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| 1 | <p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Kiska seaplane base and shore installations bombed by 7 B-24's.</p> | <p>SS Empire Ten-nyson (British cargo ship, 2,880 tons) torp. and sunk at 09-27 N, 60-05 W. SS Achilles (Dutch cargo ship, 1,815 tons) torp. and sunk at 09-06 N, 59-48 W.</p> | <p>Germany: 78 RAF planes dispatched to bomb Wismar, but poor visibility obscures results. Minor RAF raids on Flensburg and Luebeck. Belgium-Holland: Ghent and Sluiskil attacked by single RAF Mosquitos.</p> | <p>Russia: No significant change in Caucasian front. Soviets report repulse of enemy attack in Mozdok area. Russian relief attacks continue in Stalingrad area, where Russians claim gains S and NW of Stalingrad but admit enemy gain in NW outskirts of city. Germans report further penetrations into northern part of city.</p> | |
| 2 | <p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Enemy installations on shore at Kiska Harbor badly damaged and fires started when 11 B-24's escorted by 6 P-39's attack. Direct hit made on a seaplane hangar. Numerous small demolition bombs hit camp area. Four enemy float-type monoplanes destroyed in combat with our fighters, 1 float-type biplane destroyed by a bomber. Adak bombed without damage by single enemy plane.</p> | <p>SS Alcoa Transport (U.S. cargo ship, 2,084 tons) torp. and sunk at 09-03 N, 60-10 W.</p> | <p>France: Total of 48 U.S. B-17's and 12 U.S. A-20's, escorted by 406 RAF and U.S. fighters, bomb targets in occupied France during daylight. In main attack against aircraft factory at Meaulte, at least 15 direct hits scored. Hits also made on docks at Le Havre and airdrome at St. Omer. During operations 1 enemy plane is destroyed and 24 probably destroyed by bombers; 4 destroyed and 2 damaged by fighters. Germany: 188 RAF</p> | <p>Russia: Russians admit withdrawal E of Mozdok. Germans claim capture of Orlovka, a suburb of Stalingrad, and encirclement of an important number of Red Army units. Russians claim to have dislodged the enemy from fortified positions NW of Stalingrad.</p> | <p>...</p> |

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| <p>Egypt: British consolidate their position in E part of Deir el Munassib area after advance of about 2 mi. Arty. and patrols active in N sector. 3 German JU-87's make unsuccessful dive bombing raid on Alexandria Harbor. Axis convoy of 2 ships escorted by 3 DD's off Derna attacked by RAF at night; tanker hit and set afire and near miss scored on merchant ship. Greece: 9 U.S. B-24 D's make 2 direct hits on medium enemy vessel in Navarino Bay; fighter interception encountered.</p> | <p>Burma: 1 B-25 bombs trains and track NW of Katha, destroying section of track. No enemy opposition or AA fire encountered. China: Yunnan: 3 B-25's from Kunming bomb and strafe Wanling and Chefang. Medium AA at Mangshih.</p> | <p>Solomon Is.: Further small enemy detachments have landed on Guadalcanal despite Allied air attacks. Rendova Harbor (Rendova I., New Georgia group) occupied by enemy troops from 3 barges. Navy and Marine Corps dive bombers and torp. planes damage a DD S of New Georgia Is. Buin airdrome attacked by 4 RAAF PBY's at night. Flying Fortresses set on fire a small enemy vessel near Greenwich I. New Guinea: Japanese continue their withdrawal toward Efogi. Allied units reach Menari (7 mi. S of Efogi), but contact with main enemy body not yet established. In 4 attacks, total of 3 B-17's and 4 P-40's put the Wairopi bridge out of commission and strafe villages in Efogi-Kokoda area. Buildings at Salamaua and barges at Sanananda strafed by 6 escorted RAAF Beaufighters.</p> | <p>.....</p> | <p>.....</p> | <p>1</p> |
| <p>Egypt: Enemy greatly increases his air activity, making 5 fighter-bomber attacks and 1 dive bomber attack on front line areas; 5 enemy fighters destroyed. Enemy recon. plane is also destroyed off Alexandria. Madagascar: British occupy Antsirabe, 80 mi. S of Tananarive. Troops capturing Antsirabe cover</p> | <p>Burma: Railway cars and 200 yards of track SW of Mogaung bridge in enemy-held territory destroyed, and bridge S of Mogaung destroyed by 1 B-25 with 2 direct hits. 12 Blenheims attack Japanese barracks at Meiktila and Shwebo. Direct hits scored. An airdrome with 3 runways, 2 mi. NE of road bridge at Pakkoku, seen</p> | <p>Solomon Is.: United Nations planes badly damage seaplane base at Rekata Bay. Enemy troops land at Viru Harbor from 4 more barges. Hits scored near taxi-ways at Buka airdrome in 2 attacks by single PBY's Guadalcanal attacked by few enemy bombers heavily protected by fighters; 4 enemy fighters shot down. No bombs dropped.</p> | <p>.....</p> | <p>France: Edouard Herriot arrested for defying the Vichy Government demand that he pledge himself not to flee from France or to work against the Government. The Laval government announces that Germany's demand for 150,000 skilled workers will be met by "a method of designation."</p> | <p>2</p> |

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| | | | (Cont'd) planes dispatched at night to raid Krefeld district, fires started in target area. | | |
| 3 | <p>Aleutian Is.: 6 B-24's escorted by 4 P-38's and 8 P-39's attack Kiska, scoring hits in camp area. Bombs dropped on large cargo ship but results unobserved. Six enemy twin-float fighters shot down.</p> <p>Two grounded freighters observed at Kiska believed to be victims of earlier attack.</p> <p>Undetermined number of enemy planes bomb Adak, dropping 8 small and 1 large bomb; no hits on target.</p> <p>Combat losses to date in Aleutians: enemy, 41 planes, United Nations, 6.</p> | | | <p>Russia: Russians admit enemy gains in Mozdok area. Moscow reports Soviet relief attacks NW of Stalingrad gaining ground, admit German gains to the N of town, but claim several streets in city cleared of Germans. Germans announce end of battle of Lake Ladoga with capture of 7 Russian divs. Local actions continue without appreciable gains.</p> | |

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| <p>(Cont'd) 460 mi. from Majaunga in 25 days. Bulk of RR. system now under British control.</p> <p><u>Egypt:</u> Patrolling in northern sector and Axis shelling in central sector only activity. Air operations limited because of weather.</p> <p><u>Greece:</u> Enemy shipping in Navarino Bay attacked during daylight by 17 B-24's, which secure 45 near misses. One of our bombers damaged by intercepting enemy aircraft 3 ME-109's and 1 Macchi-202 are destroyed.</p> | <p>(Cont'd) for first time.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Yunnan: Wanling bombed by 2 B-25's.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> It is rptd. that 800 Japanese embark at Akyab for Rathedaung.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Yunnan: 4 B-25's and 5 P-40's, operating from Kunming, bomb bridge S of Wanling, enemy camp at Wanling, and bridge at Lungling. Heavy AA at Wanling.</p> <p>SS Mikoyan (Russian cargo ship, 2,332 tons) sunk by sub at 19-15 N, 84-54 E.</p> | <p>(Cont'd) <u>New Britain:</u> In raid on Rabaul, 6 B-17's hit and set on fire 2 enemy transports, cause large explosion on Lakunai airdrome, and score possible hits on a cruiser and an unidentified vessel.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Japanese withdrawal from Owen Stanley Range continuing, with United Nations forward units past Menari. The Sirorata bridge S of Wairopi on track from Buna to Kokoda destroyed by 2 P-400's, while 3 A-20's strafe huts and trails in Myola area. 8 P-400's score hits on Wairopi bridge and approaches.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Further enemy landings effected at night at Tassafaronga and Visale on Guadalcanal. United Nations planes opposing landings score 3 hits on enemy CA, bomb enemy vessels landing supplies, enemy troops and supply dumps. Enemy-occupied towns on NW coast of Guadalcanal (Marovovo, Tenaro, Kukumbona, Pt. Cruz) also attacked by air; at least 11 Zeros shot down. Enemy bombers, escorted by about 30 Zero fighters, attempt to raid our installations on Guadalcanal; 11 enemy fighters destroyed, 1 U.S. plane lost. No bombs dropped.</p> <p>Possible torp. hits scored on 3 CL and 2 AK near Buin by 10 RAAF Beauforts.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">.</p> | <p><u>Iraq:</u> The Iraq Premier resigns because of internal difficulties and disagreement over the terms of the British Protocol concerning the settlement of Poles in Iraq.</p> <p><u>Russia:</u> Premier Joseph Stalin, in a letter to an AP representative in Moscow, says that Allied aid to Russia has been "little effective" and that "in order to amplify and improve this aid, only one thing is required: that the Allies fulfill their obligations fully and on time."</p> <p><u>U.S.:</u> President Roosevelt establishes an Office of Economic Stabilization with Associate Supreme Court Justice James F. Byrnes as director.</p> | <p>3</p> |

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| 4 | <p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Aerial photos of Kiska show renewed construction of semi-permanent buildings, underground storage facilities, and sandbag revetments around buildings and tents. Enemy transport with deck load of landing barges reported at Gertrude Cove, Kiska. SS John Winthrop (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons) overdue and presumed lost in North Atlantic.</p> | <p>SS Caribstar (U.S. cargo ship, 2,592 tons) torp. and sunk at 08-30 N, 59-37 W. SS Aneroid (Panamanian cargo ship, 5,074 tons) torp. and sunk at 08-24 N, 59-12 W. SS Athlebrae (British tanker, 641 tons) sunk by mir. at 10-03 N, 61-15 W.</p> | <p>SS Robert H. Colley (U.S. tanker, 11,651 tons) sunk by enemy action at 59-06 N, 26-16 W.</p> | <p>Russia: Germans claim storming of Elkhotovo and Verkhne Kurp. With the capture of Elkhotovo, the southern arm of the Grozny pincers is only 7 mi. from Darg Kokh, the northern end of the Ossetian Military Highway. Fierce fighting continues in Stalingrad area, with enemy continuing to gain ground slowly.</p> | |

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| <p><u>Egypt:</u> No change in situation.</p> | <p><u>Burma:</u> Loiwing airfield bombed by 2 B-25's operating from Dinjan; 7 hits made on runway. Two small river craft and a large steamer at Katha machine-gunned by same planes.</p> | <p>(Cont'd) Allied planes again bomb enemy installations at Rekata Bay, and to the N strafe converted enemy radio boat in Kapingamarangi Lagoon; on Rugurearu I., in this lagoon, 3 small docks, a radio tower and 2 buildings seen. Allied planes destroy or damage 15 landing barges at Viru Harbor. <u>New Guinea:</u> Enemy withdrawal in Owen Stanley Range continues past Efogi, with no major engagement. A United Nations patrol raids Mubo killing 25 Japanese. Huts at Efogi and Myola strafed by 3 A-20's. Buna-Kokoda track, including the Wairopi bridge is again attacked by total of 2 B-25's and 8 P-40's. <u>Solomon Is.:</u> Enemy CA, hit by Allied planes on 3d, again attacked by Allied planes, which score 2 torp. hits. United Nations planes bomb and strafe enemy troops and supply dumps on Guadalcanal. Single Allied plane scores hits on runway and among parked planes on airdrome at Buka. In night attack on same airdrome by 4 RAAF PBV's, hits cause explosion and fires and an enemy plane is destroyed. Gizo harbor installations bombed by United Nations aircraft. <u>New Guinea:</u> United Nations ground forces advance on Myola from Efogi without opposition. Eight P-40's strafe trail from</p> | <p>.. .. .</p> | <p>.. .. .</p> | <p>4</p> |

