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1943 Jan.	POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, PSYCHOLOGICAL	NORTH AND LATIN AMERICAN THEATERS	EUROPEAN THEATER		
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1	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Six B-24's covered by 9 P-38's attack Kiska, scoring near miss on small Japanese cargo ship. Clouds prevent observation of other results. Interception by 6 enemy Zeros results in probable destruction of 1 Zero; all our planes return.</p> <p><u>South Atlantic:</u> SS Brageland (Swedish cargo ship, 2,608 tons) torp. and sunk at 19-00 N, 37-30 W.</p>	<p><u>East Atlantic:</u> Enemy blockade runner from Far East sunk by British cruiser NW of Cape Finisterre. SS Empire Panther (British cargo ship, 5,600 tons) strikes friendly mine and sinks at 52-02 N, 05-04 W.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Red Army forces, pursuing their offensive in Caucasus, capture Chikola SE of Nalchik and Elista in the middle Kal-muck Steppes. They claim advances of 100-300 yards within Stalingrad and occupation of advantageous positions NW of city. SW of Stalingrad, the offensive continues and Moscow reports capture of the district center of Tarmokhin. In middle Don area, Soviet troops claim slight gains. On the Kalinin front, the Russians capture town and airport of Veikye Luki.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Two Allied planes bomb Marsala, two bomb towns on E coast, and one bombs Syracuse; results unobserved. Night of 1/2, Malta-based Wellingtons attack Palermo harbor; bursts observed among shipping at naval jetties and N and S of harbor; 2 small fires started.</p>
2	<p><u>France:</u> Railway targets in N France attacked by Spitfires with unreported results.</p> <p><u>England:</u> Eight enemy planes operate over southern coast.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviet Army occupies Elkhotovo in Alagir area. Red Army forces, continuing the offensive SW of Stalingrad, occupy district center of Dubouskoye and RR station of Remontnaya. Russians claim slight gains by assault groups in factory area of Stalingrad and continuing offensive action in middle Don area although Germans report successful counterattacks in this sector. Germans report repulse of</p>	<p><u>Crete:</u> Twelve B-24's bomb Kastelli Pediada air-drome, scoring hits in center and at N and S ends of runway and in E and W dispersal areas. No fighter opposition encountered. Dispersed aircraft at Heraklion airdrome attacked by 12 B-25's which are intercepted by 2 ME-109's; 1 ME-109 shot down and 1 damaged. Heavy, inaccurate AA fire encountered over target. Twelve RAF planes attack port installations at Suda Bay and 24</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> British forward patrols are now S and SE of El Gheddahia and enemy withdrawals continue. Axis makes one bombing and strafing attack over forward areas.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Patrols reach area 5 mi. NNW of Heidous where they are shelled by enemy from his positions to N and E.</p> <p>Nine escorted B-26's which attack Tunis RR yards start several fires in target area but are intercepted by enemy aircraft and heavy AA fire. One B-26 and 1 escort plane shot down; 1 enemy plane damaged. Three B-24's bomb turning basin at Tunis harbor, scoring direct hits on basin, RR line and junction, and encountering medium accurate AA fire. Eighteen B-17's also make successful attack on Tunis harbor. Night of 1/2, 13 Wellingtons attack Bizerta docks.</p> <p><u>Algeria:</u> Axis makes two heavy daylight raids on Bone. Seven JU-87's and 12 ME-109's followed by 30 JU-87's and 8 FW-190's attack first and 4 hours later a total of 60 FW-190's and ME-109's carry out second raid. One cruiser and 2 merchant ships are damaged.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> SS Dalhanna (British cargo ship, 5,571 tons) sunk by aircraft in Mediterranean.</p> <p>SS Harpalyce (British cargo ship, 7,269 tons) and SS Novelist (British cargo ship, 6,133 tons) sunk by aircraft at 37 N, 07-47 E.</p> <p>SS Hindustan (British cargo ship, 7,176 tons) sunk by aircraft in Mediterranean.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Six B-25's bomb RR bridge at Myitgne (S of Mandalay), scoring hits on bridge and in warehouse area; light AA fire encountered. RAF strafes north-bound trucks near ingy. Night of 1/2, enemy shelled S of Thitkado.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Force of SBD's drops over 4 tons of bombs on Kokumbona, Guadalcanal, where enemy divisional Hq are believed to be located. Results unobserved because of dense jungle growth.</p> <p>Nine B-26's escorted by 11 fighters bomb Japanese airfield at Munda, New Georgia I. Bombs dropped on runway and in bivouac area.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Allied ground forces penetrate enemy positions between Senimi Creek and Giropa Pt., driving a 400-yard wedge to the sea. Heavy fighting continues NW of old strip. Wedge in enemy position in Buna area expanded.</p> <p>Sanananda Pt. and Salamaua bombed and strafed by 3 A-20's; at the latter place, customs building is destroyed and other buildings set on fire.</p> <p>In the Wewak area, enemy is reported to have occupied Angoram (on the Sepik R.).</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Rabaul shipping and airdromes subjected to series of early morning attacks by total of 9 B-17's and 6 B-24's; 3 transports (1 large, 1 medium, 1 small) set on fire. A B-17 and 3 B-24's, from force attacking Rabaul, bomb Gasmata airdrome, destroying 1 Zero on ground. One of 5 intercepting Zeros shot down and another probably.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Timor: Japanese have occupied Beaco and Lore (SE coast).</p>	<p>1</p>
<p><u>Libya:</u> About 10 ME-109's, defending Churgha landing ground, attack RAF formation; 2 enemy planes destroyed, 1 damaged; 2 RAF planes missing.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Armored division makes rcn in force to line 7 mi. E of Bou Arada, encountering little opposition.</p> <p>Allied bombers and fighters attacking La Goulette during morning are engaged by 40-50 ME-109's and Italian fighters. Twenty escorted B-17's bomb La Goulette harbor, scoring hits on loading depot, military camp, shipyard, drydock, and 2 merchant ships. Fifty enemy planes and intense AA fire oppose attack; 19 Axis planes destroyed, 12 probably, and 17 damaged; 2 P-38's lost and 12 B-17's damaged. Twelve P-38's carry out sweep over Tunts-La Goulette-Sousse area. Ten Wellingtons, attack Bizerta. Enemy aircraft bomb Tebessa and are attacked by P-38's. Gafsa twice dive-bombed by enemy with RR station as target.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Three P-40's from Yunnanyi, on rcn, attack 5 trucks N of Lashio and shoot down 1 enemy plane. RAF Hurricanes attack 2 small river steamers on Kaladan R. Magwe and Dabaing satellites bombed by other RAF planes. Six B-25's attack Monywa airdrome, scoring hits on dispersal area and runway.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Five B-17's escorted by 5 P-38's attack force of 10 Japanese DD's 30 mi. S of Shortland I., but score no hits. Later, 9 SBD's escorted by 9 fighters intercept same force of DD's 20 mi. SW of Munda; direct hit scored on each of 2 DD's, one of which is left sinking and the other burning, and a near miss scored on a 3d DD. One of 10 protecting Zeros shot down; 2 F4F's missing. Shortly before midnight, 11 U.S. PT's attack 8 enemy DD's off Guadalcanal, scoring torp. hit on 1 DD and 3 probable hits on 2 others. Escorting Zeros bomb our PT's, damaging 1 of them. On the following morning, PT's and PC's destroy visible supplies which had been thrown into water.</p> <p>Patrol activity continues on Guadalcanal. Our positions on the island shelled by Japanese artillery.</p> <p>Six B-26's and 9 SBD's escorted by 16 fighters attack enemy AA installations and taxi ways at Munda with unre-</p>	<p>2</p>

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				(Cont'd) Soviets by Velikye Luki garrison but Soviets claim progress W of the town and in area W of Rzhev. Germans report dive bomber and destroyer plane raids on Murmansk RR and on Soviet quarters on Bay of Kandalaksha.	(Cont'd) others attack Tymbaki airdrome.
3	...	South Atlantic: SS Baron Dechmont (British cargo ship, 3,675 tons) torp. and sunk at 03-11 S, 38-41 W.	France: Seventy-two B-17's and 13 B-24's dispatched to raid St. Nazaire. Sixty-eight bombers participate in attack on primary target. Photographs reveal that this is the most successful raid to date. A hundred-foot square storehouse containing torpedoes is demolished and other installations seriously damaged. Intense and accurate AA fire and strong fighter opposition encountered. Minimum enemy fighter losses are 14 destroyed, 18 probably, 4 damaged. Our losses are 7 planes. Operations supported by 19 RAF fighter squadrons. Railway objectives in N France successfully raided by RAF Mosquitos. Germany: Twenty-	Russia: Soviet troops in the Caucasus, pushing against enemy's N pincer arm, capture Mozdok and the oil town and field of Malgobek and claim advances SW of Stalingrad. The situation within the city remains fundamentally unchanged, although Russians report shelling of enemy positions. Moscow asserts that offensive in middle Don area is advancing, although Germans report repulse of Soviet attacks on this entire front. Soviets claim advances SW of Velikye Luki and repulse of enemy attacks W of Rzhev.	...

