toungoo continuously throughout day.</p>	<p>P.I.: Mindanao report indicates that Japanese have withdrawn their ships, aircraft, and most of their troops from Jolo (SW of Mindanao). Corregidor bombed almost continuously throughout the day by Japanese heavy bombers based on Luzon; military installations slightly damaged by these attacks, which are opposed by heavy AA fire. Allied positions on Bataan also bombed.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Timor: Koepang is target for 2 Hudsons, which bomb ship in harbor. Three B-17's and 1 other Hudson prevented by weather from attacking same target.</p>	<p>.. ..</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>water and agricultural resources of that country and the possibilities of their development."</p> <p>Greece: King George II promises that Greece will replace its dictatorship with a democracy after defeat of the Axis.</p> <p>U.S.: President Roosevelt, by executive order, authorizes loans for small business firms engaged in war production.</p> <p>Mexico-Czechoslovakia: Diplomatic relations between the two nations resumed.</p> <p>France: Marshall Henri Philippe Petain confers with Pierre Laval at Randan, near Vichy.</p> <p>Bulgaria: Returning from a meeting with Hitler, King Boris adjourns the Bulgarian Parliament from March 28 to October 28.</p>	<p>26</p>

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27	West Atlantic: SS Carolyn (U.S. cargo ship, 3,209 tons) sunk by SS at 36-00 N, 70-00 W. SS Svenor (Norwegian tanker, 7,616 tons) sunk by SS at 35-05 N, 69-20 W.	<p><u>France:</u> During the night, British land, sea, and air forces carry out combined operation against harbor installations at St. Nazaire: naval force, consisting of 4 DD's escorted by small craft, approaches undetected and at 0134 the DD Campbeltown, with bows loaded with delayed action explosives, rams main lock gates; special service troops land immediately and carry out demolitions; under heavy enemy fire motor launches re-embark Campbeltown's crew and as many troops as possible and withdraw; 5 Axis torpedo boats engage retiring group; 61 planes, detailed to furnish aerial support find complete cloud over target and most of the planes return with bombs; coastal command aircraft escorting the returning force destroy a JU-88 and damage a Heinkel for loss of 1 Beau-fighter; British casualties total 276 missing and 17 wounded; 10 light naval craft lost. Subsequent photographs reveal that the seaward lock gate is missing and the lock flooded.</p> <p><u>Belgium:</u> Twelve Bostons escorted by 12 squadrons of Spitfires carry out daylight raid on power station at Ostend; Spitfires destroy 1 enemy fighter, probably destroy 3, and damage 10; 1 Spitfire</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Germans claim repulse of Soviet attacks on Kerch Peninsula and in Taganrog area, reporting that these attacks are weaker than on previous days. Heavy fighting continues E of Khar-kov. Enemy reports repulse of all Soviet thrusts on central front; Russians attack NE of Gzhatsk.</p> <p>Berlin announces severe night raid on military objectives in Moscow.</p>	<p>Malta: Luqa and Halfar airdromes bombed by 38 enemy aircraft; 3 destroyed, 1 probably, and 7 damaged.</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> Patrolling activity by both sides continues; British artillery shells Axis positions at Gabr el Aleima. Martuba and Derna landing grounds attacked, night of 27/28, by British fighter planes; Benghazi also bombed and nearby camps machine-gunned. Germans bomb Tobruk, claiming to have damaged a British merchant ship.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> SS Breconshire (British cargo ship, 9,776 tons) sunk by aircraft at 35-00 N, 14-00 E.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Reinforced enemy troops launch attack against Chinese at Toungoo from NW; bitter fighting continues with the Chinese in control of the E section of the city and the Japanese controlling the W part. On Irrawaddy front, a large enemy force reaches point 20 mi. S of Prome. Prome severely bombed by enemy aircraft; British report three-fourths of the town is burned; boats on the Irrawaddy R. also attacked.</p>	<p><u>P.I.:</u> Aerial bombardment of Corregidor continues, having started early in the morning, but AA fire forces enemy planes to bomb inaccurately. Japanese bombers have made 7 successive raids on Corregidor during 24 hours ending this morning. During the afternoon Corregidor is bombed almost continuously; AA fire destroys 1 heavy bomber. Patrol skirmishes continue on Bataan, where sporadic air attacks are made on Allied positions. Romblon I. (E of Mindoro) has been occupied by 400 Japanese troops.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Timor: Japanese troops observed 70 mi. NE of Koepang, moving by trucks toward the interior. All available Hudsons from Darwin attack Koepang, probably destroying an AK.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Large numbers of Japanese observed at Nadzab, 27 mi. from Lae, in Markham Valley. Two Japanese heavy bombers attack "7-mile airdrome" at Port Moresby; 1 shot down. Madang raided by 10 Allied bombers, which start fires.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> War Department announces that President Quezon and the War Cabinet of the Philippines have joined General MacArthur in Australia.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> President Roosevelt approves Act of Congress authorizing funds not exceeding one billion dollars for the War Damage Corporation to furnish protection against property loss or damage due to enemy action.</p> <p><u>U.S.-Mexico :</u> New lend-lease agreement between the two countries is signed in Washington.</p>	27