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| 5 | <p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Enemy transport sighted 4th at Gertrude Harbor, Kiska, attacked by 3 B-24's. No hits but 2 near misses scored.</p> <p><u>Greenland:</u> Large plane, identity unestablished, rptd. flying over Scoresby area.</p> | <p>SS William A. McKenny (U.S. tanker, 6,153 tons) shelled by sub, set afire, and sunk at 08-37 N, 59-51 W.</p> | <p>Germany: Aachen attacked at night by about 250 aircraft; good concentration of fires in town and many scattered fires rptd.</p> | <p>Russia: In the NW of the Caucasian front, the enemy appears to be continuing over difficult terrain his slow advance on Tuapse. Bombing of Tuapse Harbor by German bombers rptd. by Berlin. Russians claim gains SE of Novorossisk during night. Enemy advance from 2 directions on Grozny area apparently continuing slowly. In Stalingrad area, enemy claims further gains in N district of city. A renewed Soviet attack on Voronezh bridgehead rptd. Enemy offensive SE of Lake Ilmen, an attempt to straighten and shorten line between Rzhev and Lake Ladoga, continues. Russians announce sinking of 10,000-ton enemy transport in Baltic Sea.</p> | <p>.. . . .</p> |

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| <p><u>Egypt:</u> At night, British raid Axis garrison on western end of El Ruweisat Ridge, killing 25-30 enemy. No change in position results. Enemy air inactive, but Tobruk bombed at night by United Nations planes.</p> | <p><u>Burma:</u> 14 Blenheims bomb airfields at Yenangyaung, damaging buildings and derricks and scoring hits on barracks and AA positions at Kalewa, and setting fires in the Sihaung-Myauk area.</p> <p><u>India:</u> Enemy planes have made recon. flights over NE Assam for the past 3 days.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>“the Gap” to Buna.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Carrier-based Navy planes attack enemy shipping in northern Solomons with following results: enemy CA, transport, AV, and 2 AK's damaged; enemy cruiser and DD strafed near Shortland I., where 4 enemy 4-engine flying boats, 2 sea-planes, and 2 bombers are also destroyed, and 6 other planes damaged.</p> <p>Kieta airdrome bombed by United Nations planes.</p> <p>At night, Navy and Marine Corps dive bombers and torp. planes from Guadalcanal sink 1 and damage another of a force of 6 enemy DD's at NW end of the island.</p> <p>Navy comq. announces that USS Grunion (submarine) is overdue in Pacific and presumed lost.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> 11 B-17's attack Vunakanau and Lakunai airdromes at Rabaul, probably destroying 4 of 15-20 intercepting Zeros.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Japanese troops withdrawing farther northward. Sanananda village strafed and bombed by 7 A-20's.</p> <p>In 2 attacks on enemy convoy NE of Buna by total of 8 B-25's, 2 Zeros shot down, 1 probably. A 3d flight of 6 B-17's, unable to locate convoy, bombs Buna airdrome.</p> | <p><u>Ellice Is.:</u> Enemy air recon. over Funafuti and Nukufetau rptd.</p> | <p><u>Argentina:</u> The Federal Government takes over the government of Corrientes Province, thus neutralizing the fact that this was a stronghold of General Justo.</p> <p><u>Denmark:</u> German-Danish relations strained, with immediate cause, German desire to station a regiment of Danish volunteers in Denmark.</p> | <p>5</p> |

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| 6 | <p>Aleutian Is.: Enemy installations at Gertrude Cove and Kiska Harbor damaged by 8 B-24's escorted by 8 P-38's and 10 P-39's. Our fighters strafe and damage radio station and set fire to 1 and damage 2d of 5 float fighters on water. Bombers start fires in camp area and leave 1 ship burning and sinking in harbor. AA fire intensified. Bombs dropped on freighter which was attacked by 3 B-24's on 5th. .SS Larry Doheny (U.S. tanker, 7,038 tons) torp. and sunk S of Portland, Oregon.</p> | <p>.....</p> | <p>Germany: Osnabrueck successfully raided at night by over 200 RAF planes; large fires concentrated in center of town and at main railway station. SS Jessie Maersk (British cargo ship, 1,972 tons) torp. and sunk by E-boat off Sheringham (SE England). SS Ightham (British cargo ship, 1,337 tons) mined and sunk off Sheringham, England.</p> | <p>Russia: Enemy col. astride Armavir-Tuapse R.R. and highway and advancing on Tuapse from the E appears to be making progress. Enemy col. headed S from Novorossisk fails to gain ground, according to Moscow. In Stalingrad area, Russians claim gains NW of city, while Germans claim encirclement of Soviet group in this area. Germans report further gains SE of Lake Ilmen.</p> | <p>.....</p> |
| 7 | <p>SS Milcrest (British cargo ship, 5,283 tons) torp. or rammed and sunk at 44-00 N, 62-00 W. SS Lifland (British cargo ship, 2,254 tons) overdue and presumed lost in North Atlantic.</p> | <p>SS John Carter Rose (U.S. cargo ship, 7,100 tons) sunk at 10-12 N, 50-35 W. SS Flensburg (Dutch cargo ship, 6,421 tons) torp. and sunk at 10-15 N, 45-50 W.</p> | <p>.....</p> | <p>Russia: In one sector of Mozdok area, Russians admit withdrawal. Germans claim capture of oil city of Malgobek. In Stalingrad area, situation appears to be little changed, with enemy position growing slowly but steadily stronger. Germans claim to be making progress in spite of stiff enemy resistance SE of Lake Ilmen.</p> | <p>.....</p> |

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| <p><u>Egypt:</u> No ground activity. U.S. B-24 D aircraft attack enemy shipping in Benghazi Harbor at dusk. Near misses claimed on merchant vessel and hits scored on harbor facilities. Strong enemy fighter and AA opposition encountered. RAF successfully bombs enemy MT and ammunition and fuel dumps in battle area and sea-plane base at Bomba.</p> <p>Week ending 6th, 21,000 of the 34,000 tons of Axis shipping bound from Europe to Africa were sunk.</p> <p><u>Crete:</u> Maleme airdrome attacked by British bombers at night; aircraft destroyed on ground and large fires started.</p> <p>SS Andalucia Star (British cargo ship, 14,943 tons) torp. and sunk 130 mi. SW of Freetown.</p> | <p><u>Burma:</u> Bridge across river at Manwing, 10 mi. SE of Loiwing bombed by 1 B-25. Approach destroyed and several hits scored on bridge itself. AA fire at Lakang.</p> | <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Buka airdrome bombed by 3 RAAF PBY's; large fire started. Single RAAF PBY attacks Buin airdrome at night.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Our forces occupy Kagi and are in sight of Myola.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> 3 RAAF Hudsons make unsuccessful attack on oil tanks at Boela, Ceram.</p> | <p><u>Ellice Is.:</u> Enemy air recon. over Funafuti and Nukufetau continues.</p> | <p><u>Norway:</u> Terboven, Reich Commissar for occupied Norway, declares a state of emergency in entire Trondheim district. Mass arrests and executions follow, as Nazis attempt to terrorize Norway.</p> | 6 |
| <p><u>Egypt:</u> In northern and central sectors night patrolling continues. Strongpoint at W end of El Ruweisat Ridge, captured night or 5/6 by British, now reoccupied by Axis. Continued attacks by RAF on enemy fuel and motor transport depots meet with heavy AA fire but little fighter opposition. Allied planes attack Tobruk and enemy merchant vessel at night; results unobserved.</p> <p><u>Crete:</u> U.S. B-24 aircraft successfully attack enemy tanker at Suda Bay and targets along</p> | <p><u>Burma:</u> Warehouse SW of Mogaung destroyed by United Nations planes; damage to jetty at Akyab. Fighter shoots down Japanese Army 97 heavy bomber.</p> | <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Enemy continues to land troops on Guadalcanal at night. At least 200 enemy troops rptd. at Viru Harbor.</p> <p><u>Goodenough I.:</u> An estimated 300 Japanese troops still remain on Goodenough I., where their camp at Iia Mission is strafed by 2 RAAF Beau-fighters.</p> | | <p><u>Russia:</u> Malgobek, claimed captured by the Germans, is a small oil town in center of the Malgobek field (Grozny area). The field was opened in 1934 and produced about 800,000 tons in 1939. The town is on a pipeline between Grozny and Vrezka, which is on the main pipeline between Grozny and Armavir.</p> | 7 |

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| 8 | <p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Enemy installations on Kiska attacked by 6 B-24's, 3 B-17's, escorted by 12 P-38's. Three fires started in main camp area, and no enemy air opposition met. Fighters strafe AA positions W of submarine base as well as seaplane hangars, and a freighter in harbor set on fire. At NE end of island, a small corvette is severely damaged by strafing and its AA guns silenced. In 2d attack, 3 B-24's unsuccessfully bomb large freighter in Gertrude Cove.</p> | | | <p><u>Russia:</u> Enemy appears to be making slow progress on Caucasian front. Germans claim annihilation of encircled Soviets NW of Stalingrad, while Russians claim repulse of attacks in this area. On the central front, Germans report capture of a mountain position W of Kaluga in Sukhinichi area. On the northern front, Berlin claims capture of several enemy positions W of Kandalaskaya on Lapland front. Moscow announces sinking of 2 enemy transports by Russian warships in the Baltic.</p> | |