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<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>Twelve B-26's unsuccessfully attack RR bridge 5 mi. N of El Djem. Eight DB-7's bomb shipping and docks at Sousse, scoring many hits on dock and town and 1 direct hit on large merchant ship. Five DB-7's later successfully attack same target.</p> <p><u>Algeria:</u> About 89 enemy planes make daylight attack on Bone, setting merchant vessel on fire and damaging a DD with near miss; 6 Axis aircraft destroyed and 5 Spitfires lost.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> SS Saint Merriel (British cargo ship, 4,980 tons) and SS Empire Metal (British tanker, 8,201 tons) sink as result of air attack on Bone harbor.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Enemy bombs Fondouk el Okbi, then, attacking with infantry supported by about 25 tanks, occupies it. Forty P-38's, 39 P-40's, and 15 light bombers destroy 10-15 of about 50 enemy tanks moving W in vicinity of Fondouk; P-38's attack 14 Axis tanks moving NE on Kairouan and are intercepted by 3 enemy aircraft. Nine enemy planes attack Biskra, damaging 3 B-26's badly and several other planes slightly. Inclement weather causes cancellation of all bombing missions.</p> <p><u>South Atlantic:</u> Allied convoy en route from Trinidad to Gibraltar attacked by enemy SS at 20-58 N, 44-40 W and SS British Vigilance (British tanker, 8,093 tons) torp. and sunk.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> British advance on Rathedang and up Mayu R. proceeding without contacting the enemy. Thirteen Hurricanes attack Gwedauk, Thitkado, Myinbu, Monywa, and Meiktila, setting many buildings, including a factory, on fire and destroying and damaging trucks and cars.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Nine enemy bombers and 4 fighters attack Kweilin airdrome but all bombs fall N of field.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>ported results.</p> <p>Eight B-26's escorted by 11 fighters attack Rekata Bay, Santa Isabel, strafing enemy float planes and supplies on beach.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Buna Mission captured by Allied troops. Only 1 small enemy pocket, which is W of Giropa Creek, remains in Buna area. This is completely surrounded by our troops.</p> <p>Twelve medium bombers, 6 A-20's, 7 Beaufighters, escorted by 13 P-38's, attack Lae airdrome area, destroying enemy plane on runway, setting fire to a supply dump, and starting several other fires. A B-24 later bombs same target, destroying a medium bomber and possibly damaging 2 Zeros. Three Bostons bomb and strafe Sanananda Pt. area and 20-30 Japanese attempting to escape from Buna by swimming.</p> <p>Nine enemy planes, possibly dive bombers, attack government station at Tufi on C. Nelson.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Nine SBD's escorted by 15 fighters, unable to locate enemy DD's, bomb Munda, scoring direct hits on 3 AA guns. Later, 6 B-26's escorted by 8 P-39's carry out another raid on Munda, encountering heaviest AA fire yet received; 1 B-26 shot down.</p> <p>Five B-17's bomb CA or BB from force of 26 enemy vessels sighted in Buin-Tonolei area; near misses scored. Heavy AA fire from ships damages 2 B-17's, but all of our planes return.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Organized enemy resistance in Buna-Cape Endaiadere area ceases.</p> <p>Six B-26's bomb Lae airdrome, scoring hits on 3 grounded aircraft and a wrecked plane and starting fires in hangar area. Some 50-75 Japanese, attempting to escape from Buna by swimming, strafed by Wirraways and 4 P-40's 3/4 mi. off shore. Madang town and airdrome bombed with unobserved results by single B-24. Enemy in Madang area is reported to have bridged Gum R., and to have patrols at Boaghjin (17 mi. S of Madang).</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> In attack on Rabaul shipping by 1 B-17, near miss is scored on large merchant vessel and fuel dump near Sulphur Pt is set on fire.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p>

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4	<p>(Cont'd) two RAF planes start large fires at Essen. England: Ten enemy planes over England during day and 2 at night.</p> <p>Germany: Thirty-three RAF planes dispatched to attack Essen at night. Results not reported; 2 Lancasters missing. England: Of 18 enemy planes operating over the Thames Estuary, 1 destroyed and 1 damaged. Planes probably engaged in laying mines.</p>	<p>Russia: Russian forces in Caucasus capture Nalchik. Moscow reports occupation of several inhabited localities SW of Stalingrad, slight gains within the city and artillery duels NW of city. In middle Don area, Red Army troops, having crossed Chir R., occupy town of Chernishkovsky, N of RR, and station of Chernishkov on the RR. Germans report stubborn local fighting SE of Lake Ilmen and sinking by German bombers of a 5,000-ton merchant vessel off Rybach Peninsula.</p>	<p>Lampedusa I.: Spitfires from Malta bomb Lampedusa airdrome, scoring hits near dispersed aircraft.</p>
5	<p>Aleutian Is.: B-24 sights and attacks heavily loaded 5,000-ton enemy cargo ship approaching Holtz Bay, Attu. Two hits scored on ship, which is left burning and sinking. Rcn confirms sinking of the ship.</p>	<p>Russia: Soviet troops capture Prokhladnaya, Maiskoye, and Kotliarevsky, forcing the enemy to give up both pincers arms around Grozny oil fields. Germans claim capture of a Soviet base in W Caucasus. Advancing SW of Stalin-</p>	<p>Sicily: Night of 5/6, Malta-based planes damage 1 JU-52 near Castelvetro and severely damage buildings and searchlight at Comiso.</p>

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<p>Tunisia: Weather continues to hamper operations and ground activity is confined to patrolling. Patrols in Fondouk area encounter 5 enemy planes; destroy 3 tanks at Cherichera. Enemy strong post of Oum el Araneb surrenders to Fighting French and 8 Axis planes are destroyed.</p> <p>Forty-four B-17s, escorted by 55 fighters, dispatched against Bizerta harbor but drop no bombs because target is obscured by clouds. Five FW-190's intercepted and 1 is destroyed. One B-17 bombs buildings in La Goulette area and is opposed by 5 Axis planes of which 1 is probably destroyed. A force of B-25's makes successful attack on Kairouan. Eleven B-26's, flying to rendezvous with fighters over the base at Feriana, arrive during enemy attack on field; 4 ME-109's destroyed and 1 probably.</p> <p>Algeria: Ten enemy planes bomb Bone airdrome; 4 smaller flights approach base but are turned away.</p>	<p>Burma: One B-25 and 9 P-40's attack Naba RR yards, causing considerable damage and starting several fires. Mandalay RR yards attacked by 6 B-24's which score hits on concentrations of cars and start large fires; heavy, inaccurate AA fire encountered. Seven Wellingtons also start fires in Mandalay RR yards. Three B-24's score 2 direct hits and 3 near misses on 15,000-ton transport in Rangoon R.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: During attacks in Mt. Austen area, Guadalcanal, our troops gain high ground positions; 6 enemy counterattacks repulsed.</p> <p>During morning, 1 B-17 and 2 Catalinas attack Munda. Twelve SBD's escorted by 16 fighters attack same target in afternoon; 1 grounded enemy plane probably destroyed.</p> <p>Enemy AP at Fauro I. hit during attack by 7 B-17's escorted by 6 P-38's.</p> <p>New Guinea: In a coordinated attack on Lae, 6 B-25's set a house on fire and 6 A-20's strafe the airdrome, Rcn. B-24 bombs Lae airdrome, possibly destroying grounded medium bomber. Enemy positions in Sanananda Pt. area bombed by 6 B-26's. Sanananda-Gir-opa track and W bank of Amboga R. strafed by 2 A-20's; Mubo and Komiatum strafed by 7 Beaufighters; Madang bombed by B-24 on rcn., which also strafes a schooner at Finschafen.</p> <p>Cape Nelson attacked by unreported number of enemy bombers, 1 of which is shot down by our fighters.</p> <p>New Britain: Rcn B-24 which bombed Lae also attacks Gasmata airdrome, causing crater in center of runway, and strafes schooner at Cape Kwoi. Another B-24 on rcn bombs Gasmata, possibly destroying machine gun installation.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Timor: Four Beaufighters, in strafing attack on Fulloro airdrome, destroy 1 Zero on strip and set fire to a motor vehicle. Villages and roads from Laivai and Baucau to Beaco strafed by 2 Beaufighters.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p>
<p>Libya: Fifteen ME-109's attack new landing ground S of Tarnet.</p> <p>Tunisia: In Djebel Jebira area enemy defense and minor counterattacks are unable to prevent taking of high ground in vicinity although other heights remain in enemy hands. In late afternoon, fighting for hill NE of Djebel Azag is progressing. Goubelat is reported clear of the enemy; patrol activity in Pont du Fahs area continues. Enemy occupies farms in area 3 mi. N of Oued Kebir Reservoir to 9 mi. E of Bou Arada.</p> <p>Heavy bombers and Hurricanes attack enemy ground targets in Mateur</p>	<p>Burma: Japanese reported evacuating Rathedaung area and British advance continues. One U.S. bomber scores direct hit on building at Kyauktaw airfield and encounters AA fire at Taungup. Mandalay RR junction attacked by 8 Blenheims; bursts observed in target area. RAF planes, offensive</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: In the Mt. Austen sector of Guadalcanal, our troops engaged in mopping up operations.</p> <p>Munda field successfully bombarded by U.S. surface vessels during early morning. Japanese dive bombers attack the naval force as it withdraws. Four protecting F4F's shoot down 4 of the attacking enemy planes and probably destroy 2 more. Ilangana Pt. (E of Munda) attacked later in the day by force of 9 B-26's; light AA fire encountered and 2 enemy planes seen.</p> <p>Some Japanese parties with hostile natives have been raiding villages in the Huai area. P-38's escorted by P-38's</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p>

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				(Cont'd) grad, Soviet forces occupy town of Tsimlyansk on the Don and Morozovsk on the Stalingrad-Rostov R.R. On central front, Russians report repulse of enemy attacks SW of Velikye Luki. Germans claim repulse of Soviet attacks SE of Lake Ilmen, at Volkhov, and Leningrad.	
6	Aleutian Is.: Three B-25's make deck-level attacks on heavily loaded enemy cargo ship of about 5,000 tons N of Kiska, scoring 6 hits on it. Vessel sinks rapidly.	Russia: Russians claim to be advancing in N Caucasus and SW of Stalingrad where capture of two populated places is reported. Within Stalingrad, Soviet forces are attacking encircled enemy troops from the west but no material gains reported. Moscow reports offensive battles in middle Don area; Germans report heavy defensive fighting in this sector and claim repulse of all Soviet attacks. Soviets report failure of enemy counterattack W of Rzhev; Germans claim repulse of Soviet forces at Velikye Luki and SE of Lake Ilmen and report successful air raids on Murmansk RR facilities and on Kandalaksha. They claim sinking of a 5,000-ton supply steamer in Arctic Sea.	Lampedusa I.: Malta-based Spitfires attack the airdrome, scoring hits among buildings and on dispersal areas.