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			<p>(Cont'd) missing. North Sea: Enemy trawler set on fire and left sinking off the Dutch coast as result of attack by British motor gun-boats.</p>		
28	<p><u>Germany:</u> Formation of 205 RAF bombers raids Luebeck at night, dropping 163 tons of high explosive bombs and 146 tons of incendiaries with excellent results; machine tool factory demolished, 2 other large factories badly damaged, and center of town left in flames; severe fighter opposition encountered and 12 British bombers fail to return; 2 JU-88's destroyed.</p> <p><u>France-Low Countries:</u> RAF Spitfires, on offensive sweep over enemy-occupied territory, engage large number of enemy planes, of which 13 are destroyed, 6 probably destroyed, and 6 damaged; 6 Spitfires lost.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Germans claim repulse of strong Soviet attacks in Donets region; Russians report gains in this area. Fierce fighting continues on Kalinin front where enemy repeatedly attacks with strong forces; Russians are reported making slight progress near Yelnya.</p> <p>Nazis report GAF raids on Soviet positions on Kerch Peninsula and on Novochoerkassk, where hits are scored on 2 ships and on RR installations. Murmansk bombed day and night by Luftwaffe.</p> <p><u>Arctic Ocean:</u> Allied convoy to Russia attacked off North Cape, Norway, by German dive bombers and surface vessels; SS Empire Ranger (British cargo ship, 7,008 tons) sunk at 72-10 N, 30-00 E; SS Raceland (Panamanian cargo ship, 4,815 tons) sunk by aircraft at 72-40 N, 20-20 E. The latter was a straggler from the convoy, which had been somewhat scattered by adverse weather.</p>	<p><u>Malta:</u> Thirty-four Axis planes attack objectives on island; no damage results; bombing difficult because of dense, low cloud.</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> Free French forces attack small Axis column SE of Mekili, forcing it to withdraw. British artillery harass enemy at Ras el Eleba during night and attack enemy vehicles in Gabr el Aleima area. Martuba landing ground bombed by Allied planes; hits scored on grounded aircraft.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> British report sinking an 8,000-ton Axis ship in central Mediterranean by aircraft.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Japanese, with strong reinforcements, attack Toungoo from S but are still unable to dislodge Chinese from their positions; Chinese counterattack S from Yedashe toward Toungoo but encounter unexpectedly stubborn resistance. On Irrawaddy front, Allied forces, moving SE from Shwedaung, attack Paungde where heavy fighting takes place.</p> <p>Enemy aircraft bomb He-Ho air-drome, causing severe damage to runways and installations. On Irrawaddy front, Allansmyo and troops and MT on Allansmyo-Prome roads are bombed and machine gunned by Japanese planes; some damage results.</p>	<p><u>P.I.:</u> Japanese infantry, supported by artillery fire and planes, launches heavy attack on right center of Allied line on Bataan during evening, pushing back Allied outpost line, but American-Filipino positions are restored by daybreak of 29th by a prompt and vigorous counterattack. Corregidor undergoes frequent air attacks throughout the day, although AA fire keeps the planes too high for accurate bombing. Manila Bay forts fire intermittently on Japanese positions at Cavite. Concentration of small enemy vessels at Pantungan Beach, on Limbones Cove S of Fort Frank, wiped out by Allied 75-mm guns. On Mindanao, Allied patrol successfully raids enemy position near Zamboanga, while others force Japanese to withdraw from several outposts.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Port Moresby ineffectively raided by 3 Japanese heavy bombers escorted by 5 Zeros, 3 intercepting P-40's shoot down 1 fighter; 1 P-40 missing and the other 2 slightly damaged.</p>	<p>.. ..</p>	<p><u>Vatican-Japan:</u> Diplomatic relations established between Vatican and Japan.</p>	<p>28</p>