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| <p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>African coast; 5 hits and 7 near misses claimed on tanker, which is believed destroyed. Suda Bay again attacked by Halifaxes at night. Results not rptd.</p> <p><u>Madagascar:</u> RAF raids Ihoay; 2 French planes destroyed, 2 damaged.</p> <p>Enemy sub campaign against Allied shipping in S Atlantic launched.</p> <p>SS Chickasaw City (U.S. cargo ship, 6,196 tons) torp. and sunk 65 mi. W. of Capetown.</p> <p>SS Firethorn (Panamanian cargo ship, 4,700 tons) torp. and sunk in Capetown area.</p> <p>SS Koumoundouros (Greek cargo ship, 3,596 tons) torp. and sunk at 34-20 S, 18-30 E.</p> <p><u>Egypt:</u> Operations limited to small-scale air activities.</p> <p>Large-scale enemy sub operations continue. Following Allied ships are torp. and sunk:</p> <p>SS Boringia (British cargo ship, 5,821 tons) and SS Clan MacTavish (British cargo ship, 7,631 tons) sunk at 35-09 S, 16-32 E.</p> <p>SS Pantelis (Greek cargo ship, 3,845 tons) sunk at 34-20 S, 17-50 E.</p> <p>SS Glendene (British cargo ship, 4,412 tons) sunk 350 mi. SW of Freetown.</p> <p>SS Swiftsure (U.S. tanker, 8,206 tons) sunk 20 mi. NW of Capetown.</p> <p>SS City of Athens</p> | <p><u>Hong Kong:</u> Japanese 48th Div. rptd. to have departed from Hong Kong area wearing tropical uniform.</p> | <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Japanese infiltration into NW part of Guadalcanal continuing. Enemy surface force consisting of a cruiser and 5 DD's, engaged in covering landings in this area, attacked by United Nations planes; cruiser severely damaged by torp. hit and bomb hits. In ensuing air battle, 4 enemy seaplanes are shot down; 2 Allied planes are lost.</p> <p>Buka airdrome bombed at night by 3 RAAF PBY's; 2 large fires started.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> 4 RAAF PBY's attack Rabaul at night, setting beacon fires for 30 B-17's, which attack heavily at dawn (9th). Over 40 tons of bombs</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">.</p> | <p><u>Peru:</u> The Government of Peru closes the German Bank of Lima. This dismembers the most important German nucleus left in Peru.</p> <p><u>Germany:</u> German H. C. announces that British prisoners captured at Dieppe will be fettered. British War Office warns Germans that if this threat is carried out, an equal number of German prisoners will be fettered.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">8</p> |

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| 9 | <p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Total of 10 B-24's and 7 B-17's escorted by 4 P-39's and 8 P-38's, in 6 low altitude attacks, damage enemy installations at Kiska, night of 9/10. Possible hits made on 2 small cargo vessels in Kiska Harbor and hits observed on North Head and in sea-plane and submarine base. Two gun emplacements and a freighter strafed. No enemy air opposition encountered, but AA fire fairly heavy.</p> <p>SS Carolus (British cargo ship, 2,245 tons) torped. and sunk at 48-47 N, 68-10 W.</p> | | <p><u>France:</u> In heaviest daylight raid to date, locomotive, steel, and wagon works at Lille, and airdromes at St. Omer and Courtrai attacked by total of 65 U.S. B-17's and 10 U.S. B-24's escorted by strong force of RAF and U.S. fighters. More than 100 enemy planes damaged or destroyed. Diver-sion sweep by 7 B-17's over occupied territory meets no opposition.</p> | <p><u>Russia:</u> On the Caucasian front, Germans claim capture of several more hills after bitter fighting. Russians report repulse of enemy attacks in Mozdok area. Russians appear to be consolidating their positions in the Stalingrad area. Germans claim important gains SE of Lake Ilmen after several days of fighting in which 5 Soviet divs. and 2 rifle brigades are rptd. destroyed or dispersed. Night air attack on Soviet air-ports on Kola Bay rptd. by Berlin.</p> | |

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| <p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>(British cargo ship, 6,558 tons) sunk in Capetown area. SS Sarthe (British cargo ship, 5,271 tons) sunk in Capetown area. SS Gaasterkerk (Dutch cargo ship, 8,879 tons) sunk in Capetown area.</p> <p><u>Egypt:</u> No ground activity. United Nations air operations increase sharply. Low level attacks on landing grounds in El Daba area result in destruction of 8 enemy planes and damage to 18 on the ground. Our fighter escort accounts for 10 destroyed and 11 destroyed or damaged. A motor ammunition train successfully attacked. 12 U.S. B-24's score hits on Benghazi Harbor. Results obscured by heavy AA fire. One ME-109 shot down. SS Examelia (U.S. cargo ship, 4,981 tons) torp. and sunk 200 mi. S of Cape of Good Hope. SS Belgian Fighter (Belgian cargo ship, 5,403 tons) torp. and sunk 20 mi. S of Cape of Good Hope. SS Coloradan (U.S. cargo ship, 6,557 tons) torp. and sunk</p> | <p><u>Burma:</u> 18 Blenheims bomb Pakoku airdrome, 60 mi. SW of Mandalay scoring 19 hits on runways. Railway SW of Mandalay also bombed. AA fire heavy and accurate.</p> | <p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>dropped, starting fires visible for 80 mi. This is rptd. as heaviest air raid in SW Pacific to date. <u>New Guinea:</u> Enemy withdrawal in Owen Stanley area slows; Allied forward units contact small enemy rear parties N of Myola. Undetermined number of additional enemy troops move into Mubo and a single enemy plane reconnoiters "the Gap" S of Kokoda. Enemy installations in Buna Wairopi area harassed by 3 A-20's. <u>Tanimbar Is.:</u> Saumlakki area strafed by 5 RAAF Hudsons.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> United Nations aircraft attack enemy force of 2 CL's and 4 DD's N of New Georgia I., scoring direct hit on one CL and slightly damaging the other; 3 enemy seaplanes are shot down. Enemy AA installations at Rekata Bay bombed by United Nations planes and enemy seaplanes strafed on water. <u>New Britain:</u> Rabaul again bombed in force by 21 U.S. heavy bombers, night of 9/10, after 7 RAAF PBY's light up target. Hits scored on Lakunai airdrome and on the town; fires visible for 90 mi. <u>New Guinea:</u> Lae airdrome attacked by 14 B-25's in conjunction with 9 RAAF Beaufighters; hits scored on runway and installations and an ammunition dump is destroyed.</p> | <p>.. .. .</p> | <p><u>Russia:</u> Political Commissars in the Soviet Army abolished. <u>Chile:</u> Transradio in Chile suspends code service to non-American countries, the protest of the German Embassy to no avail. <u>Ethiopia:</u> Ethiopia becomes 30th nation to join the United Nations.</p> | <p>9</p> |

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| 10 | <p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Hangar and camp area at Kiska Harbor attacked by 4 B-17's escorted by 4 P-38's, which drop magnesium and demolition bombs from 100'. Large fires result. Fighters strafe AA positions. No enemy air opposition is met.</p> <p>Unidentified ship torp. and sunk at 47-36 N, 56-24 W.</p> | | | <p><u>Russia:</u> Russians report successes SE of Novorossisk where fierce battles have been in progress for several days. In the Stalingrad area, Moscow announces that Russian troops are digging in. NW of the city, Soviets report continued improvement of positions and engagements of local importance. Germans report that Russian relief attacks against the "north-wall" are unsuccessful. Berlin reports shelling and bombing of city and river communications as far S as the mouth of the Volga, where 2 Soviet gunboats are rptd. sunk by arty. fire. No significant action rptd. on the central and northern fronts.</p> | |
| 11 | <p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Hits made on main camp area at Kiska by 6 B-24's flying at moderate altitude. No air opposition encountered.</p> <p>Vessel believed to be sub decoy ship, armed with 3 forward deck guns and submerged torp. tubes, operating S of Kiska.</p> | | <p><u>Germany:</u> Hannover and other points in western Germany bombed by RAF Mosquitos during daylight.</p> <p><u>France:</u> Daylight sweeps made by 16 sqdns. of Spitfires over Dunkerque-Dieppe area.</p> <p><u>England:</u> Tyneside raided by 8 enemy aircraft.</p> | <p><u>Russia:</u> In the NW Caucasus, Germans claim further hill-top positions, and report encirclement of a Soviet group. Russians claim advances in the Mozdok area and in the region SE of Novorossisk. Strong Axis air attack on the oil refinery district of Grozny rptd. by Berlin. In the Stalingrad</p> | <p><u>Malta:</u> Enemy resumes large-scale air operations against Malta. Air-dromes attacked, in 6 raids, by total of more than 200 Axis planes; 15 enemy aircraft shot down, 3 probably destroyed, and at least 22 damaged. One Spitfire missing.</p> |

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| <p>(Cont'd) at 35-47 S, 14-34 E. SS Oronsay (British troop transport, 20,043 tons) attacked and sunk 520 mi. SW of Freetown.</p> <p><u>Egypt:</u> Ground activity limited to patrolling in N-sector during night. Air action subsides to normal. United Nations fighters, attacking El Daba, claim hits on grounded aircraft. 9 U.S. B-24's attack Benghazi, scoring hits in dock area and near misses on an enemy vessel; strong and accurate AA fire encountered. The enemy uses fighter-bombers in central sector.</p> <p><u>Madagascar:</u> British forward units reach Haka, 37 mi. S of Antsirabe. SS Duchess of Athol (British cargo ship, 20,119 tons) torp. and abandoned at 07-03 S, 11-12 W.</p> | <p><u>Burma:</u> Unconfirmed report that 1500 Japanese arrive at Kalewa.</p> | <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Enemy appears inactive in the Buna, Salamaua, and Lae areas, except for some repair work on Lae airdrome. 6 B-25's drop bombs on a possible camouflaged vessel in Mambare Bay and on Wairopi bridge. Wairopi-Kokoda track strafed by 3 A-20's. <u>N.E.I.:</u> In Timor the situation appears quiet; 3 RAAF Hudsons bomb Dilli, setting fires in the town.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">.</p> | <p><u>China:</u> The United States and Great Britain announce that they will undertake negotiations with China for the relinquishing of extraterritorial rights. <u>Spain:</u> The Official Bulletin publishes an order which makes it unnecessary for former members of the Nationalist forces applying for government jobs to prove membership in the Falange. <u>Germany:</u> German H. C. announces that 3 British prisoners will be fettered for every German prisoner in England. <u>Canada:</u> Canadian National Defense Ministry announces that 1,376 German prisoners in Canada have been placed in chains in reprisal for Nazi treatment of Dieppe prisoners. <u>Angola:</u> An American consulate established at Luanda, Angola.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">10</p> |
| <p><u>Egypt:</u> Patrolling and air activity continue. RAF attacks forward enemy areas, while enemy carries out moderate bombing attacks over central and southern zones. Enemy fighter-bomber attack on Amiriya area intercepted and 1 ME-109 destroyed. RAF scores hit on Italian DD N of Derna.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">.</p> | <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> United Nations positions on N shore of Guadalcanal extended westward after 2 days of offensive operations. Enemy troops and installations on island strafed by Army fighters. Enemy force of about 35 bombers and 30 fighters attempt to attack Allied positions on Guadalcanal.</p> | <p><u>Ellice Is.:</u> Four vessels, presumably Japanese, rptd. approaching Funafuti Lagoon.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">11</p> |

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| | | | | (Cont'd) area, Russians and Germans report arty duels. Moscow re- ports that Soviet ships sink 5 enemy transports in the Baltic. | |
| 12 | | SS SteelScientist (U.S. cargo ship, 5,688 tons) torp. and sunk 60 mi. E of French Guiana. | Germany: Total of 59 RAF planes dispatched to Wis- mar and nearby Dornier factory at night. In spite of poor visibility, large fires could be seen. | Russia: Russians report successful counterattacks SE of Novorossisk and advances in Mozdok area, while Ger- mans claim destruc- tion of a Soviet group along the road to Tuapse. In the Stalingrad area, Russians report re- pulse of infantry and tank attacks; Germans claim an- nihilation of a Red Army group in the city. In the Lenin- grad area, Germans claim to have re- duced a Soviet bridgehead on the E bank of the Neva, and to have forced Red Army units back across the river. | Malta: Air- dromes again at- tacked during night of 11/12 and 12th by about 300 enemy planes. Intercept- ing Spitfires force several JU-88's to jettison their bombs in the sea. Twenty-four enemy aircraft destroyed, 13 probably de- stroyed, and 29 damaged. Five Spitfires lost. Night of 12/13, 2 of 17 enemy air- craft approaching the island are shot down. |