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<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>region throughout day, destroying 5 Axis planes and damaging 2. Ten B-24's bomb Sousse, meeting heavy, but inaccurate, AA fire. Bursts observed on quays and near small ships in NW corner of harbor. Four B-24's make night raid on same target, starting several fires. Malta-based Wellingtons also make night attack on Sousse, scoring hits on RR station and sidings, where fire is started, and on warehouses on commercial quay. Near misses on ships in harbor observed. Large fires result from attack by 18 B-26's on Kairouan airdrome; 18 B-25's attack Kairouan RR yards, scoring many hits. Eighteen B-17's, attacking Sfax, leave power station and dock area in flames, and claim hits on 2 vessels. Enemy bombs Tebessa during night of 5/6, scoring hit on ammunition dump.</p> <p><u>Libya:</u> British patrols contact enemy in vicinity of Bir Umm er Raml. Blasting and other activities continue in enemy positions between Buerat-Gheddahia road and Bu Ngem track.</p> <p>RAF operates over forward areas and enemy increases his air activities; 18 ME-109's dive-bomb Hamrat but bombs fall short of target and AA fire destroys 3 Axis planes. A second attack is made by 12 ME-109's with diversion over coastal road by 6 Macchi 202's and strafing attack by 3 ME-109's.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> In southern section an engagement with enemy patrol is reported. Enemy successfully counterattacks and forces our troops to withdraw from Djebel el Agred. Night of 6/7, a force of Bisleys attacking Tunis docks starts two large fires and 1 Wellington from Malta scores hit on electric RR depot. Malta-based Wellingtons also bomb Sousse, starting large fires N and S of town and scoring hit or near miss on medium vessel.</p> <p><u>Algeria:</u> Six Axis planes operate in Bone area against shipping during morning; in afternoon two waves of about 15 enemy aircraft make further attacks; 3 of these are destroyed. One enemy plane bombs Maison Blanche airdrome in evening.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>rcn, destroy small enemy steamer on Chindwin R. N of Kalewa, and strafe sampans and radio station near Irrawaddy oil fields.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> British advance to Tizive, 6 mi. N of Rathedaung, without opposition. Light Japanese forces engaged at Donbaik on Mayu Peninsula. Rathedaung and troops in Arakan area heavily attacked by 6 Bisleys and 4 Blenheims which score hits on buildings and mortar positions in town and on troops across river. Hurricanes attack airfield in area NE of Akyab.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>unsuccessfully attack enemy CA at Buin. Interception by 25 float biplanes and Zeros results in destruction of 2 P-38's for 3-5 enemy planes.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Sanananda area bombed by 5 B-26's in support of ground forces. Six A-20's and 6 B-25's make coordinated bombing and strafing attack on Lae, scoring hits on 4 AA positions and setting on fire an enemy twin-engine aircraft on ground. Four Beaufighters strafe Mubo and Komiatum and 4 other Beaufighters strafe Amboga R. area; results of both raids unobserved.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Enemy shipping in Rabaul Harbor heavily attacked by 2 squadrons of heavy bombers, with following results: at least 9 ships (estimated at 50,000 tons) left sinking or on fire; near misses scored on 5 other vessels. Three intercepting Zeros shot down and another probably shot down; we lose 2 B-17's.</p> <p>Gasmata airdrome bombed by rcn B-17 with unobserved results.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Enemy transport off Fauro I. attacked by 4 B-17's escorted by 10 fighters; possible hit and 3 near misses scored on the transport.</p> <p>Four other B-17's with same fighter escort bomb Kahlli airdrome on Bougainville I., but haze prevents observation of results.</p> <p>Munda attacked at noon by 1 B-17 which encounters large caliber AA fire.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Reconnaissance reveals Japanese convoy with strong fighter protection off S coast of New Britain, en route to Lae. Subsequent attacks by Allied planes (B-17's, B-24's, B-26's, and P-38's) result in 2 possible hits and numerous near misses; 13 enemy fighters destroyed, 4 probably, and 4 damaged.</p> <p>Sanananda area and W bank of Amboga R. are targets for attacks by 6 B-25's and 4 Beaufighters, respectively. Four B-26's followed by 6 A-20's attack Lae, scoring hits on supply dump and damaging a Zero at the airdrome.</p> <p>Several villages near Finschafen reported occupied by the enemy.</p> <p>In NW area, enemy torpedo boat suffers bomb hit and is left stationary as a result of attack by 3 Hudsons.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> One B-24, attacking Gasmata airdrome at night, starts large oil fire.</p>	<p>6</p>

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7	France: French press reports departure from Marseilles of 1,100 specialists for Germany.	Russia: Soviet troops in Caucasus, driving NW from Prokhladny-Mozdok area, capture Stepnoye, Sovetskaya, Solomenskoye, and Severny. Continuing the offensive SW of Stalingrad, Soviet forces capture several populated places. Soviets claim offensive fighting in middle Don area and repulse of enemy counterattacks SW of Veliky Luki. Germans report failure of Russian attacks SE of Lake Ilmen and bombing of Soviet supply traffic across Lake Ladoga.	Sicily: Sulphur factory at Licata attacked during day by 5 Spitfires from Malta; 6 hits scored on factory buildings cause large explosion. Ten United Nations planes bomb Palermo harbor. Although clouds largely obscured observation of results, bursts seen in harbor, near seaplane dock, and at power station; large explosion and much smoke observed. <u>Lampedusa I.:</u> Three fires started near airdrome by 3 Spitfires from Malta.
8	South Atlantic: SS Yorkwood (British cargo ship, 5,401 tons) torp. and sunk at 04-09 S, 35-40 W.	Germany: Fourteen RAF planes dispatched to raid Duisburg at night; 3 are missing. England: Torquay raided during day by 9 FW-190's.	Russia: Soviet troops in E Caucasus, continuing their advance, occupy several inhabited localities. Red Army S of Don R. captures Zimovniki and several other populated places. Soviets report strong attacks from NW against German army at Stalingrad but situation fundamentally unchanged. Red Army units claim progress on SW front but determined enemy counterattacks from line along Voronezh-Rostov	<u>Lampedusa I.:</u> Three Spitfires from Malta score hits on Lampedusa airdrome.

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> On N flank Thirty-Sixth Brig withdraws and occupies position along main Mateur road 2 mi. W to 3 mi. E of Del Abuana. Enemy around Djebel Azag shells our battery areas and, N and S of Medjes el Bab, continues patrolling activity. Night of 7/8, a strong German inf patrol attacks French detachment at Bou Arada but is repulsed.</p> <p>Twenty B-26's attack Gabes airdrome and barracks, scoring several hits and starting fires at airdrome; 10 enemy planes intercept; 1 is destroyed and 1 P-38 is missing. Malta Beaufighters attack motor vehicle convoys north and south-bound on Sfax-Gabes road; fires and explosions result. Troop concentrations at Kairouan successfully attacked by 6 A-20's. Malta aircraft attack trucks on roads SW of Tunis, setting several on fire.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> Axis planes, with aerial torpedo and bombing attacks, sink SS Akabahra (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,524 tons) and SS Benalbanach (British cargo ship, 7,153 tons) between Algiers and Bougie.</p> <p>SS Jura (Dutch cargo ship, 197 tons) torp. and sunk at 36-58 N, 03-48 E.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Fighting at Donbaik continues. British and armed Burmese patrols meet in village 14 mi. N of Mawlaik; British withdraw to Tenkaya, 22 mi. N of Mawlaik.</p> <p>Five P-40's, attacking fuel dump at Mangshih, destroy 100-200 drums of gasoline.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Force of 4 B-26's escorted by 9 P-39's bomb Munda, probably damaging 1 bomber on field. Light AA fire encountered.</p> <p>Rekata Bay is target for 6 B-26's escorted by 12 P-39's; 2 of 6 float Zeros on water damaged and large fire started. Two B-26's shot down by AA fire.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Enemy convoy en route to Lae subjected to repeated air attacks by Allied heavy, medium, and light bombers and fighters, but succeeds in landing troops at Lae in the evening. Two enemy transports are sunk and a third probably sunk; 29 enemy fighters destroyed, 8 probably, 2 possibly, and 9 damaged; our losses are 2 planes destroyed, 1 missing, and 3 forced to land.</p> <p>Lae airdrome attacked by 7 P-38's escorted by 8 P-38's and later, by 4 A-20's; a grounded medium bomber set on fire, blast bay hit, and large fire started on runway. Enemy whaler containing 4 small boats and 4 rafts, all empty, sinks off Finschafen as a result of attack by 13 Beaufighters. Two intercepting Zeros are damaged.</p> <p>In NW area, Hudsons unsuccessfully attack enemy DD 21 mi. NW of Toeal, Kei Is., and 2 other DD's 9 mi. NE of Toeal.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Single Catalina bombs and strafes Gasmata airdrome, silencing AA position and starting several fires, 1 large one near 3 grounded planes.</p>	<p>7</p>
<p><u>Libya:</u> Large concentration of enemy trucks with some tanks and armored cars begins moving W in direction of El Faschia. Enemy makes 3 fighter bomber raids on Hamrat landing ground, 1 on Bir el Zidan; total of 4 ME-109's destroyed, 4 probably, and 2 damaged. RAF Hurricanes strafe Homs-Zliten area during night and Wellingtons from Malta attack road junctions E of Tripoli and near Castel Benito.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> German patrol at Bou Arada driven out and small-scale attack around Fondouk el Okbi repulsed. Enemy patrol activity around Faid position reported.</p> <p>Nine Libyan-based B-24's bomb Tunis but results obscured by clouds; 1 of 3 intercepting ME-109's destroyed.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> Convoy en route from Trinidad to Gibraltar attacked by enemy SS at 27-59 N, 28-50 W and following ships sunk: SS Olenia II (British tanker, 3,394 tons) and SS Albert L. Ellsworth (Norwegian tanker,</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Warehouse area at Bhamo attacked by 6 B-25's, escorted by 11 P-40's; many hits scored and several fires started. Fighters strafe 2 barges in same locality. Six P-40's bomb and strafe several villages along road leading N out of Myitkina.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Three small villages near C. Friendship, Bougainville, bombed by 5 B-17's. Two of 12 intercepting Zeros shot down.</p> <p>Two B-17's, operating singly, bomb Rekata Bay with unobserved results.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Allied planes continue to attack enemy convoy, consisting of 3 transports, 3 DD's, and 1 CL, as it unloads at Lae. As a result of attacks by 6 B-24's, 10 B-17's, 7 B-26's, and 22 B-25's escorted by 27 P-38's, one transport is sunk at jetty and another badly damaged off shore. Twenty-seven enemy fighters are destroyed, 11 probably, and 14 damaged; 2 of our planes are missing.</p> <p>During the day, enemy shipping, landing areas, and airfields at Lae subjected to attacks by total of 19 RAAF Beaufighters, 13 A-20's, 3 B-26's, 3 B-24's, 7 B-17's, and P-38's, with the following results: hit scored on 6,000-ton AK, 1 transport probably hit, 1 barge set on fire, direct hit scored on another barge, hits scored on 5 or 6 trucks of supplies, 4 grounded aircraft</p>	<p>8</p>