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29	<p>West Atlantic: SS City of New York (U.S. cargo ship, 8,272 tons) sunk by SS at 35-16 N, 74-25 W. SS Hertford (British cargo ship, 10,923 tons) sunk by SS at 40-50 N, 63-31 W.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Germans claim repulse of Soviet attacks E of Kharkov; Russians report capture of several places on central front and frustration of Nazi counterattacks. Berlin announces successful shelling by long-range artillery of objectives in Leningrad and Kronstadt.</p> <p>Moscow is target for night raid by GAF. Germans also report bombing of area on upper Volga E of Bolevoye and claim to have started large fires among armament factories.</p> <p><u>Arctic Ocean:</u> Allied convoy again attacked by enemy DD's; SS Bateau (Panamanian cargo ship, 4,687 tons) and SS Effingham (U.S. cargo ship, 6,421 tons) sunk at approximately 70-28 N, 35-44 E. Warships escorting convoy engage German surface force; 1 enemy DD sunk and British DD and cruiser damaged.</p>	<p><u>Malta:</u> Enemy raids decrease in intensity; targets attacked by about 9 Axis bombers; only slight damage results; 1 probably destroyed and 1 damaged.</p>

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<p>Libya: Patrolling continues despite severe sandstorms. Martuba, Derna, and Tmimi areas bombed during night with good results.</p>	<p>Burma: Hostile forces continue attacks from S of Toungoo in effort to drive Chinese from the city; N of Toungoo, Chinese troops capture 4 villages in Yedashe sector; heavy fighting takes place at Nangyun. British units S of Prome capture Paungde and attack enemy at Padigon, where he is strongly entrenched; bitter fighting takes place throughout day, but attack is unsuccessful. At same time, enemy crosses Irrawaddy R. at Tonbo and occupies Shwed-aung; heavy fighting ensues and considerable casualties are inflicted on hostile forces; 2 ships from Allied flotilla lost.</p> <p>Enemy aircraft bomb Loiwing and Namsang airdromes; fuel dump hit, buildings destroyed, and runways made unusable at latter; He-Ho airdrome machine-gunned.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Australia: Seven enemy bombers attack Darwin airdrome, damaging runways and operations room; P-40's intercept, destroying 2 enemy planes, and possibly 2 others.</p> <p>P.I.: Ground activity on Bataan limited to patrolling. Enemy dive bombers continue to attack Allied front lines and rear areas. Corregidor bombed day and night by hostile planes; AA fire destroys 1 heavy bomber. Japanese positions and shipping in Manila Bay area subjected to interdiction fire from Manila Bay forts. Patrol skirmishes continue on Mindanao.</p>	<p>.. ..</p>	<p>India: Sir Stafford Cripps reveals in New Delhi that Great Britain proposes to give India dominion status after the war with the right of secession.</p>	<p>29</p>