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| <p>(Cont'd)</p> <p><u>Crete:</u> Large enemy merchant ship left afire and sinking when 8 B-24 D's and 9 B-24's attack convoy of 2 AK's and 3 DD's off Crete. Enemy AA fire heavy but inaccurate, and 3 of 9 enemy fighters destroyed.</p> <p><u>Madagascar:</u> British cross. Mania R. and are now slightly N of Ambositra. French forces est. at 3,400 are in a position to make a stand at Mahasoia, about 60 mi. S of Ambositra.</p> <p><u>Egypt:</u> Egyptian front remains quiet. British air attacks concentrated on forward areas and communications lines. A probable hit and several near misses on a ship in Tobruk Harbor results from raid by 6 U.S. B-17's. AA fire moderate. At night Tobruk again attacked by RAF.</p> | <p><u>Burma:</u> A single Hudson bombs a 2,000-ton ship off the Burma coast, obtaining 1 hit amidships.</p> <p>United Nations planes score 8 hits in vicinity of police barracks at Kalewa and hit small enemy cargo ship SW of Cheduba I., W of Taungpu.</p> <p>Japanese aircraft make recon. flights over Dinjan and Digobi.</p> | <p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>but are repulsed with loss of 8 bombers and 4 Zero fighters. During night of 11/12, an Allied naval force near Savo I. engages enemy force attempting to land troops on Guadalcanal, forcing enemy to withdraw: 1 enemy CA, 4 DD's and 1 transport are sunk; a U.S. DD is sunk.</p> <p>Single RAAF Hudson attacks and sets on fire a possible seaplane tender with 12 Zero-type planes on deck 50 mi. S of St. George Channel.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Some enemy forces rptd. on trail between Myola and Templetons Crossing, and about 200 enemy troops appear to have moved NW into the Markham Valley from Lae. 3 A-20's escorted by 8 P-400's bomb village near Wairopi and barges in Buna area.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> United Nations planes pursuing retreating enemy vessels, badly damaged at least 1 additional CA and set on fire another DD near New Georgia I. 6 B-17's bomb Buka airdrome, starting fires and destroying or damaging 10 planes on ground. Tonolei Harbor (Buin) also bombed and 1 enemy AK set on fire, another damaged. 6 Zeros intercept at Buka and 20 at Tonolei; 6 are destroyed. 6 RAAF Catalinas bomb Buka airdrome at night, starting fires and explosions.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> United Nations ground forces advance slightly between</p> | <p>.. . . .</p> | <p><u>Chile:</u> New Chilean pro-Axis party La Union Nacionalista holds its first Congress. This party is a successor to the National Socialist Party.</p> <p><u>Norway:</u> State of emergency rptd. lifted.</p> <p><u>U.S.:</u> Attorney General Francis Biddle, in a Columbus Day speech, announces that Italians in the U. S. shall be treated as "friendly aliens."</p> | <p>12</p> |

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| 13 | <p>Enemy subs attack large east-bound United Nations convoy about 350 mi. E of Labrador with the following results: SS Fagersten (Norwegian cargo ship 2,342 tons) and SS Ashworth (British cargo ship, 5,227 tons) torp. and sink while in tow.</p> <p>Same convoy again attacked 400 mi. S of Greenland and the following vessels are torp. and sunk: SS Nellie (Greek cargo ship, 4,826 tons); SS Nikolina Matkovic (Yugoslavian cargo ship, 3,672 tons); SS Susana (U.S. cargo ship 5,929 tons); SS Empire Mersey (British cargo ship 5,791 tons); SS Southern Empress (British tanker, 12,398 tons); SS Senta (Norwegian cargo ship, 3,785 tons).</p> | ... | <p>Germany: About 300 RAF bombers attack Kiel at night, starting many fires in town and dock area.</p> <p>Iceland: One German Condor drops 2 bombs on a N Iceland fishing village without causing damage.</p> | <p>Russia: SE of Novorossisk, Soviets report that their marines make gains and improve their positions; Soviets also report successes in Mozdok area. Germans claim annihilation of another Red Army group in NW Caucasus, and report that night raids by Luftwaffe bombers cause more fires in the Grozny sector. Air, arty., and mortar duels rptd. in Stalingrad area. In one sector, Soviets report recapture of some ground lost the previous day. Germans report that weather conditions are growing steadily worse in central and northern sectors, where operations are limited to arty. and recon. activity.</p> | <p>Malta: 107 Spitfires intercept 219 enemy planes attempting to raid Luqa airdrome. Bombs fall wide of target and cause no damage. 19 enemy aircraft shot down, 7 probably destroyed, 20 damaged. One Spitfire missing.</p> |

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| <p><u>Egypt:</u> Land activity at a standstill except for clearing of enemy mine field in N and increased movement of Axis MT along rear of whole line. United Nations fighters intercept heavily escorted Stukas, destroying 2 bombers, 1 ME-109, and damaging 7 other planes. Tobruk Harbor bombed by 3 U.S. B-17 E's; 2 direct hits scored on large merchant vessel and lighter destroyed. Single intercepting Macchi fighter probably destroyed.</p> <p><u>Madagascar:</u> British capture French position just N of Ambositra in the evening.</p> <p>SS Empire Nomad (British cargo ship, 7,167 tons) torped and sunk at 36-35 S, 16-18 E.</p> | | <p>Templetons Crossing and Myola. Enemy AA position at Buna silenced by 3 B-25's. 3 A-20's escorted by 7 P-400's bomb and strafe Buna-Kokoda track. Bombs dropped near Wairopi bridge by 3 B-25's.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.;</u> Dilli, Timor attacked by single Hudson; results unobserved.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Airfield at Guadalcanal bombed twice by enemy aircraft; 3 enemy planes shot down. Enemy planes unsuccessfully attack ships landing U.S. reinforcements on Guadalcanal. Japanese naval vessels shell United Nations installations at night; 3 hits scored on enemy DD's by our shore batteries.</p> <p>Enemy force is rptd. to have a wireless station E coast of Vella Lavella (New Georgia group).</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> 15 B-17's, in early morning, drop 30 tons of bombs on Vunakanau and Lakunai airdromes at Rabaul, causing large fire and explosions at Vunakanau and scoring hits among grounded aircraft at Lakunai.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Enemy forced back one mile in Myola area. 3 RAAF Beaufighters escorted by 7 P-400's strafe barges on beach at Sanananda. Single B-17 bombs Buna.</p> | | <p><u>England:</u> Churchill tells House of Commons that British Government, through the Swiss Government, has offered to untie German prisoners if Germans unshackle British captives.</p> <p><u>Argentina:</u> Pro-Axis and anti-U.S. feeling in Argentina demonstrated at a Nationalist Youth Alliance meeting attended by 18,000 persons.</p> | 13 |

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| 14 | <p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> An attack on Kiska by 9 B-24's, 1 B-17, 3 B-26's, and 12 P-38's results in destruction of the 3 remaining enemy float planes. Fires are started in seaplane hangar area and at submarine base, and a heavy explosion of a fuel or an ammunition dump rptd. as a result of the fire. Attack is unopposed by air.</p> <p>SS Caribou (British cargo ship, 2,222 tons) torp. and sunk at 47-19 N, 59-29 W.</p> <p>Enemy subs continue to shadow and attack United Nations eastbound convoy without further loss to convoy.</p> | | <p><u>Iceland:</u> An enemy bomber over Iceland is attacked and damaged by our intercepting fighters. Using 2-motored and 4-motored planes, the enemy continues regular recon. of this area.</p> | <p><u>Russia:</u> Germans claim additional mountain positions in the Caucasus on the Maikop-Tuapse road. Russians report that enemy tanks have penetrated their defenses in one sector of the Mozdok area. In the Stalingrad area, air and arty. duels continue. On the central front, enemy claims capture of a Soviet strong-point. Soviet gunboat on the Gulf of Finland rptd. set on fire by German planes.</p> | <p><u>Malta:</u> Takali airdrome temporarily unserviceable as result of raid by 220 enemy planes. 108 defensive Spitfire sorties flown. 23 enemy aircraft destroyed, 9 probably destroyed, 24 damaged as against 6 Spitfires lost.</p> <p>At night 24 enemy planes approach; one shot down.</p> |
| 15 | <p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> 3 B-26's make low altitude attack on Gertrude Cove, Kiska I. Hits made on a cargo vessel cause explosion and large fire. One of our planes shot down by AA fire. United Nations recon. bomber drops bombs on remaining building at Attu and on return, bombs Kiska camp area and photographs burning ship.</p> <p>SS Trafalgar (Norwegian cargo ship, 6,542 tons), torp. and sunk at 25-30 N, 52-00 W.</p> | | <p><u>Germany:</u> More than 250 United Nations planes successfully raid Cologne, night of 15/16.</p> <p><u>France:</u> 23 heavily escorted Bostons make daylight raid on docks at Le Havre; hit claimed on an enemy ship.</p> | <p><u>Russia:</u> In the NW Caucasus, enemy col. astride the Maikop-Tuapse road appears to be making further gains. Russians report repulse of enemy attacks in Mozdok area. In the battle for Stalingrad, Russians admit withdrawal in area of a factory settlement, while Germans report deep penetration into the northern district of the city. Berlin reports effective air raids against shipping on lower Volga. On the central front, enemy claims improvement of his position at one point. In the far north, Germany reports air raid on Soviet military installations E of Kola Bay.</p> | <p><u>Malta:</u> Enemy makes 251 sorties on Malta, while British make 110 defensive sorties. 14 enemy planes destroyed, 4 probably, 13 damaged; 4 Spitfires missing.</p> |