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9	...	<p><u>South Atlantic:</u> United Nations convoy attacked by Axis submarines; following ships torp. and sunk at approximately 07-21 N, 55-43 W: SS Broad Arrow (U.S. tanker, 7,718 tons), SS Minotaur (U.S. cargo ship, 4,553 tons), SS Collingsworth (U.S. cargo ship, 5,101 tons), and SS Birmingham City (U.S. cargo ship, 6,194 tons).</p>	<p><u>Holland:</u> Venturas successfully raid steel works at Ijmuiden during daylight. <u>France-Belgium:</u> RR centers at Rouen and Mons are targets for daylight attack by Mosquitos. <u>Germany:</u> About 50 RAF planes carry out successful night raid on Essen; bursts seen in target area and large fires started; 3 RAF planes missing. <u>England:</u> Seven enemy planes over south coast. <u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Brasil (Swedish cargo ship, 5,294 tons) and SS Sveajarl (Swedish tanker, 10,382 tons) sunk by mine at 58-48 N, 03-36 E.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) RR appear to be stopping Russian advance. Germans report attacks on Soviet supply traffic around Lake Ladoga and bombing of Murmansk.</p> <p><u>Russia:</u> Soviet troops in N Caucasus continue to advance along RR and claim capture of several small villages; advance units SW of Stalingrad are also making slight gains. Within the city, fighting is continuing in factory area and Soviets report occupation of many enemy strong points. Moscow reports sustained, fierce enemy counterattack SW of Velikye Luki; Berlin reports failure of fresh Soviet attacks SE of Lake Ilmen and bombing of Murmansk town and harbor.</p>	...
10	<p><u>England:</u> Ten enemy planes over England; intercepting Typhoons destroy 1 and damage another. <u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Ocean Vagabond</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Russians, advancing in N Caucasus, claim capture of Vorontsovo-Alexandrovskoye and several smaller towns and villages. They re-</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Four Spitfires bomb Gela airdrome, damaging 1 ME-109.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>8,309 tons).</p> <p><u>Libya:</u> One formation of Kitty bombers disperses enemy MT in forward areas, and, during night, RAF Hurricanes strafe MT concentrations in Wadi Raml area. Six Mosquitos from Malta strafe convoys between Misurata and Zuara. Five B-26's bomb airdrome 10 mi. S of Tripoli.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Ground situation remains unchanged; enemy carries on intermittent arty. activity W of Mateur. Malta-based Mosquitos strafe MT between Gabes and Sfax, destroying several trucks and damaging many others. French post SW of Sidi Bou Zid attacked by enemy night of 9/10. Bizerta docks bombed during night by 4 medium bombers.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> Convoy again attacked and following ships sunk at 28-08 N, 28-20 W: SS Empire Lytton (British tanker, 9,807 tons), SS Minister Wedel (Norwegian tanker, 6,833 tons) and SS Norvik (Panamanian tanker, 10,034 tons).</p> <p>SS William Wilberforce (British cargo ship, 5,004 tons) sunk at 29-20 N, 26-53 W.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> British advance E on Mayu R. continues.</p> <p>RAF sorties over Akyab and Pauk-Chauk areas damage 32 RR cars and sink 4 sampans, strafing many others. Four trucks in Wanliog vicinity strafed by 2 P-43's on rcn; 2 destroyed and 1 probably destroyed.</p> <p>Five P-40's strafe 5 barges, sinking 1, at Bhamo, and damage operations shack at Loiwing. Bhamo attacked by 5 B-25's with escort of 9 P-40's; 1 large, and several small fires started; AA fire encountered 30 mi. NE of target. During eighth and ninth, RAF bombers and fighters carry out 6 attacks on Rathe-daung.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>on airdrome destroyed, 3 others damaged.</p> <p>Allied troops occupy Tarakena. Mubo and Komiatum bombed and strafed by 3 A-20's; huts destroyed at Mubo. One B-24 drops 4 1,000-lb. bombs in center of runway at Madang. Enemy CL unsuccessfully bombed by rcn B-24 50 mi. SE of Arawe, New Britain.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Munda field twice raided by 3 B-26's escorted by 8 P-39's and 6 SBD's escorted by 8 F4F's, respectively. Hit scored on AA emplacement and 3 fires started.</p> <p>Five P-40's and 5 P-38's strafe enemy installations at Rekata Bay.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Japanese convoy departs eastward in early morning, leaving beached transport behind. Allied planes shadow and continue to attack the convoy. One direct hit and several near misses scored on transports and 1 torpedo hit on warship during attacks by 4 B-17's, 6 B-24's, and 5 RAAF Beauforts. Two Beauforts missing. Enemy aircraft losses during the day estimated at 7 destroyed, 1 probably, and 1 damaged.</p> <p>Final estimate of enemy's air losses during operations from Jan. 6-9 are 81 destroyed, 36 probably, and at least 40 damaged.</p> <p>Numerous attacks made on beached transport, supply dumps, and airdrome by our heavy, medium, and light bombers and fighters, with following results: hits and near misses scored on transport which is left burning, supply dump set on fire, fires started on buildings and in jetty area at Lae airdrome, 2 bombs dropped among 10 enemy fighters on Malahang airdrome (outside of Lae). Three A-20's score direct hits on buildings on Salamaua isthmus.</p> <p>SS Van Heutsz (Dutch cargo ship, 4,552 tons) sunk during attack by 6 Japanese naval dive bombers on Allied shipping in Oro Bay.</p> <p>In Dutch New Guinea, 1 enemy float Zero unsuccessfully attacks Allied ship at Merauke.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p>
<p><u>Libya:</u> Mosquito planes from Malta attack airdrome buildings and west-bound MT at Tripoli, damaging several trucks. Night of 10/11, 4 B-24's bomb road junction at Tripoli, causing fires and explosions.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Axis force renews arty. activity W of Mateur. Enemy patrolling N and W of Bou Arada continues; small enemy groups active in Fondouk area where, it is reported, they</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(119560)</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> During night, British capture Temple Hill, 1 mi. N of Rathe-daung.</p> <p>Myitnge RR bridge bombed by 6 B-24's which score 3 direct hits, destroying 1 span completely.</p> <p>Five B-24's make</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Japanese positions on Guadalcanal shelled by our ground forces, then bombed and strafed by 12 P-39's and 12 SBD's. Weak enemy resistance fails to halt small advances of our troops into enemy territory.</p> <p>During night of 10/11, enemy lands some troops on Guadalcanal from 8 DD's U.S. PT boats, opposing landing, score hits on at least 2 of the DD's.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Six B-25's with 9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p>

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			(British cargo ship, 7,174 tons) torp. and sunk at 57-17 N, 20-11 W.	port that offensive in lower Don region is progressing and several populated places are captured. In Stalingrad, Soviets launch strong attacks to wipe out German forces around the city. They report ceaseless enemy counterattacks SW of Velikye Luki and Germans announce destruction by the Luftwaffe of important installations of Murmansk RR.	
11	China: Great Britain and U.S. sign treaties with China by which all extraterritorial rights are relinquished and equality is established in all dealings with China as she is now and the China that will be after the war.	Germany: Essen bombed at night by about 50 RAF aircraft; heavy cloud prevents observation of results. England: Five enemy planes over England during daylight; 1 and possibly another destroyed by AA fire.	Russia: Soviet forces capture RR center of Georgievsk and town of Mineralnye Vodi and district centers of Ashikulak, Arkhangelskoe, and Aleksandrisk in N Caucasus. In the Zimovniki area, Soviets claim capture of Kuteinikovsk, Kuberle, and several other villages. NW of Velikye Luki, determined enemy counterattacks force slight withdrawal of Red Army troops. Berlin reports more raids on Murmansk RR and claims sinking, by fighter bombers, of a 4,000-ton merchant ship in harbor. Russians report air attack on an enemy port and sinking of a German transport of 5,000 tons.	Italy: Naples bombed by 8 B-24's which start large fire; heavy AA fire damages 2 planes and 2 more are shot down by intercepting ME-109's; 1 of these lost.

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>gained a foothold on slopes of Djebel el Jedim.</p> <p>Twelve B-24's, dispatched to Bizerta, which they found obscured by clouds, attack secondary target of La Goulette; bursts observed; 2 enemy planes which attempt interception are damaged. Malta-based Wellingtons make night raid on Sousse harbor, scoring hits on commercial quay, near RR sidings, and SW of target; 1 fire started. B-26's, on bombing mission over Gabes, intercepted by 4-6 ME-109's while P-38 escort is engaged by 2 ME-109's; 1 enemy plane destroyed and 1 damaged. Nine B-26's successfully bomb marshalling yards and oil storage tanks at Gabes, encountering intense AA fire which destroys 1 B-26 and 1 P-38. Military camp at Kebile, W of Gabes, is successfully bombed by 6 A-20's. One P-40 destroys German Hq at Kairouan.</p> <p>East Atlantic: Convoy for Gibraltar again attacked by enemy: SS British Dominion (British tanker, 6,983 tons) torp. and sunk at 30-11 N, 19-46 W.</p> <p>Libya: Free French capture Sebha and Esc Shiueref. Two ME-109's dive-bomb Bir Zidan; MC-202's and MC-200's attack Tamet landing ground while 15 ME-109's attempt diversion W of Hamrat. Fighters successfully engage both forces, destroying 4 enemy planes, probably destroying 4, and damaging 4. RAF Wellingtons successfully attack barracks, repair shops and ordnance depot at Homs.</p> <p>Tunisia: Enemy patrols continue to be active in Mateur-Medjes el Bab region. Axis force withdraws to S from area around de Jefna after being engaged by our armored and infantry elements. French seize pass and high ground on either side at Karachoum and repulse small scale enemy attack S from Fondouk area.</p> <p>Four ME-109's make morning attack on Thelepte airfield; 1 enemy plane reported destroyed. Force of B-17's and P-38's attack RR and highway bridge NW of Gabes; 12 enemy fighters intercept the P-38's over target area; 1 enemy plane reported destroyed.</p> <p>Dive bombing attack by B-26's sinks enemy tanker carrying fuel from Italy to Tunis about 20 mi. off African coast.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>late attack on same target but score only near miss and counter light, accurate AA fire. A third attack on bridge is made by 3 B-25's; heavy, accurate AA fire encountered W of target and 1 bomber damaged. Four trucks strafed and destroyed 8 mi. S of Kutkal by 2 P-40's. Two Hudsons make night attack on sampans along Akyab-Taung-up coast and 2 Hurricanes destroy a truck and set RR cars on fire in vicinity of Salingyi. Eleven RAF bombers and 8 fighters attack Rathedaung and Akyab areas night of 10/11.</p> <p>Burma: British repulse intermittent attacks at Temple Hill during night and capture wireless exchange E of Donbaik village. Japanese fighters, in groups of 4 and 6, strafe area N of Rathedaung. Maungdaw unsuccessfully attacked by 12 enemy fighters and 1 bomber. Pintha RR station attacked by 6 Blenheims and 6 Hurricanes which destroy 2 locomotives and damage box cars.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>P-38's as cover attack supply dumps and AA positions at Lae, starting 2 large fires within 40 mi. and blowing up a building. Airdrome strafed by 11 RAAF Beaufighters; 1 grounded fighter destroyed and machine gun position silenced. One B-24 unsuccessfully attacks beached transport at Lae. Finschafen strip, Wewak, and Madang are targets for 1 B-24; hit scored on building at Madang.</p> <p>New Britain: Attack by 3 B-17's on enemy convoy off Jacquinot Bay results in 1 very near miss on transport. Rcn B-24 makes unsuccessful attack on DD SE of Gasmata. Six Zeros intercepted; 1 destroyed, 1 probably destroyed.</p> <p>Solomon Is.: During the morning, enemy supplies floating in water near point of enemy landing at Guadalcanal are destroyed. Single enemy planes drops 5 bombs on our positions at Guadalcanal.</p> <p>Five B-26's escorted by 8 P-39's bomb Munda, despite heavy clouds. Twelve enemy Zeros intercept force of 12 SBD's escorted by 16 F4F's between New Georgia and Santa Isabel islands; 4 Zeros destroyed, 2 possibly destroyed. One F4F missing.</p> <p>New Guinea: Allied ground forces make concerted attack on enemy at Mubo in afternoon, inflicting many casualties. Fighting continuing.</p> <p>One RAAF Catalina bombs enemy warship 45 mi. NE of C. Ward Hunt shortly after midnight; results unobserved. Salamaua-Komiatum track attacked by 4 RAAF Beaufighters and 3 A-20's and later, by 3 RAAF A-20's; bridge over creek at Komiatum destroyed during second attack.</p> <p>Unidentified planes over Merauke in early morning.</p> <p>New Britain: Four enemy fighters intercept Rcn B-24 S of C. Orford; 1 fighter destroyed and another possibly destroyed.</p> <p>Aror Is.: Three RAAF Hudsons bomb jetty at Dobo without success. One of 2 enemy floatplanes attempts interception.</p>	<p>11</p>