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30	<p>Russia: Enemy reports only ren activity in Crimea and repulse of fresh Soviet attacks in Donets. Russians claim occupation of an important place on Kalinin front where bitter fighting continues. Berlin announces repulse of a strong surprise attack by Red Army forces in the N and claim that their units carried out successful counter-attack.</p> <p>Germans claim that GAF dive bombers frustrate Soviet tank attack NE of Lake Ilmen and report successful Luftwaffe raids on Sevastopol and port installations in Kerch Strait. Murmansk also reported bombed by enemy planes.</p> <p>Arctic Ocean: Allied convoy again attacked by enemy aircraft; SS Induna (British cargo ship, 5,086 tons) sunk at 70-55 N, 37-18 E.</p>
31	<p>West Atlantic: SS San Gerardo (British tanker, 12,915 tons) sunk by SS at 36-00 N, 67-00 W. Following vessels sunk by SS's at 37-34 N, 75-25 W: SS Menominee (U.S. cargo ship, 441 tons); SS Allegheny (U.S. cargo ship, 914 tons); SS Barnegat (U.S. cargo ship, 914 tons); SS Ontario (British cargo ship, 490 tons). SS Eastmoor (British cargo ship, 5,812 tons) sunk by</p>	<p>West Atlantic: SS T. C. McCobb (U.S. tanker, 7,451 tons) torp. and sunk at 07-10 N, 42-50 W.</p>	<p>Germany: Essen is target for night attack by 4 RAF aircraft.</p> <p>English Channel: SS London City (British cargo ship) sunk by aircraft off Brixham.</p>	<p>Russia: Germans report repulse of renewed Soviet attacks in Donets area and successful Nazi counter-attack NE of Orel. Russians claim repulse of enemy counterattack on Kalinin front where bitter fighting continues.</p>	<p>Malta: Night of 30/31, day of 31, and night of 31/ April 1, island attacked by total of 247 Axis planes; Halfar airdrome and Grand Harbor are main objectives; British naval units at latter damaged and airdrome rendered unusable; 6 planes destroyed on the ground and 7 damaged. Attack opposed by AA fire and fighter aircraft; 3 of the attackers shot down, 3 probably, and 3</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> Adverse weather continues to restrict operations. British bombers again make night attacks on Martuba, Derna, and Tmimi landing grounds and camps; fires and explosions result. Enemy shipping off Benghazi attacked by 20 Wellingtons; 4 ships, about 3,000 tons each, damaged. Small formations of Axis planes attack Allied positions.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Muncaster Castle (British cargo ship, 5,853 tons) torp. and sunk at 02-00 N, 12-00 W.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Chinese recapture airdrome and surround enemy at Nangyun. Hostile forces at Shwedaung receive reinforcements and establish blocks across road; after heavy fighting, British troops which had been cut off at Paungde succeed in breaking through and reaching Prome. Japanese planes bomb British forces in Prome area throughout day.</p> <p><u>Christmas I.:</u> Japanese, with force of 3 CL's, 4 DD's, and 2 AP's, occupy island unopposed; Allied SS's sink a Japanese cruiser of the Natori class and damage another</p>	<p><u>P.I.:</u> Japanese planes bomb base hospital at Bataan, causing heavy casualties. Corregidor continues to receive day and night air attacks from enemy planes. Usual activities occur on other fronts.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Three B-17's attack Lae airdrome, scoring 7 hits on airdrome, 3 on runway, and 4 on buildings; building and hangars set on fire.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> Seven Japanese bombers, with 5 Zeros as escort, raid Darwin without damaging military installations; 1 P-40 shot down in combat and another damaged.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> Creation of a new Pacific War Council with Hq. in Washington is announced. Council is composed of representatives from the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, Canada, China, Britain, and the Netherlands Government-in-exile.</p> <p>Inter-American Defense Board holds its first meeting in Washington. The Board is composed of military and naval technicians representing each government of the American republics.</p> <p><u>France:</u> Press reports from Vichy state that the Riom trial will be suspended from April 2 to April 15.</p>	30
<p><u>Libya:</u> Night of March 31/April 1, Allied planes attack Axis troops, transport, and communications in Tmimi, Martuba, and Derna areas.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Chinese forces in Toungoo fight their way out of the city and rejoin other forces to N and E of Toungoo. Enemy troops are in force on W bank of Irrawaddy R. and are advancing up RR from Paungde toward Prome; Japanese patrol destroyed at Sinmizwe, just S of Prome.</p> <p>Lashio bombed during afternoon by 27 enemy bombers escorted by 15 fighters, which at-</p>	<p><u>P.I.:</u> Japanese troops launch heavy attack on right center of Allied line, during the evening, capturing some advance positions after fierce hand-to-hand combat; attack is halted before enemy reaches main Allied line. Small groups of Japanese planes attack Allied positions on Bataan and Corregidor; AA fire destroys 2 heavy bombers carrying out 1 raid on Corregidor.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	31

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31 C'd	(Cont'd) SS at 37-33 N, 68- 18 W. SS Hans Egede (Danish cargo ship, 900 tons) sunk by SS at unknown position in Atlantic.				(Cont'd) damaged.

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	<p>(Cont'd) tack in 2 waves; Southwest Transportation Co. and RR station and yards are principal targets; only slight damage caused to installations as majority of bombs are anti-personnel; it is estimated that 50 are killed and 75 wounded. Magwe attacked twice by 6 bombers followed by 16 fighters which machine-gun; no damage results.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) N.E.I.: Timor: Koe pang airdrome successfully raided by all available Hudsons from Darwin; 6 enemy planes believed destroyed on the ground, 4 flying boats damaged, near misses scored on ship in harbor, and 1 Zero shot down in combat. New Guinea: Port Moresby attacked by 1 Japanese heavy bomber escorted by 3 Zeros; no damage or casualties result, Hudson on rcn over Salamaua area is intercepted by 3 Zeros; in ensuing combat 1 Zero is destroyed and the other 2 probably shot down. Australia: Darwin twice raided by enemy bombers; 1 escorting Zero shot down during 1st attack.</p>			<p>31 C'd</p>

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