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| <p><u>Egypt:</u> No change in situation. Tobruk Harbor bombed by United Nations planes.</p> <p><u>Madagascar:</u> British forces have occupied Ambositra.</p> | <p><u>Burma:</u> 2 P-40's, operating from Dinjan, strafe enemy barracks at Lonkin. Heavy AA fire over Myitkyina.</p> | <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Our planes strafe and damage 9 enemy planes on beach at Rekata Bay during morning. In afternoon, enemy makes 2 attacks on airfield at Guadalcanal with 25 and 15 bombers, respectively. Our fighters intercept 2d flight, destroying 9 bombers and 4 fighters. In renewed naval shelling of United Nations positions on Guadalcanal, night of 14/15, our torp. boats claim probable torp. hit on enemy cruiser.</p> <p><u>Goodenough I.:</u> Possible enemy position on W coast bombed by 2 RAAF Hudsons.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Lae airdrome bombed by 3 B-25's; results unobserved.</p> | <p><u>New Hebrides:</u> Enemy ship, probably sub, on night of 14/15, shells Espiritu Santo.</p> | <p><u>Russia:</u> The Soviet Government advocates immediate trial and punishment of the leaders of Fascist Germany imprisoned by United Nations, as opposed to U.S. and British plans for post-war trials.</p> <p>Political Commissars in the Soviet Navy abolished.</p> | 14 |
| <p><u>Egypt:</u> Patrols active on Egyptian front. Dust storms limit other activities. Tobruk Harbor and Sollum bombed at night by 29 Wellingtons. Moderate enemy air activity.</p> | <p><u>Burma:</u> 12 B-25's, escorted by 11 P-40's, bomb Lashio town and airdrome. Entire SW section of city set on fire. Blaze visible for 40 mi. Direct hits made on intersection of runways and on a warehouse. No enemy activity. All our planes return safely.</p> | <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> In early morning, enemy lands large number of troops at Kokumbona, N coast of Guadalcanal. United Nations aircraft during landing operations damage enemy BB, hit 3 transports, which are later seen beached and burning, shoot down 1 enemy fighter. About 27 enemy bombers attack airfield at Guadalcanal; 3 enemy bombers and 5 fighters shot down. Enemy arty. landed on the island is now shelling our positions. Japanese naval vessels, night of 15/16, again shell Guadalcanal.</p> <p>Our planes, in a night torp. attack on enemy vessels E of Solomons, hit a cruiser.</p> <p>B-17 bombs enemy CL in Faisi area,</p> | <p><u>Gilbert Is.:</u> One enemy destroyer and one merchant ship are damaged, and 2 patrol vessels are sunk by gunfire near Tarawa.</p> | <p><u>Ireland:</u> Royal Ulster Constabulary arrests some of the leading officers of the I.R.A. in Northern Ireland.</p> | 15 |

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| 16 | <p>Aleutian Is.: 6 B-26's attack 2 Japanese destroyers 20 mi. NE of Sirius Point, Kiska. One destroyer believed sunk, other severely damaged.</p> | <p>SS Castle Harbor (British 730-ton ship) torp. and sunk at 11-00 N, 61-10 W.</p> | <p>.. . . .</p> | <p>Russia: Germans claim encirclement and annihilation of Soviet forces SE of Novorossisk and capture of new mountain positions in direction of Tuapse. Russians admit withdrawal of units from one of Stalingrad's settlements, while Germans claim capture of Dzerzhinski tractor works in N part of city. On Murmansk front, several enemy attacks repelled.</p> | <p>Malta: 208 enemy planes over Malta, while Spitfires make 125 sorties. 7 enemy planes destroyed, 6 probably, 14 damaged; 6 Spitfires lost. One aircraft destroyed on ground at airdrome.</p> |

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| <p><u>Egypt:</u> Activity still restricted by weather, but RAF planes attack El Daba area.</p> <p><u>Madagascar:</u> British forces capture Ankorona, 6 mi. S of Ambositra. Southward advance continues.</p> | <p>.....</p> | <p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>forcing it to stop.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Enemy still under pressure from United Nations ground forces at Templetons Crossing. 3 A-20's escorted by 7 P-400's harass enemy line of communications from Buna. Wairopi bridge area bombed by 3 B-25's.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> In Timor, Aileu is bombed successfully by 2 RAAF Hudsons.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> United Nations planes repeatedly attack enemy troops and equipment along NW coast of Guadalcanal, and destroy 2 of the 3 enemy transports beached there with 4 direct bomb hits.</p> <p>An enemy transport set on fire and another damaged off W coast of New Georgia I. by our planes.</p> <p>Our dive bombers attack Rekata Bay, setting on fire 12 enemy seaplanes, shooting down 1 twin-engine bomber and 1 flying boat, and damaging shore installations.</p> <p>During night of 16/17, 5 RAAF PBV's bomb Buka airdrome, probably destroying 20 enemy planes on ground, damaging runways, exploding fuel and ammunition dumps and setting large fires.</p> <p>Buin airdrome bombed at night by 3 B-17's.</p> <p><u>Goodenough I.:</u> Possible enemy positions again strafed by single RAAF Hudson.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Japanese are forced to withdraw from prepared positions on N bank of Foras</p> | <p>.....</p> <p>Diplomatic relations established between the Soviet Union and Cuba.</p> | <p>16</p> |

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| 17 | <p>Aleutian Is.: Enemy installations at Kiska bombed by 5 B-24's from 11,000'. No enemy air opposition encountered and AA fire light.</p> <p>SS Angelina (U.S. cargo ship, 4,772 tons) torp. and sunk at 49-39 N, 30-20 W.</p> | <p>.....</p> | <p>France: 88 Lancasters raid Schneider Armament Works at Le Creusot and a transformer station S of Le Creusot. Hits scored on the steel works, the turbine building shop, the foundry machine shop, the rolling mills, factory buildings and transformer station; many large fires started.</p> <p>Iceland: 3 separate recon. flights made by enemy.</p> | <p>Russia: Russians admit slight enemy gains SE of Novorossisk. Berlin reports that Rumanian troops dislodge Russians from several mountain positions W of Terek R. In Stalingrad area, Russians claim that an enemy penetration to vicinity of a gun factory is checked. Germans report effective raids on RR. lines and roads in Kalinin sector. Russians announce successful attack on Karelian front, claiming capture of an enemy strong-point.</p> | <p>Malta: Enemy makes 245 sorties and 103 defensive Spitfire sorties flown. Enemy formations, with increased fighter escort, intercepted before reaching island; 8 enemy planes shot down, 9 damaged, including 3 by AA fire. 3 Spitfires are missing.</p> |

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| <p><u>Egypt:</u> Operations limited to patrols. SS Empire Chaucer (British cargo ship, 5,970 tons) sunk by sub at 37-30 S, 21-00 E.</p> | <p><u>Burma:</u> United Nations planes strafe 4 stations along RR. N of Myitkyina and bomb 2 villages in the area. Apparent enemy HQS at Washawng strafed.</p> | <p>(Cont'd) Creek. 3 A-20's strafe villages in Buna-Kokoda area, while villages along the Mambare R. are machine-gunned by 3 B-25's. <u>N.E.I.:</u> 3 RAAF Hudsons score direct hits on buildings at Vila de Manatuto, Timor. <u>Solomon Is.:</u> Japanese make 2 air attacks on airfield at Guadalcanal. In 1st attack, all of 14 enemy bombers destroyed as well as 2 fighter planes; in 2d attack by about 15 enemy bombers, 1 is probably destroyed. Our naval vessels, during the morning, shell enemy shore positions on the island, causing heavy explosions and fires; United Nations aircraft during the day also attack enemy shore positions. Japanese naval vessels, night of 17/18, shell our positions. <u>New Britain:</u> Vunakanau airdrome at Rabaul attacked by 7 B-17's in early morning. <u>New Guinea:</u> United Nations ground forces make further progress beyond Eora Creek by encircling movements. Mubo track bombed by 3 B-25's. <u>N.E.I.:</u> Timor: 3 Japanese planes bomb Same.</p> | <p>.. . . .</p> | <p><u>France:</u> In a broadcast to the French people, the Fighting French urge organized resistance to German labor demands. <u>Iran:</u> The political situation in Iran has deteriorated. The position of the cabinet is precarious. The crux of the situation is wheat.</p> | <p>17</p> |

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| 18 | <p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> 4 B-24's attack Kiska from 15,000'. Twenty-four hits made in camp area, and one bomb sets off explosion on sand pit of Trout Lagoon. An enemy 4-engined flying boat is observed in Kiska Harbor.</p> | <p>.....</p> | <p><u>Iceland:</u> Fishing vessel machine-gunned by enemy plane off NE coast.</p> | <p><u>Russia:</u> Germans claim further advances in Novorossisk-Tuapse area and Russians admit enemy penetration to a highway SE of Novorossisk. Berlin announces capture of Red Barricade gun factory at Stalingrad. On the northern front, Germans, in spite of unfavorable weather conditions, continue to attack Soviet transport movements.</p> | <p><u>Malta:</u> Over 250 Axis planes raid airdromes; Hal Far, Luqa, and Takali cratered and engine repair hangar at Kalafrana damaged. 3 enemy aircraft destroyed, 1 probably and 2 damaged. 2 Spitfires lost.</p> |
| 19 | <p>.....</p> | <p>SS Rothley (British cargo ship, 4,996 tons) sunk at 22-34 N, 54-34 W.</p> | <p><u>England:</u> About 35 German planes make scattered raids over East Anglia during the day.</p> | <p><u>Russia:</u> Russians admit withdrawals SE of Novorossisk; claim repulse of enemy attacks in Mozdok area; acknowledge German occupation of one block of buildings in Stalingrad. Germans report mopping up</p> | <p><u>Malta:</u> During preceding night and this day, about 285 enemy planes make 10 raids. No material damage reported. 2 enemy planes shot down and 4 damaged without loss to our forces.</p> |

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| <p><u>Egypt:</u> Ground and air operations minor during day. Air attacks on enemy forward positions increase, night of 18/19.</p> | <p>.....</p> | <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> In early morning total of 22 B-17's, in 4 coordinated attacks, heavily bomb enemy shipping in Buin-Tonolei area, damaging 1 CA, possibly damaging 2 others and 1 AK, destroying or damaging at least 7 float planes, and setting fire to 1 small vessel. Hits also scored on Kihili strip at Buin.</p> <p>Our positions on Guadalcanal attacked by about 20 enemy bombers escorted by equal number of Zero fighters; 8 enemy bombers and 11 Zeros shot down at a cost of 2 of our fighters.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> 9 B-17's score direct hit on enemy ship and start large fires at Lakunai airdrome in a raid on Rabaul.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> United Nations ground forces meet increased resistance but continue to advance toward Kokoda. 3 B-25's strafe Mubo and bomb dock and a village and destroy 1 enemy seaplane at Pilelo I. (74 mi. W. Gasmata). Wairopi bridge area bombed by 3 B-25's. A probable weather-reporting ship in Lorengau (Manus I.) harbor strafed and set on fire by a B-17.</p> | <p><u>Ellice Is.:</u> Aircraft observed 2 mi. W of Nukufetau flying low.</p> <p><u>Loyalty Is.:</u> Sub activity rptd. near Loyalty Is.</p> | <p>.....</p> | <p>18</p> |
| <p><u>Egypt:</u> Ground operations limited to customary patrolling. Enemy landing-grounds bombed by 11 B-25's and 12 RAF bombers, and hits scored among parked aircraft. During the day, United Nations</p> | <p><u>Burma:</u> Enemy plane probably destroyed when intercepted by 1 of our aircraft near Dinjan.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Yunnan: 3 B-25's bomb Tengchung and start 10-15 fires. No enemy activity.</p> | <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Our positions on Guadalcanal raided by enemy planes, 2 of which are shot down. Our dive bombers damage an enemy DD W of Guadalcanal and destroy an enemy seaplane. During night 19/20 our planes damage an</p> | <p><u>Ellice Is.:</u> Distant plane rptd. by Vaitupu.</p> | <p><u>Japan:</u> Japan threatens punishment of flyers committing "atrocious acts" on Japanese-held territory and reports that American pilots captured in Tokio raid of 4/18 have already been punished.</p> | <p>19</p> |