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			Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
12	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> U.S. troops occupy Amchitka.</p>	<p><u>South Atlantic:</u> SS C.S. Flight (British schooner, 76 tons) sunk by gunfire at 12-25 N, 63-00 W.</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> Despite heavy cloud, RAF planes drop 153 tons of bombs on Essen at night; 1 Lancaster missing.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> On the Caucasian front, Soviets report capture of Essentuki, Nikolaevsk, Karras, and several small villages. Red Army forces, driving toward Salsk, capture a number of towns in Zimovniki area. Russians report severe air attacks on enemy airdrome at Krasnodar. In Stalingrad factory area, Soviets claim that, during night, their assault groups break through to western outskirts of city. Russians report strong enemy counterattack NW of Velikye Luki which they claim is repulsed; Germans claim to have driven back strong Soviet force SE of Lake Ilmen and report more air attacks on Murmansk RR.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Sciacca harbor bombed by 10 Spitfires. <u>Lampedusa I.:</u> Four Malta-based Spitfires bomb airdrome, scoring hits on perimeter.</p>
13	<p><u>Germany:</u> 69 RAF planes dispatched at night to Essen; 160 tons of bombs dropped, but heavy cloud prevents observation of results; AA fire intense and accurate; 4 Allied planes missing.</p> <p><u>France:</u> Sixty-four U.S. B-17's make daylight raid on locomotive and carriage works at Lille with excellent results. Hits observed on locomotive works and railway yards and heavy smoke seen over target. Inaccurate AA fire from slight to moderate encountered over target and about 20 FW-</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Russians report capture of Novo Selitskoe, Svobodny, RR station at Kumagorsky and several other towns in N Caucasus, consolidation of recent gains at Stalingrad, continued offensive action in lower Don area, and frustration of enemy attempts to break through to rear of Soviet troops in this sector. They claim repulse of German counter-attack NW of Velikye Luki and Germans report failure of Soviet attacks in Lake Ilmen and Lake Ladoga areas.</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> Eighteen RAF Baltimores, escorted by 23 fighters, bomb encampments at Tauorga; results unobserved but mission intercepted by 20 Axis planes prior to attack; 4 ME-109's shot down and 4 damaged; 1 bomber missing and 6 fighters lost. Malta-based Mosquitos attack west-bound MT near Zuara and south-bound MT N of Hammamet. Ten MC-200's, escorted by ME-109's, attack Tamet and Hamrat but are intercepted by Spitfires which destroy 5 enemy planes.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> In N sector, our units carry out patrolling and shelling activities. Wellingtons from Malta bomb Sousse harbor at night, starting fires on N quay and NW of town; direct hits scored on phosphate quays. Other planes attack MT convoy on Sfax-Gabes road. Night of 12/13, enemy makes 2 low flying attacks on transport on road 5 mi. W of Souk el Arba.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Akyab-Rathedaung areas attacked during night by 12 Blenheims and 8 Hurricanes. Six Hurricanes destroy truck at Ye-U and locomotive at Tindeinyan.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Japanese positions at Munda bombed by 6 B-26's escorted by 17 fighters during unfavorable weather. Light AA fire, but no planes, encountered. Catalina drops bombs on same target at night.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Strong enemy pillbox defenses check Allied forces advancing to Sanananda. Fighting continues at Mubo.</p> <p>Three RAAF Beaufighters carry out sweep from Salamaua to Amboga. Rcn B-24, bombing Madang and Finschafen, scores hits on houses. Four RAAF A-20's make bombing and strafing attack on Killerton, destroying huts.</p> <p>Nine Japanese medium bombers ineffectively raid Merauke during early morning.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Timor: Four Beaufighters attack Fuiloro, destroying grounded plane at airdrome and strafing huts and motor transport.</p>	12
<p><u>Libya:</u> Heavy dust storm hampers ground operations. Five B-24's on mission to Tripoli bomb road junctions in vicinity and start fires in supply dump at Misurata. Night of 13/14, RAF Hurricanes strafe MT and buildings in Zliten-Bir Dufan-Tauorga area. Malta-based Mosquito planes attack west-bound MT convoy between Zuara and Tripoli, starting fire and explosion.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> British First Army captures Hubl but withdraws in afternoon to original position 4 mi. N of Bou Arada; French make unsuccessful attack on enemy positions 2 mi. SE of Oued Kebir Reservoir. In central Tunisia, enemy withdraws from Djebel Bou Dabouss area. During night, Axis units retreat to area 5 mi. NNW of Heidouss, and, on N flank, our arty. shells Djebel Axag.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Six Bisleys bomb Kyauktaw, damaging buildings and causing large explosion. Four P-40's strafe 3 barges, 2 tugs, and warehouse at Bhamo. 1 tug and warehouse set on fire.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Our ground forces on Guadalcanal continue to advance. Allied fighters making bombing and strafing attacks on enemy positions and troops near Kokumbona, C. Esperance, and at Visale Mission.</p> <p>Force of B-26's escorted by 8 P-39's and 5 P-38's raids Munda with undetermined results; heavy AA fire encountered.</p> <p>Six B-26's, with same fighter escort, raid Rekata Bay.</p> <p>Sorum village (3 mi. E of Buka) bombed by Catalina during morning.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Allied ground forces maintaining pressure against enemy positions at Sanananda. Fighting continues at Mubo.</p> <p>Three attacks on Lae are made by 3 B-17's, 6 B-25's covered by 8 P-38's, and 7 RAAF Beaufighters with same cover, respectively. Direct hits scored</p>	13

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			<p>(Cont'd) 190's intercept. Three enemy fighters destroyed, 4 probably, 5 damaged; 3 of our planes lost, 2 of them because of collision. RAF and USAAF Spitfires support bombers. Sixteen B-24's make diversionary flight to point 15 mi. W of Flushing, encountering no enemy opposition but drawing enemy fighters away from Lille. England: Eight enemy aircraft operate off NE coast; light damage at Sunderland. SS Ailsa (British barge, 67 tons) sunk by mine in Thames Estuary.</p>		
14	<p><u>North Africa:</u> Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt, with military and naval staffs, begin a ten-day conference at Casablanca to determine Allied strategy for 1943. Generals Giraud and de Gaulle meet at the conference.</p>	...	<p><u>France:</u> About 100 RAF planes raid Lorient at night in good visibility; large explosion results near docks and many fires started in target area; 3 aircraft missing.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviet forces, advancing in N Caucasus, occupy Suvorovskaya, Sotnikovsk, R.R. station of Suvorovsk and several other populated places. Moscow reports that offensive in area of lower Don is continuing and enemy counter-attacks in area are repulsed. Germans report collapse of Russian attacks S of Voronezh and continued struggles SE of Lake Ilen and S of Lake Ladoga.</p>	<p><u>Lampedusa I:</u> Ten Spitfires attack Lampedusa airdrome, scoring hits near dispersed aircraft.</p>

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15	<p>France: Lorient again raided at night under favorable weather conditions. About 150 RAF aircraft drop over 300 tons of bombs; large fires started in town and docks area; 2 RAF planes missing.</p> <p>Escorted Allied bombers successfully attack Cherbourg docks.</p> <p>England: During the day, 12 enemy planes operate over Kent and Sussex and 15 over Lincolnshire at night, causing some damage; 2 destroyed and 2 damaged.</p> <p>Norway: 500-ton enemy ship attacked by a Hampden off Bergen and left sinking.</p>	<p>Russia: Russian troops in Caucasus claim capture of town and RR station of Blagodarnoe and several inhabited localities. Red Army troops, advancing beyond Zimovniki, report occupation of 7 populated places. Moscow reports that offensive in lower Don area is continuing and that assault troops in Stalingrad are advancing; Germans claim their Stalingrad army is successfully defending itself against Soviet attacks. Russians claim repulse of enemy counterattacks SW and NW of Velikye Luki but Germans claim they are still resisting at latter place. Berlin also claims repulse of strong Soviet attacks SE of Lake Ilmen and Lake Ladoga.</p>	<p>Mediterranean: British SS sinks enemy merchant ship off Naples.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>storage depots; moderately intense AA fire and 3 enemy planes encountered; 1 Axis plane destroyed and 1 P-38 missing. Malta Beaufighters bomb RR tracks between Gabes and Sfax and damage MT convoys.</p> <p><u>Algeria:</u> Twenty-two enemy aircraft over Bone harbor intercepted; 1 destroyed and 1 probably destroyed by AA fire.</p> <p><u>Libya:</u> British start offensive against Rommel's Buerat position which is fairly strongly defended. Night of 15/16, enemy rear guard withdraws W of Wadi Zem Zem. Steady rearward movement of vehicles on Gheddahia-Sedada-El Faschia track continually strafed by RAF planes. Four fighter bomber formations attack MT at Churgis, starting 1 fire. Small force of enemy planes unsuccessfully bombs Tamet and ME-109's bomb and strafe in Bir Zidan area. During daylight, 20 B-24's, escorted by 12 P-40's, attack wrecks in Tripoli harbor; direct hits scored in target area and fires started in town; escort engages enemy planes, destroying 3 ME-109's.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Medjes el Bab shelled during afternoon by Axis force; enemy post on hill 5 mi. NNW of Bou Arada destroyed. Axis units occupy Djebel Melex and are entrenching at Djebel Hadjar. In southern Tunisia, Italians at Ston de Sened attacked and captured during night.</p> <p>B-25's and P-38's on anti-shiping operations encounter, NE of Bizerta, large formations of transport planes escorted by JU-88's, FW-190's, ME-109's, and ME-110's. The formations engage in aerial combat; 6 JU-52's and 2 FW-190's are reported destroyed and several others damaged. During night, Bisleys bomb and machine-gun enemy vehicles on roads from Sfax. Twelve ME-109's and FW-190's attack Youks Les Bains in morning; 10 enemy bombers make afternoon attack on Thelepte. Eight Axis fighters make another attack on Thelepte and total of 7 enemy aircraft destroyed in these operations.</p> <p><u>Algeria:</u> About 15 JU-88's from Sardinia bomb Maison Blanche airdrome, destroying and damaging several of our planes; 2 enemy planes destroyed.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Harboe Jensen (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,862 tons) torp. and sunk at 33-02 N, 21-58 E. SS Annitsa (Greek cargo ship, 4,324 tons) torp. and sunk at 33-02 N, 21-58 E.</p>	<p><u>India:</u> Three Japanese planes bomb Calcutta; all destroyed by intercepting Beaufighter.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> RAF continues bombing and strafing Akyab area. Three north-bound enemy ships along Tavoy coast attacked by 6 B-24's which sink 1 vessel of 7,000 tons and score near misses on another.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Catalina makes early morning attack on 5 Japanese DD's 16 mi. NE of Russell Is., setting 1 DD on fire by direct hit and 2 near misses. PT boats claim torpedo hits on 2 DD's at C. Esperance.</p> <p>Force of 9 enemy DD's off E coast of New Georgia attacked by 15 SBD's escorted by 16 fighters; 2 DD's damaged, 1 of them severely. At least 8 of 12 intercepting Zeros are shot down; our losses are 5 fighters and 1 SBD.</p> <p>Nine B-17's escorted by 14 fighters attack 5 Japanese DD's 37 mi. SE of Faisi. No hits observed on DD's, but 12 enemy planes destroyed.</p> <p>Enemy AK attacked by 12 SBD's escorted by 13 fighters 37 mi. NW of Munda; vessel left on fire as result of 2 hits and 3 near misses. Seven of 12 intercepting Zeros destroyed; 1 of our fighters missing.</p> <p>At Guadalcanal, Allied troops advance 2 miles and surround enemy positions on NW slope of Mt. Austen. Our aircraft continue to support ground operations. Two enemy raids on our airfield are carried out by 1 and 2 planes, respectively. Three enemy Zeros shot down by U.S. plane over the island.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> In Sanananda area, large pocket of enemy resistance is wiped out by Allied encircling operation.</p> <p>Rcn B-24, after bombing Madang and Finschafen, is intercepted by 6 Zeros E of Lae; 2 Zeros destroyed and possibly another destroyed. Enemy positions in Mambare R. delta strafed by 2 RAAF Beaufighters and supply dumps at Lae bombed by 7 B-25's.</p> <p>Single Japanese medium bomber carries out 98th raid on Port Moresby, without causing damage.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Two B-17's bomb Rabaul and another drops bombs on runway at Gasmata. Three B-24's make night attack on Gasmata airdrome, scoring hits on runway.</p> <p><u>Canimbar Is.:</u> One bomb dropped on Markus I during rcn of Banda Sea by 3 Hudsons. One light enemy bomber intercepts without damaging our planes.</p>	<p>15</p>

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16	<p><u>North Africa:</u> In North Africa, an order is issued for release of all political prisoners arrested under the Vichy regime for pro-Ally sympathies, and for relaxation of certain anti-Semitic measures.</p> <p><u>Iraq:</u> Iraq joins United Nations, declaring that a state of war exists with Germany, Italy, and Japan. This adds greatly to the prestige of the United Nations among Moslem peoples.</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> About 150 RAF heavy bombers drop 370 tons of bombs on Berlin in night raid. Results unreported; 1 Lancaster missing. This is first raid over Berlin since November 7, 1941.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Russians report repulse of enemy attacks in N Caucasus and in Zimovniki area. Moscow announces that in the six days since the Soviet army around Stalingrad began closing in on encircled enemy troops approximately 30 enemy strongpoints have been captured. Russians reveal that, several days ago, troops situated S of Voronezh launched an offensive from SW, NW, and W, and have advanced from 30-56 miles, claiming capture of over 800 populated places, including RR junction of Rossosh. Germans claim repulse of strong enemy attack S of Lake Ladoga.</p>	<p><u>Mediterranean:</u> Night of 16/17, 6,000-ton enemy merchant ship sunk off Naples by British SS.</p>
17	<p><u>Germany:</u> Force of 187 heavy bombers dispatched to Berlin at night; identification of target difficult because of snow, but 330 tons of bombs dropped and scattered fires result; 2 enemy fighters destroyed; 22 RAF planes</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Russian troops in Caucasus report capture of district center and RR station of Kursavka. Soviets claim tightening of ring around enemy forces at Stalingrad and capture of Millerovo on Voronezh-Rostov RR. Soviets, ad-</p>	<p><u>Lampedusa I.:</u> Four Spitfires score hits on air-drome and neighboring buildings.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>SS Ocean Courage (British cargo ship, 7,173 tons) torp. and sunk at 10-52 N, 23-28 W.</p> <p><u>Libya:</u> Withdrawal of Rommel's forces from Buerat is fully under way. British advance elements, encountering little opposition, reach vicinity of Sedada by dusk. Eight B-24's attack wrecks in Tripoli harbor; many hits scored; medium, accurate AA fire encountered.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Enemy patrols active in Medjes el Bab area and N of Heidous. Hurricane bombers attack RR sidings between Medjes el Bab and Tebourba, scoring many hits on target.</p> <p><u>Algeria:</u> Night of 16/17, HE-111 torpedo bombers operate along coast between Algiers and Bone; 12 FW-190's over Bone are intercepted by our fighters and 2 destroyed.</p> <p><u>Libya:</u> British leading elements in contact with enemy stride Sedada-Bir Dufan track and in area of Bir Tala. RAF constantly harasses retreating enemy columns, making 8 attacks on Zliten-Misurata-Gioda and Homs-Castel Verde roads, where gas dump, buildings, and installations are destroyed. Heavy attacks made also on Bir Dufan-Beni Ulid-Tarhuna road; hits scored on personnel, transports, and gas dumps. Fighters successfully strafe MT in Tarhuna area. RAF Wellingtons attack Castel Berito air-</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Six B-25's, with escort of 11 P-40's, attack Lashio; clouds prevent observation of results. Maymo RR yards bombed by 9 B-25's which report several hits and near misses. Small vessel in Rangoon R. unsuccessfully bombed by 7 B-24's. RAF Hurricanes damage barge and river steamer N of Monywa and barges at Pakokku. Toungoo field attacked by 5 Wellingtons; hits scored on runway and dispersal pens. During night, 16 RAF bombers escorted by 10 fighters attack Rathedaung area, starting fires and silencing machine gun post.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Yunnanyi attacked by 18 Japanese bombers accompanied by 20 Zeros; 12 P-40's intercept, of which 2 are shot down and 4 probably. Twelve hits scored on runway but little damage results.</p> <p><u>India:</u> Thirty Japanese planes attack Fenny airdrome but cause little damage; 1 enemy plane destroyed, 2 damaged, and 1 Hurricane shot down. Chittagong bombed by 6 enemy planes; 1 small fire started.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> British troops occupy position SE of Myauktaw</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> U.S. troops capture Mt. Austen, Guadalcanal. Enemy arms and ammunition destroyed; 150 Japanese killed, 19 captured.</p> <p>Munda airfield twice attacked by total of 10 B-26's escorted by 12 fighters. AA fire, but no aircraft encountered. Heavy smoke seen over target.</p> <p>Five B-17's bomb Kahili airdrome, starting 2 large fires visible for 50 mi. Kahili also bombed by Catalinas, night of 16/17.</p> <p>Ballale airdrome attacked by 4 B-17's; 1 large fire started. Fifteen enemy planes attempt to intercept, without success. Rcn B-17 also bombs Ballale.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Our ground forces successfully attack enemy positions in Sanananda area. In Mubo area, our troops are consolidating near Guadagasel.</p> <p>Single rcn B-24's bomb Finschafen, Wewak, Madang area, and Lae. Lae again attacked by 7 B-25's, which start fires on supply dumps and destroy buildings. Enemy stores and huts at Lae and Labu strafed by 6 Beaufighters. Three A-20's strafe Soputa-Sanananda trail and 3 others bomb and strafe Kurenada and Kumusi R. delta.</p> <p><u>New Britain-New Ireland:</u> Gasmata airdrome attacked by rcn B-24 which also attacks enemy CA S of C. St. George. No hits scored on CA, but 1 of 4 intercepting Zeros is shot down. Another rcn B-24 bombs airdrome at C. Gloucester.</p> <p>Rabaul shipping heavily attacked, night of 16/17, by 7 B-17's and again, by 8 B-17's. At least 4 ships (2 AK's and 2 unidentified vessels) damaged by direct hits. Bombs also dropped on Vunakanau airfield and new landing strip at Vunapope.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> C Killerton captured by Allied troops.</p> <p>Airdromes at Gasmata and Lae and wharf areas at Finschafen and Madang bombed by single B-24's on rcn; direct hit scored on warehouse at Madang. Six B-24's cause explosions and start fires in stores area at Lae. Mambare R. delta strafed by 3 A-20's.</p> <p>Twenty-four enemy medium bombers escorted by 12 Zeros carry out 10th raid on Milne Bay, scoring direct hits on runway and destroying 6 planes, 6 fuel dumps, and 6 vehicles. Interception by 4 P-39's is unsuccessful.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>17</p>