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| | | | | (Cont'd) operations in Stalin- grad factory area. On central front, Germans claim effective raids on Soviet rail move- ments. | |
| 20 | | | Germany: Mos- quitos bomb Bremen Minden and Varel Hafen during the day. | Russia: Russians claim enemy at- tacks in Mozdok area repulsed. Berlin reports ad- vance against strong enemy positions in W Caucasus Moun- tains and conjunction of two advancing forces on road to Tuapse. In Terek sector, Germans claim frustration of Soviet counterat- tacks. Soviets an- nounce no German gains at Stalingrad but Germans claim mopping up opera- tions are continuing and that Luftwaffe is attacking Red Oct- ober factory. | Malta: Takali and Luqa attacked early in day by 70 ME-109's. Run- way at Luqa hit. |

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| <p>(Cont'd) planes blow up enemy supply train, leaving 5 cars burning, start fires among tents, and destroy or damage 7 enemy planes. 5 B-24D's score direct hits on 2 merchant vessels in Tobruk Harbor. Single ME-109 attempts interception, but does not come into firing range. SS Scalaria (British tanker, 5,883 tons) destroyed by enemy aircraft in Gulf of Suez. <u>Crete:</u> An enemy communications ship is set on fire and 32 JU-52's with a few tow gliders are intercepted S of Crete. <u>Madagascar:</u> Ivato captured by British, as well as other French positions between Ankorona and Ivato. British continue to advance southward from Ivato.</p> <p><u>Egypt:</u> No ground activity. Increased air activity by United Nations planes continues. Total of 24 B-25's in conjunction with RAF planes, attack enemy landing grounds, scoring hits on grounded aircraft and revetments. Bardia Road bombed by B-17 E's; results unobserved. Tobruk bombed at night by United Nations planes. Enemy Stuka dive bombers are unsuccessful in attacking our forward positions. Axis fighter resistance is sharp.</p> | <p><u>Burma:</u> 12 Blenheim's bomb airfield and railway sidings at Monywa. Direct hits on target area.</p> | <p>(Cont'd) enemy cruiser W of the island. <u>New Guinea:</u> Fighting continues in vicinity of Templetons Crossing. Enemy counterattacks repulsed.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> U.S. troops repulse small enemy thrust against western flank of our position in Guadalcanal. United Nations air operations against enemy troops and supplies on the island continue. 16 enemy bombers with fighter escort attack our airfield; 2 enemy bombers and 7 Zeros destroyed. We lose 2 fighters. AA fire destroys single enemy bomber, probably on recon., over Guadalcanal at night. <u>New Guinea:</u> Heavy fighting continues in vicinity of Templetons Crossing.</p> | <p>.. . . .</p> | <p><u>Chile:</u> The entire Chilean Cabinet resigns as a result of the crisis following Sumner Welles' speech in Boston on the 8th. <u>France:</u> Pierre Laval, in a radio broadcast, tells French workers they must accede to German labor requests. Since announcement of October 2, French indignation at German labor demands has resulted in an outbreak of strikes and violence.</p> | <p>20</p> |

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| 21 | Greenland: A submarine is sighted approximately 3 mi. off southern Greenland. | ... | France: 15 B-17's carry out daylight raid on Keroman Port area S of Lorient and 9 B-17's bomb Maupertius airdrome at Cherbourg. Hits rptd. on both targets. The bombers, escorted by 2 P-38 sqdns. and 14 Spitfire sqdns., encounter 36 FW-190's 9 of which are destroyed, 6 probably, and 6 damaged. 3 B-17's shot down and 6 damaged. At Cherbourg no enemy opposition encountered and AA fire ineffective. | Russia: Russians claim repulse of enemy attacks in Mozdok area and SE of Novorossisk. Germans report renewal of Soviet relief attacks N of Stalingrad. | Malta: About 195 enemy aircraft attack Luqa and Takali without causing serious damage; 1 enemy plane destroyed, 1 damaged. |
| 22 | Aleutian Is.: Possible enemy submarine sighted N of Adak I. | ... | Germany: 9 Wellingtons bomb Essen and 4 attack Lingen. SS Winnipeg II (British cargo ship, 9,807 tons) sunk by sub at 50-00 N, 28-45 W. SS Donax (British tanker, 8,036 tons) torp. in same position as Winnipeg II, but still afloat when abandoned. SS Remmaren (Swedish cargo ship, | Russia: Russians acknowledge slight German advance in Mozdok area but claim enemy attacks SE of Novorossisk repelled. Berlin reports repulse of Soviet relief attacks N of Stalingrad, while Russians claim slight gains NW of the city. On northern front, Russians report repulse of strong Nazi sea- | Italy: RAF makes successful night raid on Genoa. RR. station, corp HQS, and port area receive direct hits. Aircraft carrier, Roma, is damaged. Large fires started in Augustus and at gasoline refinery in Santa Limbani. Malta: Seven enemy formations of about 165 fighters and fighter- |

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| <p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Enemy losses during day are 16 planes destroyed, 1 probably destroyed, 5 damaged.</p> <p><u>Madagascar:</u> British forces now 15 mi. S of Miary.</p> <p><u>Egypt:</u> Patrolling remains only ground activity. United Nations air activity over enemy positions continues. 18 B-24 D's escorted by RAF fighters attempt to raid Benghazi, but heavy overcast prevents location of target. Bombs dropped on enemy landing grounds; hits observed on tents and fires started.</p> | <p><u>Burma:</u> Hostile Burmese occupy Maingwan in the Hukawng Valley, northern Burma, after clash with loyal natives.</p> <p><u>China:</u> U.S. Army bombers attack Kailan coal mine installations at Linsi, Hopei Province. Direct hits in target area, causing serious damage. All our planes return safely. Enemy positions at Chingkrangka and Wehsi (35 and 40 mi., respectively, N of Myitkyina) bombed and strafed by United Nations planes.</p> | <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Enemy troops again make minor and unsuccessful attacks on our positions on Guadalcanal. Our airfield attacked during daylight by 7 escorted enemy bombers. Intercepting planes destroy 6 enemy fighters; AA fire destroys 1 bomber and damages 2 more.</p> <p>Our aircraft bomb enemy positions on Russel I. (30 mi. NW of Guadalcanal).</p> <p>Navy comq. announces loss, within last few days, of destroyers USS Meredith and USS O'Brien in Solomons area.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> United Nations troops, in flank attack, force enemy to withdraw from prepared positions N of Templetons Crossing.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Timor: 3 RAAF Hudsons bomb Maobisse, damaging buildings. The enemy may be constructing an airfield at Cribas (26 mi. E of Dilli).</p> | <p>.....</p> | <p>.....</p> | <p>21</p> |
| <p><u>Egypt:</u> No ground activity rptd. Intensified air operations against enemy landing grounds continues.</p> <p>Four enemy supply vessels sunk by air and submarine action off North African coast within past 2 days.</p> <p>Near Matruh the use of JU-87's to tow gliders rptd.</p> | <p><u>Burma:</u> Possible landing strip rptd. under construction 3 mi. W of Akyab. Force of Ughs (Arakanese Buddhists) capture and burn Theindaung, 4 mi. S of Butidaung.</p> | <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Several groups of enemy planes attack our airfield on Guadalcanal; 5 enemy bombers shot down. At night our aircraft attack enemy naval concentration in Buin-Faisi area, damaging 1 CL, and 1 DD and possibly damaging 1 CA or BB.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> In</p> | <p><u>New Hebrides:</u> Enemy craft, believed to be submarine, shells our positions on Espiritu Santo I., night of 22/23.</p> | <p><u>Chile:</u> The new Chilean Cabinet is announced. Joaquin Fernandez replaces Barros Jarpa as Minister of Foreign Affairs.</p> | <p>22</p> |

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| | | | (Cont'd) 3,777 tons) hits mine and sinks off Norway. | (Cont'd) air attack on coast of Lake Ladoga. Germans claim successful air attack against Soviet stronghold S of Murmansk. | (Cont'd) bombers operate against 3 airdromes. 3 enemy planes destroyed and 7 damaged. 1 German fighter shot down by AA fire. |
| 23 | <u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Enemy positions on Kiska suffer damage when 6 B-24's and 6 P-38's drop bombs on camp area and submarine base. One direct hit on submarine shed observed. Six hits made on camp area. No enemy planes are seen. | SS Reuben Tipton (U.S. cargo ship, 6,829 tons) sunk by sub at 14-33 N, 54-58 W. | SS Empire Star (British tanker, 12,656 tons) torped and sunk at 48-14 N, 26-22 W. | <u>Russia:</u> Russians acknowledge German advance SE of Novorossiisk, admitting that enemy has crossed a water barrier, but claim repulse of enemy attacks in Mozdok area. Germans report Soviet counterattacks at Stalingrad frustrated. | <u>Italy:</u> Over 100 RAF bombers successfully raid Genoa, Turin, and Savona at night. <u>Malta:</u> During the day, 171 enemy planes raid the island; Takali airdrome cratered. 3 enemy planes destroyed, 3 damaged; 1 Spitfire missing. |

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| <p><u>Egypt:</u> Offensive in Western Desert started by British at 2200 hours. A strong British concentration of armd. and inf. units strikes at Axis positions along 6-mile front in N sector of Egyptian front. Attack follows a 20-min. intensive arty. barrage. Air attacks by United Nations planes against enemy forward areas, motor transport, convoys, and landing grounds intensified. Enemy air operations confined to defensive measures only.</p> <p>SS city of Johannesburg (British 5,669-ton ship) torp. and sunk at 33-10 N, 29-20 E.</p> | <p><u>Burma:</u> 5 enemy river craft observed at Rathedaung. 9 Blenheims bomb Rathedaung. Prome railway unsuccessfully bombed. 200-400 Japanese seen landing at Esdanpara, 9 mi. S of Buthidaung.</p> | <p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Owen Stanley Range area, enemy is forced back to position N of Eora Creek village. 3 medium enemy bombers make ineffective attack on Port Moresby.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> During morning, enemy air force of 16 bombers and 20 fighters attack our airfield on Guadalcanal. Intercepting United Nations aircraft destroy 1 bomber, damage 3 others, and shoot down entire fighter escort. At night, Japanese ground forces, including some tanks, make several attacks on our positions, but are repulsed.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Total of 12 B-17's make 2 attacks on shipping in Rabaul Harbor in early morning. An enemy cruiser, a DD, and 2 large AK's believed sunk, and 6 other AK's damaged, one of them severely.</p> <p>Night of 23/24, 4 B-17's again raid the Rabaul base, setting on fire an enemy AV or tanker.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> 6 A-20's bomb and strafe enemy lines of supply in the Kokoda area.</p> <p>Three enemy planes make an unsuccessful raid on our airfield at Milne Bay.</p> | <p>.. .. .</p> | <p>.. .. .</p> | <p>23</p> |