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			<p>(Cont'd) missing. England: Of 100 enemy planes over England, 75 carry out 2 raids, during night, on London area, causing slight damage. Night fighters destroy 8 and damage 3; 2 more destroyed by AA fire. North Atlantic: SS Vestfold (Panamanian tanker, 14,547 tons) torp. and sunk at 61-25 N, 26-12 W.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) vancing S of Voronezh, capture Alekseevska, Korotoyak, and Podgornaya, and units in area SW of Velikye Luki report repulse of enemy counterattacks. Germans report day and night bombing of Russian supply traffic between upper reaches of Volga and the Lovat R.</p>	
18	<p>England: At night, 14 enemy planes drop bombs in the Folkestone, Dover, and Margate areas; damage slight. North Sea: Enemy convoy off Dutch coast bombed by 7 Hudsons; 2 ships left burning. In night attack on Axis shipping off Dutch coast, PT boats destroy 1 ship and torpedo a trawler.</p>	<p>Russia: Soviet forces claim capture of Cherkessk and several other populated places in N Caucasus and report that other units on S front, after crossing Manych Canal, occupy Divnoe. Russian troops in Donets area occupy RR station of Kamensk and report heavy fighting in progress in town of that name. In the drive S from Voronezh, Red Army units are reported occupying RR station of Kamenska and encircling town of Ostrogzhsk. Moscow</p>	<p>Sicily: Three Spitfires destroy locomotive on RR in S Sicily. Eight others bomb Porto Empedocle power station and strafe small ship entering harbor. Lampedusa I: Nine Malta-based Spitfires bomb air-drome. Mediterranean: Italian naval vessel, Stromboli, attacked by Allied DD's at night and sunk N of Lampedusa I.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>drome; large oil blaze and many small fires started. Twelve U.S. planes also attack Castel Benito successfully and bomb motor vessels in Tripoli harbor, scoring hits on moles and town area. Two ME-109's attempt interception but are unsuccessful; heavy, accurate AA fire encountered. Malta-based Wellingtons bomb Tripoli, causing large fires and explosions at military stores depot and between main RR station and power house. Enemy air action defensive except for 1 attack by 10 ME-109's in Sedada area.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Axis forces attack Ston de Sened during night but are repulsed. Force of B-25's on anti-shipping operations destroys 2 enemy transport planes and 1 JU-88 NE of Cape Bon. RR junction at Graiba, SW of Sfax, attacked by 12 B-25's. Nine Bisleys, attacking road and rail transport in Tunis-Sfax area, score hits on vehicles and road junctions.</p> <p><u>Algeria:</u> Enemy bombers make 2 attacks on Bone harbor; first wave of 6 FW-190's damages a merchant vessel. Second flight, 15 FW-190's and ME-109's, is intercepted by Spitfires on Bone airdrome patrol and 1 is damaged.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> North-bound enemy merchant vessel of about 2,000 tons is sunk off coast of Tripolitania by British SS.</p> <p><u>Libya:</u> Enemy continues to withdraw to NW along Beni Ulid-Castel Benito road; Axis rear guard cleared from Beni Ulid by evening. Malta-based Mosquito planes attack MT E and W of Tripoli, destroying at least 3. Nine B-24's attack Tripoli, scoring hits around moles and in town; several large fires started; 5 ME-109's offer ineffective interception. Thirteen escorted B-17's make successful attack on Castel Benito; of about 18 intercepting enemy planes, 3 are destroyed, 5 probably, and 4 damaged. Night of 18/19, Malta Beaufighters and Albacores provide illumination and diversion bombing of Tripoli. RAF bombers attack Castel Benito and Garian during night and Hurricanes strafe Tarhuna area.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Two Axis attacks on Bou Arada repulsed; 8 enemy tanks and 2 companies of infantry reported destroyed and enemy withdraws to E. Enemy also occupies high ground ESE of Medjes el Bab. In central sector, German attack SW from Pont</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>against slight opposition. Maymo RR junction bombed by 3 B-25's which score direct hit on track at junction. Six B-25's bomb rolling stock N of Monywa, scoring direct hits on target and tracks. Night of 17/18, 16 RAF bombers escorted by 6 Hurricanes attack Akyab-Rathedaung area.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> British reach position 1/2 mi. N of Donbaik, secure foothold on hill 1/2 mi. N of Rathedaung. Mopping up operations at Kyauktaw continue.</p> <p>Kamaing attacked by 8 P-40's and 1 B-25; all bombs hit in target area; 3 large and 16 small fires started by bombing and strafing. Two Hurricanes attack rolling stock and paddle steamer in Sagaing area. During night, 19 RAF bombers, escorted by 18 fighters, attack Akyab-Rathedaung area and are intercepted by 10 Japanese planes; 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>South Pacific: SS Kalingo (British cargo ship, 2,051 tons) torp. and sunk at 34-07 S, 153-15 E.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Japanese AK anchored off Shortland Is. attacked by 8 B-17's escorted by 13 fighters. Vessel left burning as a result of 2 hits and 4 near misses. Heavy AA fire encountered from 2 DD's and CL in vicinity. Fighters shoot down 2 float Zeros; 1 of our fighters missing.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Sanananda captured by Allied ground forces. Small enemy pockets remain inland from Sanananda. In Mubo area, our troops withdraw from Guadagasel.</p> <p>Enemy installations at Lae subjected to 2 attacks by 7 B-25's and 11 RAAF Beaufighters, respectively. Two heavy explosions result among buildings and large fires started. Rcn B-24 bombs Finschafen and another scores 2 hits on Madang runway. Mubo-Komiatum area bombed and strafed by 3 RAAF A-20's; several huts destroyed.</p> <p>Three enemy planes raid Milne Bay at night; no damage results. Old strip at Buna is target for 2 enemy bombs.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Pre-dawn attack on Rabaul shipping by 3 B-24's results in possible hit on 1 ship; searchlights ham-</p>	<p>18</p>

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19	<p>North Africa: M. Peyrouton is appointed governor-general of Algeria.</p> <p>Belgium: German Military Commander publishes a directive for all Germans in Belgium born between 1901-07 and those born between 1908-24, who have not heretofore appeared, to report for inspection and recruiting</p>	<p>West Atlantic: SS Brilliant (U.S. cargo ship, 9,131 tons) torp. and sunk at 46-28 N, 59-00 W.</p>	<p>France: Rolling stock in N France is target for RAF fighters.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) announces that an offensive was begun a few days ago against German troops blocking Leningrad; Soviet troops advanced from W shore of Neva R. and SW of Schluesselburg, and from the E from region S of Lake Ladoga have, during 7 days fighting, occupied town of Schluesselburg, and large fortified points of Marino, Moskovsk, Dubrovka, Lipki, and RR stations of Sinyavino and Podgor-naya. As a result, troops from Leningrad front and from Volkhov front join hands and break siege of Leningrad; Germans acknowledge heavy defensive fighting in this area.</p> <p>Russia: Northernmost Russian column in Caucasus captures town and RR junction of Petrovskoe; Soviets on SW front capture Kamensk and RR station of Byelaya Kalitva. Moscow reports further annihilation of enemy troops at Stalingrad, but Germans claim this army is defending itself against all Soviet attacks. Forces on Voronezh front, driving further S, capture Ostrogozhsk, Valuiki and Urazovo. Russians claim heavy offensive battles S of Lake Ladoga and Germans report repulse of these.</p>	<p>Lampedusa I: Airdrome bombed by 3 Spitfires which score hits on dispersal area and neighboring buildings, starting fires</p> <p>Sicily: One Spitfire scores hits on buildings at Comiso airdrome.</p> <p>Mediterranean: Medium sized enemy merchant vessel sunk in Gulf of Genoa.</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> Enemy moving W from Zuara and NW from Tarhuna; British troops meet no Axis resistance except minor rear guard action and occupy Homs during night. In evening, British units contact enemy rear guard at Tarhuna.</p> <p>Enemy air activity increased: 3 bombing and strafing attacks by ME-109's and 2 Stuka attacks are made on British forward troops. United Nations fighter bombers continue pressure on enemy columns; U.S. aircraft bomb Castel Benito and MT on roads. Night of 19/20, 11 Malta-based Wellingtons attack road target in Tripoli area and score hits on vehicles and among buildings at Castel Verde. Mosquito planes from Malta strafe MT in Tripoli-Zuara-Ben Gardane area, damaging many and silencing 4 gunposts. Eight B-24's bomb Tripoli harbor in daylight, destroying 1 of about 5 intercepting enemy planes.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Enemy advance SW from Pont du Fahs continues in 2 columns, one of which arrives at Sidi Said during afternoon and the other, attacking SW from Djebel Chirich, reaches Djebel Cheurfa area. French forces, between the columns, are</p>	<p><u>India:</u> Four Japanese bombers attack Calcutta; intercepting Beau-fighters shoot down 2; 1 Beaufighter lost.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> Thazi RR yards bombed by 4 B-24's which score hits on RR junction and start fires in warehouse. One B-25 and 10 P-40's attack Kamaing; hits scored on enemy Hq, barracks, warehouses; large fires started. Three P-40's damaged by ground fire but over 1/2 of town now destroyed. Force of B-24's scores hits on Bassein docks. Japanese planes attack Maungdaw, causing slight damage. Other enemy planes strafe</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Allied planes, unable to locate enemy convoy N of Vella Lavella I., bomb Munda.</p> <p>B-17 on rcn off NW coast of Choiseul I. is intercepted by 6 Zeros, 2 of which are destroyed.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Allied troops maintain pressure against small enemy pockets in Sanananda area.</p> <p>Enemy supply dumps at Malahang bombed by 7 B-25's; Kurenada strafed by 3 A-20's and Mangrove Is., by 3 RAAF Beaufighters.</p> <p>Japanese floatplane drops 2 bombs on Merauke; no damage results.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> One B-24 on rcn drops bombs in center of runway at Gasmata.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Timor: Three B-25's on rcn are intercepted near Fulloro by 5 Zeros, 1 of which is damaged. Villages between Beaco and Baucau strafed by 4 Beaufighters.</p> <p><u>Kel Is.:</u> Three B-25's destroy buildings and supplies at Toael.</p>	<p>19</p>