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| 24 | <p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Heavy enemy AA fire encountered over Kiska when 3 B-17's perform a bombing mission over submarine base area. Results unobserved.</p> | <p>SS Holm Park (British cargo ship, 5,708 tons) torp. and sunk at 13-11 N, 47-00 W.</p> | <p>.....</p> | <p>Russia: Germans announce capture of strong mountain position NE of Tuapse. Russians claim penetration of advanced enemy lines in Voronezh area and NW of Stalingrad. Germans claim capture of greater part of Red October works and advance to the Volga. Soviets report sinking of 2 German transports, totalling 15,000 tons in Baltic Sea.</p> | <p>Italy: 73 Lancasters bomb Milan during day; many bursts seen in the city. 71 RAF bombers carry out successful night raid over Milan. 7 bombers fail to return.</p> |
| 25 | <p>SS Dominion Halsyd (British 228-ton ship) sinks while in tow at 42-25 N, 65-00 W.</p> | <p>SS Primero (Norwegian cargo ship, 4,414 tons) torp. twice and abandoned while still afloat at 13-38 N, 53-55 W.</p> | <p>.....</p> | <p>Russia: Germans claim gains in western Caucasus, while Russians report Soviet troops are holding their positions in Mozdok area. Russians claim repulse of counterattacks NW of Stalingrad, but admit German</p> | <p>Malta: 160 enemy planes raid island during day, destroying 1 Beaufighter and damaging 1 Spitfire at Luqa air-drome. 3 Axis aircraft destroyed and 1 damaged; 1 Spitfire missing.</p> |

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| <p><u>Egypt:</u> Strong inf. units supported by tanks strike out across Axis mine fields in N sector and advance about 6 mi. against stiff resistance. British armd. units, heavily supported by inf., pass through the gaps and are now about 10 mi. W of former front line. In central sector, British Imperial troops make 3-mi. advance in vicinity of El Ruweisat Ridge. Farther S, British inf. and armd. units penetrate Axis mine fields at a number of points. A diversion raid at Matruh is made by light British naval forces, which are driven off by enemy air activity. United Nations aircraft actively support ground force advances with attacks on gun emplacements, motor transports, and tanks. 18 enemy tanks hit, 3 left on fire. Heavy enemy AA encountered at first, but decreases as battle proceeds.</p> <p><u>Madagascar:</u> British advance forces 41 mi. N of Fianarantsoa.</p> | <p><u>Burma:</u> Blenheims bomb Seinnyinbya, 7 mi. S of Buthidaung, wharves at Rathedaung, Pauk Village. No positive results rptd. One company defending Maungdaw cut off by entry of hostile craft into Naaf River during late evening. A new enemy airfield rptd. under construction 3 mi. W of Akyab.</p> | <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Enemy makes early morning attack against our western defense lines on Guadalcanal. Our aircraft and arty. break up the attack. During night of 24/25, our planes attack a Japanese naval force 300 mi. NE of Guadalcanal, probably damaging 1 cruiser.</p> <p><u>New Ireland:</u> Kavieng airdrome raided at night by 6 RAAF PBV's. Direct hits cause fires on runway, dispersal bays, and fuel dumps; 1 enemy bomber destroyed on ground.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> United Nations land forces make further progress toward Aolo (S of Kokoda), despite considerable opposition. 3 B-25's attack Lae airdrome destroying 2 bombers, damaging 2 on ground, and silencing AA position.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> 3 enemy planes carry out 44th raid on Darwin. No damage results. Vice Admiral William F. Halsey replaces Vice Admiral Robert L. Ghormley as commander of all American forces in SW Pacific.</p> | <p><u>Ellice Is.:</u> Unidentified aircraft rptd. observed from Nukufetau.</p> | <p><u>Italy:</u> Morale in Genoa rptd. seriously undermined as a result of RAF raids during the past three days.</p> <p><u>Chile:</u> Germans and Chileans active in operation of station PYY, which has been sending shipping information to Germany, arrested.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">24</p> |
| <p><u>Egypt:</u> British units are holding earlier gains, and armd. units are engaged beyond mine field gaps in the N. In the S, a British armd. bgde. is unable to penetrate gap in mine field because of heavy antitank fire. Enemy night</p> | <p><u>Burma:</u> About 60 Japanese bomber and fighter aircraft make heavy attack on our Dinjan airfield in early afternoon; 4 enemy planes shot down. RAF Chittagong airdrome attacked by about 35 planes at same time; 1 Blenheim destroyed. Buthidaung falls to</p> | <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Combined enemy land, sea and air attack launched on Guadalcanal. Enemy effects further landings on NW coast, despite strong opposition. Enemy ground attacks are supported by naval shelling, and enemy aircraft are active over the</p> | <p><u>Ellice Is.:</u> Another unidentified plane rptd. observed from Nukufetau. SS Valencia (Swedish cargo ship, 1,593 tons) strikes mine and sinks at 43-00 S, 170-00 E.</p> | <p><u>Chile:</u> Communists and Socialists, in a large demonstration, ask for a break with the Axis.</p> <p><u>Finland:</u> The speech of President Risto Ryti to the Finnish people, opening "Home Week," is evidence</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">25</p> |

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| 25 C'd | | | | (Cont'd) occupation of two streets in factory settlement of the city. Berlin an- nounces capture of remaining plants of Red October works. | |

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| <p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>bomber attacks increase against advance units. United Nations air forces make 660 sorties in support of ground offensive. 19 enemy planes destroyed or damaged. Near Tobruk, RAF hits an enemy merchant ship, which explodes. An enemy DD is set afire and 4 planes, escorting the vessels, are destroyed. One JU-52 transport, escorted by ME-110's, destroyed and 6 more damaged by intercepting British planes.</p> <p><u>Madagascar:</u> British now 35 mi. N of Fianarantsoa.</p> | <p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>the enemy after heavy fighting. A small force of our troops who oppose the occupation of Buthidaung withdraw to the Naaf River. Maungdaw, 50 mi. NW of Akyab, in Japanese hands.</p> <p><u>Hong Kong:</u> During the night, 6 B-25's bomb North Point power station. In afternoon, 12 B-25's supported by 9 P-40's attack shipping and buildings. All bombs fall in target area. 10 enemy fighters shot down, 5 probably. 1 of our bombers missing. Total of 18 planes intercept.</p> <p><u>China:</u> During afternoon, 8 P-40's from Kunming intercept 20 model 40 divebombers and Zeros 30 mi. N of Mengtze; 1 divebomber and 2 Zeros shot down, 4 other enemy aircraft probably destroyed. We suffer no losses. Enemy abandons raid.</p> <p><u>India:</u> U.S. airfields in upper Assam raided by enemy planes.</p> | <p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>island throughout the day. Total of about 25 enemy divebombers make 2 attacks on our airfield; 5 are shot down. 17 enemy fighters shot down during day. At night, Japanese penetrate our positions, but are thrown back by our forces in a counter-attack.</p> <p>Japanese force of cruisers and DD's N of Florida I. is attacked twice by our dive bombers and once by our Flying Fortresses; hits scored on 2 enemy cruisers, 1 of which is stopped and an enemy CL is left burning.</p> <p>USS Semtole (fleet tug) and small harbor patrol boat sunk by enemy DD near Tulagi. The DD is damaged by our shore batteries and planes.</p> <p>Two enemy DD's sunk by 2 AM's near Guadalcanal.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> 8 B-17's make early morning attack on Rabaul shipping, sinking enemy gunboat and seriously damaging 3 AK's.</p> <p><u>D'Entrecasteaux Is.:</u> 200 Japanese from Goodenough I. rptd. to have landed from launches on Fergusson I.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> No change in ground situation. Kokoda-Wairopi area strafed by 6 A-20's.</p> <p>85th raid on Port Moresby carried out by 2 enemy medium bombers. No damage.</p> <p>Unknown number of enemy planes</p> | <p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>of the low morale in Finland.</p> | <p>25 Oct.</p> <p>C'd</p> | |

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| 26 | | | <p>England: 19 Axis planes bomb towns on Channel coast near mouth of Thames R. 2 enemy planes destroyed, 3 damaged.</p> | <p>Russia: Russians claim repulse of enemy attacks NE of Tuapse and slight gains in counter-attack E of Novorossisk. Berlin announces capture of enemy bases SE of Novorossisk and of mountain positions NE of Tuapse. Germans claim advances N of Stalingrad and report collapse of Soviet relief attacks from southern and northern directions.</p> | |

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| <p><u>Egypt:</u> Fierce fighting continues, particularly in N sector. No significant changes in position of battle front. United Nations air forces continue effective support of ground operations. An enemy tank attack is prevented by bombing. Axis fighter opposition continues light, with heavy and fairly accurate AA fire, but there is some increase in enemy offensive air action. 14 enemy planes, including 4 MC-202's, are destroyed, 8 probably. Total of 26 B-24 D's and 5 B-17 E's make 3 attacks on enemy convoy near Tobruk; a 5,000-ton tanker left burning from stern to stern.</p> <p><u>Madagascar:</u> British troops 12 mi. N of Alakamisy.</p> <p>United Nations convoy proceeding from W Africa to England is attacked by enemy subs W of Canary Is. SS Anglo Maersk (British tanker,</p> | <p><u>Burma:</u> During morning, 1 enemy recon. T-97 plane raids Dinjan and is shot down. Crew parachutes. 6 enemy recon. planes with 27 fighters attack and strafe the Dinjan airdrome in afternoon. Maungdaw and Buthidaung bombed. Fires started.</p> <p><u>Hong Kong:</u> Hong Kong power plant successfully attacked by U.S. bombers. All bombs land in target areas, and power plant destroyed. Ineffective enemy interception. Our planes proceed safely to Canton.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Kwangtung: The White Cloud airdrome in Canton attacked by 3 B-25's. Heavy explosions and many fires started. All our aircraft return safely to their base.</p> <p><u>India:</u> During morning, American airdromes in upper Assam attacked. Some U.S. aircraft destroyed on ground. About 95 planes believed in raids today and yesterday.</p> | <p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>make ineffective raid on our positions at Milne Bay. This is 8th enemy raid.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.: Timor:</u> Penfoei airdrome at Koepong raided by 3 RAAF Hudsons; large fires started.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> 3 enemy medium bombers make 45th raid on Darwin, causing slight damage.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Small-scale enemy ground thrusts on Guadalcanal are repulsed, night of 26/27.</p> <p>United Nations planes during morning again attack enemy cruiser-DD force (attacked 10/25, N of Florida I.), scoring direct hit on enemy cruiser.</p> <p>Naval air battle E of Stewart Is. (100 mi. NE of Guadalcanal) results in damage to following enemy vessels: 2 CV's of the Zuikaku Class, BB of the Kongo Class, CL, cruiser of the Tikuma Class, 2 CA's. More than 100 enemy planes destroyed and about 50 probably destroyed. Our losses are: USS Porter (DD) sunk, CV sunk, other U.S. vessels damaged.</p> <p>Night of 26-27, Navy Catalinas score torp. hit on enemy CV and bomb hits on enemy cruiser 400 mi. NE of Guadalcanal.</p> <p><u>D'Entrecasteaux Is.:</u> Departure of enemy group from</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">26</p> |

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| 27 | <p>Aleutian Is.: No sign of enemy occupation of shacks on Segula I.</p> <p>United Nations eastbound convoy attacked by enemy subs about 600 mi. SE of Greenland; SS Sourabaya (British tanker, 10,107 tons) and SS Gurney E. Newlin (U.S. tanker, 8,225 tons) sunk.</p> <p>SS Vibran (Norwegian cargo ship, 2,993 tons) overdue and presumed sunk in North Atlantic.</p> | ... | <p>Germany: Mosquito bombers attack shipyards at Flensburg, setting on fire a 2,500-ton ship.</p> | <p>Russia: Moscow reports Soviet troops are holding occupied line NE of Tuapse and repulsing all enemy attacks. Germans claim progress in Stalingrad and Russians admit enemy advances along two streets.</p> | <p>Malta: During the day, 124 bomb-carrying fighters with escort bomb Takali and Luqa airdromes. 1 enemy plane probably destroyed and 3 damaged. 1 Wellington destroyed and 1 Spitfire damaged at Luqa.</p> |

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| 28 | Enemy subs continue to attack United Nations convoy in North Atlantic. SS Kosmos (Norwegian whaler, 16,966 tons) torped and sunk at 55-00 N, 30-00 W. | | | Russia: Russians report repulse of enemy attacks NE of Tuapse and successful counterattacks; admit withdrawals in area of Nalchik. Germans claim gains SE of Novorossisk and E of Tuapse reporting successful Luftwaffe raid on town and harbor of Tuapse. Germans also claim repulse of Soviet relief attacks S of Stalingrad | |

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| <p>(Cont'd)</p> <p><u>Madagascar:</u> British forward units now 6 mi. N of Alakamisy. Enemy sub attacks on United Nations convoy continues, with following results: SS Pacific Star (British cargo ship, 7,951 tons) torp. and sunk at 29-49 N, 19-28 W; SS Stentor (British cargo ship, 6,148 tons) sunk by sub at 29-48 N, 19-23 W; SS Hopecastle (British cargo ship, 5,178 tons) and SS Nagpore (British cargo ship, 5,283 tons) presumed sunk by sub in same location.</p> <p><u>Egypt:</u> No significant changes in front line. Practically all major German arm'd. and inf. units now concentrated in N sector. Night of 28/29, one Australian bgde. gains some ground and is holding the narrow salient in extreme N. In southern sector, British inf. units are patrolling the front. An enemy concentration of armor is heavily attacked by United Nations aircraft. During day, 9 enemy planes destroyed, 3 probably destroyed, 6 damaged. United Nations aviation continues close support of ground units, and enemy aviation remains on the defensive.</p> | <p><u>Burma:</u> 4 B-25's, escorted by 7 P-40's, bomb Lashio airdrome. Direct hits scored on AA battery, small hangar and dispersal area. Heavy AA fire encountered.</p> <p>2 P-40's reconnoiter same airdrome and strafe enemy barracks, meeting no opposition except AA fire.</p> <p><u>Hong Kong:</u> 6 P-40's raid Japanese shipping in Kowloon Harbor. One cargo ship left burning, and near misses on two freighters. Enemy AA positions silenced; building in area strafed. Two</p> | <p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>RAAF Beaufighters attack Lae, silencing AA positions, destroying fuel dump and setting 3 barges on fire.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Operations on Guadalcanal confined to small skirmishes. Our aircraft continue to bomb and strafe enemy-held positions W of airfield.</p> <p>Two enemy seaplanes destroyed by our fighters at Rekata Bay.</p> <p>9 B-17's attack enemy shipping in Buin-Faisi area, night of 28/29, causing large explosions in 1 enemy vessel and scoring near misses on others.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> 9 B-17's make dawn raid on Rabaul and score hits on at least 2 enemy vessels, 1 of them a warship.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Fighting continues in Aolo area, with enemy rptd. to be</p> | <p><u>New Caledonia:</u> Sub operating off NE New Caledonia.</p> | <p>...</p> | <p>28</p> |

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| 29 | <p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Two corvettes observed in Kiska Harbor. AA fire encountered from positions on E side of Sirius Point marks the first enemy operation from this location. Convoy action continues.</p> <p>SS Pan New York (U.S. tanker, 7,700 tons) and SS Bic Island (British cargo ship, 4,000 tons) torp. and sunk vicinity of 55-00 N, 23-00 W.</p> <p>SS Earrwhin (British cargo ship, 4,998 tons) sunk by sub at 56-00 N, 19-00 W.</p> | <p>SS Macabi (Pan-amanian cargo ship, 2,802 tons) strikes friendly mine and sinks at 10-01 N, 61-54 W.</p> | <p>For convoy action about 500 mi. W of Ireland, see North American Theater.</p> | <p><u>Russia:</u> Russians admit enemy gains in Nalchik area, while Germans claim capture of Nalchik. Germans advance slightly within factory area of Stalingrad. Russians claim progress on Kalinin front and announce the sinking of a German transport of 15,000 tons in the Baltic Sea.</p> | <p>.....</p> |

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| 30 | <p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Three enemy cruisers and one destroyer seen in Alaskan waters.</p> | | | <p><u>Russia:</u> Germans report repulse of Russian attacks N and S of road to Tuapse. Russians claim consolidation of their positions NW of Stalingrad; Germans assert Soviet relief attacks S of the city have collapsed. Berlin also reports heavy air raids on Murmansk.</p> | |

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| <p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Crete: U.S. heavy bombers make successful attacks on airfields, where enemy aircraft are heavily concentrated.</p> <p>Madagascar: British troops occupy Alakamisy and Fianarantsoa.</p> <p>SS La Place (British cargo ship, 7,327 tons) torp. and sunk at 40-13 S, 21-42 E.</p> <p>SS Ross (British cargo ship, 4,978 tons) torp. and sunk at 38-51 S, 21-40 E.</p> <p>Egypt: Ninth Australian Div. on extreme N of the front makes slight gains and traps one German battalion. Operations in other sectors limited to very active patrols.</p> <p>Prior to Australian attack, United Nations planes make a 40-min. bombing attack on enemy northern positions. U.S. light bombers concentrate on Axis air transport landing fields. 16 enemy Stuka dive bombers, escorted by ME-109's, attack United Nations positions. Enemy losses during day: 13 planes destroyed or damaged.</p> <p>SS President Doumer (British cargo ship, 11,898 tons) torp. and sunk N of Madeira.</p> <p>SS Bullmouth (British tanker, 7,519 tons) and SS Corinaldo (British cargo ship, 7,131 tons) presumed sunk in same position. All three were in a convoy.</p> | <p>Burma: Another attack made on Lashio. Direct hits scored on AA positions, hangar and dispersal areas. At Lashio, an operations building set on fire and 2 Zeros strafed. U.S. planes reconnoiter Myitkyina, Loiwing, Kutkai, Lashio. No opposition except for AA fire over Myitkyina. 13 Mohawks raid Shwebo, destroying radio station, damaging a few aircraft on the ground, inflicting many casualties. Trucks at Seywa railway station 17 mi. W of Katha destroyed by United Nations planes.</p> | <p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>toward Kokoda. In the Kokoda area, 3 A-20's strafe enemy rear positions. At Buna, Japanese are rptd. to be concentrating in large numbers. One or two enemy planes carry out ineffective raid on Port Moresby.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Timor: United Nations patrols ambush small enemy force near Manatuto (N coast, E of Dili).</p> <p>Solomon Is.: No ground activity on Guadalcanal. 4 out of 6 enemy fighters destroyed over the island by 5 of our planes. United Nations planes continue their attacks on Japanese positions. Our surface vessels bombard enemy positions for over 2 hours. Seven of our planes in a raid on Rekata Bay, destroy 5 enemy aircraft and set buildings and a fuel dump on fire. Total of 8 RAAF Catalinas and 14 B-17's, in 3 coordinated attacks on shipping in Buin-Faisi area, inflict damage on 1 warship and possible damage on a CV, a CL, a CA, and a DD. Two fires started on an unidentified ship.</p> <p>New Guinea: Aolo occupied by United Nations troops. Japanese are rptd. to be consolidating their outer defenses in vicinity of Lae.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Timor: 3 RAAF Hudsons drop bombs near Dili.</p> | <p>Nicaragua: Twenty-six Germans and five Italians, allegedly engaged in Nazi and Fascist activities in Nicaragua, are deported to the United States.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">1942 Oct.</p> |

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| 31 | | | <p>Germany: Wellingtons carry out daylight raid on Emden.</p> <p>France: Bostons, in daylight raid on Lille-Bethune area, score hits on 3 power stations, 2 factories and pthead buildings.</p> <p>England: In late afternoon, about 60 enemy aircraft raid England. About 30, chiefly fighter-bombers, concentrate on Canterbury while the remainder operate along N Kent coast. 7 enemy planes destroyed and 5 damaged; 2 Spitfires lost. During the night, about 35 enemy planes operate in two waves over Kent and S Essex, of which 15 fly over Canterbury. Night fighters destroy 4.</p> | <p>Russia: Germans advance in Nalchik area, while Russians claim progress NE of Tuapse. Germans claim further gains in Stalin-grad and Russians report strengthening of their positions NW of the city. Germans report air attacks on transportation, supplies, and industrial establishments in headwater region of Volga and claim to have sunk 4 large ships and damaged 3 barges on Lake Lodoga. Air attacks on Murmansk are continuing day and night.</p> | |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p><u>Crete:</u> U.S. B-24's make direct hits on enemy dispersal area at Maleme airport at night.</p> <p><u>Egypt:</u> In N sector, expected enemy counter-attack against Australian Div. fails to materialize. Lull in ground fighting over entire front. United Nations planes continue attacks on enemy positions in N sector.</p> <p>Further enemy sub attacks on our convoy result in sinking of the following ships in vicinity of Madeira: SS Tasmania (British cargo ship, 6,405 tons); SS Baron Vernon (British cargo ship, 3,642 tons); SS Silver Willow (British cargo ship, 6,373 tons). SS Cubango (Portuguese cargo ship, 5,820 tons) sunk near Gibraltar.</p> | <p><u>Burma:</u> Our aircraft destroy several buildings at Kalemyo. It is rptd. that work has stopped on old airdrome at Myitkyina and new airdrome under construction 10 mi. SW of town between Namlun Hka and Irrawaddy Rivers.</p> | <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Japanese shipping in Buin-Faisi area again attacked by 9 B-17's. Hits scored on CA, which explodes, on AK, and another cruiser damaged.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> 9 B-17's attack shipping in Rabaul Harbor; unidentified vessel set on fire and another possibly damaged. B-17 on recon. intercepted by 11 enemy fighters (apparently old type), of which 3 are possibly destroyed.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> United Nations ground forces continue to advance in Kokoda area, while 3 A-20's harass trail N of Nauro and 3 B-25's strafe enemy trucks SW of Gona.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.: Timor:</u> 2 RAAF Hudsons attack Dilli area; results unobserved.</p> | <p><u>Ellice Is.:</u> Unidentified plane sighted at Nukufetau, and a little later, search lights are seen E of the island.</p> | <p><u>French West Africa:</u> The United Nations threat to French West Africa is the subject of intensified Axis propaganda throughout the month.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">31</p> |