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20	<p><u>Chile:</u> Chile severs relations with Germany, Italy, and Japan.</p> <p><u>Axis:</u> Germany, Italy, and Japan sign agreement for economic cooperation which supplements the Tripartite Pact.</p>	<p><u>South Atlantic:</u> SS Empire March (British cargo ship, 7,040 tons) overdue at Trinidad and presumed sunk.</p>	<p><u>England:</u> During the day, about 60 enemy planes operate over SE coast; Kent, Sussex, and Surrey attacked by 30 of them and London area, by 12. Thirteen enemy planes destroyed, 3 probably, and 9 damaged; 2 RAF Spitfires lost. At night, 10 more enemy planes cross SE England; 2 destroyed and 1 Mosquito lost.</p> <p><u>Holland:</u> Hengelo diesel engine works attacked during daylight by Mosquitos.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Russians report capture of Nevinnomyska and several other towns in Caucasus, of Proletarskaya on S front, and Byelokurakina, about 115 mi. SE of Kharkov. Moscow reports further annihilation of German troops in Stalingrad area and repulse of enemy counterattacks within the city. Germans report collapse of Soviet attacks S of Lake Ladoga.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Malta-based Spitfires bomb road bridge between Rossonini and Noto.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>withdrawing to Djebel Halfa area. British S flank conforms to French by withdrawing on general line from El Guettar W on high ground S of Bou Arada.</p> <p>Night of 19/20, 28 Bisley sorties attack movement on Tunis-Tebourba-Pont du Fahs road, scoring hits on transports and roads. Sousse harbor bombed by 10 B-24's which score hits on docks, quays, and small merchant ship; 3-4 ME-109's intercept bombers after attack; 2 enemy planes destroyed and others damaged. Malta Beaufighters damage and destroy MT on Sfax-Gabes road. Eighteen B-25's attack Medinine, scoring hits on town and main road N and S. Enemy column in Mareth vicinity attacked by 8 P-38's; 20 vehicles destroyed.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> Two British DD's sink 2 schooners, 4 small naval auxiliaries, 1 motor launch, 1 small motor vessel, and 3 unidentified small steamships W of Tripoli during night.</p> <p><u>Libya:</u> Seventh armored division occupies Tarhuna and engages enemy rear guard NW of town. RAF attacks 200 MT retreating near Sabratha and gun positions and troops in Oussabat area, and strafes enemy motor columns moving W from Tripoli. Nine B-24's attack shipping in Tripoli harbor, scoring probable hit on merchant vessel, near misses on buoy vessel, and starting fires on Spanish Mole. Second attack made by 9 B-24's also but results obscured by clouds. AA fire light and accurate.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> SW of Pont du Fahs enemy reaches area of El Guettar, then attacks S along line of Oued Marouf; by night enemy line runs generally from Djebel Mansour-Robaa- W of Ousseltia - W of Bou Dabouss.</p> <p>Night of 20/21, 22 Bisley sorties on MT and communications in Tunis-Tebourba-Pont du Fahs area; hits scored on RR track, viaduct, roads, and motor convoy of 40 vehicles. Main roads and RR bridge around Pont du Fahs bombed by 18 B-25's. Thirteen medium bombers cause explosions and large fires at Bizerta; 6 B-25's score direct hit and near misses on enemy tanker 25 mi. NE of Bizerta. Eleven Malta-based Beaufighters attack north-bound MT on Gabes-Sfax roads, scoring numerous hits; Camp Mangin, W of Gabes, attacked by 16 B-17's which damage barracks, RR, and airfield but are in-</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>MT column on Mayu Peninsula but no damage results. Seven Wellingtons make night attack on Heho and Toungoo fields; other RAF planes damage engine and RR cars at Natmauk and junction at Kyingyan.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> Two Hurricanes damage rolling stock at Segyi and Nyu-payin. Four B-24's make night raid on Heho and Toungoo fields, causing fires and fuel explosions at latter. Mayu Peninsula attacked by 10 Japanese bombers escorted by 6 fighters.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> On Guadalcanal, Allied troops capture 2 hills on SW flank. During early morning, 2 B-26's drop 2 500-lb. bombs on enemy DD off C. Friendship, Bougainville, scoring 1 hit. B-17's escorted by fighters bomb Japanese AK just N of Faisi and another AK escorted by 2 DD's between Fauro and Shortland Is. No hits scored on vessels, but 8 of 25 intercepting Zeros shot down; 1 P-38 lost.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Supply dump area at Lae attacked by 6 B-25's; 3 fires started. Force of 4 B-24's, proceeding on mission against enemy convoy in Wewak area, is intercepted by 25 Zeros, 12 of which are shot down and 6 damaged. Three RAAF Beaufighters strafe Kurenada and 1 B-24 bombs Madang; 2 hits scored on runway and 2 on wharf area at Madang.</p> <p>Milne Bay twice raided during evening by 9 and 3 enemy bombers, respectively. One Hudson is destroyed and another damaged.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> One B-24 bombs gun position and runway at C. Gloucester. Three RAAF Catalinas, operating singly, make night attacks on Lakunai airdrome Kokopo, and Gasmata. Gasmata also bombed by rcn B-24.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> Two enemy bombers carry out 50th raid on Darwin. No damage results.</p> <p><u>New Hebrides:</u> One Japanese plane makes ineffective night raid on Espiritu Santo.</p>	<p>20</p>

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21	<p>France: Airfields in N France and shipping at Cherbourg and Flushing, Netherlands, are targets for RAF light bombers.</p> <p>Germany: Eighty-two RAF planes dispatched at night to bomb Essen. 180 tons of bombs dropped on estimated position of town. Results obscured by thick ground haze and cloud.</p> <p>England: Twenty-five enemy planes over southern coast at night.</p>	<p>Russia: Russians report advances in N Caucasus and capture of Voroshilovsk on RR to Kropotkin. Moscow asserts that Soviet troops in Stalingrad area continue to annihilate encircled Nazi troops although Germans maintain that extreme resistance is being offered to Russian pressure. Soviet forces on Voronezh front continue offensive action and claim capture of RR station of Golofyevka, district center of Sini Lipyagi, and numerous populated places. Germans report continuous hard fighting S of Lake Ladoga.</p>	<p>Sardinia: Five medium bombers attack Elmas air-drome; hits scored on runway and hangars set on fire.</p> <p>Sicily: Six Spitfires and 4 Mosquitos from Malta score hits on 2 RR stations in Ragusa area and on targets and buildings in S Sicily. British naval planes sink 4,000-ton enemy merchant ship in Sicilian Channel.</p> <p>Lampedusa I.: Malta-based planes bomb air-drome.</p>

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>tercepted by 3-5 enemy planes; 2 of these destroyed.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> SS Jean Jadot (Belgian cargo ship, 5,783 tons) torp. and sunk at 36-36 N, 01-19 E.</p> <p>5,000-ton enemy transport torp. and presumed sunk at 33-45 N, 11-12 E.</p> <p>Fleet air arm sinks 2 enemy merchant ships (12,000 and 1,600 tons) off Torguiness.</p> <p><u>Libya:</u> Enemy movement from Sabratha-Zuara westward continues. In morning, Axis rear guard contacted E of Corradini and at W exit of Tarhuna defile and in evening, SE of Azizla. RAF continues to attack retreating MT and bombs Ben Gardane while fighters strafe and bomb Castel Benito, damaging enemy aircraft.</p> <p>Shipping at Tripoli bombed by 6 B-24's; RAF fighter bombers make 2 attacks on Zuara.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Enemy captures area just N of Bou Arada but positions re-occupied by our forces. Maintaining positions around Djebel Mansour and N and E of Robaa, enemy forward elements are along line of Sidi Amara-Ousseltia-Kairouan road.</p> <p>Medjes el Bab area bombed by 5 escorted JU-87's; at same time, 9 ME-109's carry out sweep in Pont du Fahs-Bou Arada-Medjes el Bab area. P-40's from Lafayette Escadrille on rcn over Kairouan-Pichon region are attacked by 6 FW-190's, of which 1 is destroyed. Fifteen A-20's escorted by Spitfires and P-40's successfully attack enemy motor vehicles E of Ousseltia; 26 P-38's report 65 enemy vehicles destroyed near Medinine.</p> <p>Six escorted B-26's N of Cape Bon attack 2 merchant ships, sinking 1 and damaging other by near misses; escorting P-38's shoot down 2 Italian planes. Formation attacked by 6 ME-109's of which 3 are destroyed; 2 P-38's lost.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> SS Hampton Lodge (British cargo ship, 3,645 tons) sunk by aircraft at 36-44 N, 01-50 E.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Mayu Peninsula bombed with good results by 17 Blenheims and 13 Hurricanes. During night, 6 Blenheims, attacking Magwe air-drome, report hits on runway, strips, and dispersal pens. Twenty-four Blenheims bomb Mayu R.-Akyab area. Japanese reinforcements reported coming from Laungchung to Donbaik. Enemy planes bomb and strafe British forward positions around Donbaik and beach road to N.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Munda bombed by 3 B-26's with unobserved results and again, by 1 B-17 which drops 2 2,000-lb. bombs, 1 on each side of runway.</p> <p>Two 2,000-lb. bombs dropped on Ballale I. by 1 B-17; smoke and fire results.</p> <p>During night, single enemy planes drop bombs near airfield on Guadalcanal, inflicting minor damage and casualties; 1 shot down by AA fire.</p> <p>Japanese airfield noted in Vila area (SE of Kolombangara).</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Six B-25's bomb enemy supply dumps in Lae area. Four Bostons bomb and strafe Salamaua, starting fires among buildings.</p> <p>Single Japanese floatplane ineffectively raids Merauke.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> As a result of low level attack on Rabaul shipping by 3 B-17's, a 6,000-ton merchant vessel is left sinking and a 2,000-ton vessel is damaged. Vunakanau and Lukanau airfields also attacked by total of 12 B-17's.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Concentration of enemy shipping in Ambon harbor attacked by 3 B-24's; 1 cruiser set on fire and hit and near misses scored on a 4,000-ton merchant vessel. Two of 10 intercepting Zeeros shot down and another probably destroyed.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> Two enemy medium bombers carry out 51st raid on Darwin at night, without causing damage.</p> <p><u>New Hebrides:</u> Espiritu Santo again attacked by an enemy plane, night of 21/22.</p>	<p>21</p>

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			Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
22	<p>Belgium: Oil installations near Ghent and airfields in N France targets for 53 RAF medium and light bombers escorted and covered by 25 squadrons of fighters. Enemy loses 7 planes, probably 2 more. 4 RAF bombers and 6 fighters lost.</p> <p>England: At night, 17 enemy planes, of which 1 is destroyed, cross the coast.</p> <p>North Atlantic: SS Neva (Swedish cargo ship, 1,456 tons) torp. and sunk at 61-35 N, 14-15 W.</p>	<p>Russia: Soviet units, driving N in Caucasus, capture Mikoyan Shakhar and Udobnaya while other Caucasian forces take Donskoe and Takh-ta, N of Voroshilovsk. Red Army troops pushing down the Stalingrad-Tikhoretsk-Novorossisk RR capture the junction of Salsk and town of Novi Yegorlik although Berlin claims repulse of all enemy attacks along S sector of the front. On lower Don front, Konstantinovsk is seized and in Stalingrad area, the ring around trapped enemy forces is tightened, Berlin admitting a Soviet penetration from W in this district. Russians also report capture of Novo Aidar by forces moving toward Voroshilovgrad. Enemy reports fierce, but unsuccessful, Soviet attacks S of Lake Ladoga.</p>
23	<p>France: Enemy submarine bases at Lorient and Brest attacked during afternoon by 35 and 19 B-17's, respectively. RAF fighters provide escort. Both targets partially obscured, but sev-</p>	<p>Russia: Moscow announces capture, by Trans-Caucasian forces, of town and large RR station of Armavir and, on S front, of Tselina and Trubetskaya. Enemy reports failure of Soviet attacks</p>	<p>Sicily: Malta-based Spitfire bombers and fighters attack RR and road targets in S Sicily. Spitfires also make night attack, bombing buildings at Comiso, strafing pier, block-</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> British troops reach Castel Verde. Malta surface bombs Zuara, causing 2 large explosions and oil fire.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Enemy forced back to road block on Robaa-Pont du Fahs road, and Axis units in Ousselat Valley forced N to line at head of valley. Successful enemy attacks from E and W in Djebel Bou Dabouss area are reported, although French appear to be holding high ground. First Army troops hold positions astride Bou Arada-Goubellat road 3 1/2 mi. N of Bou Arada.</p> <p>Force of B-25's, 26 B-17's and 12 B-26's make 3 raids on El Aouina airdrome at Tunis, starting large fires among grounded aircraft. ME-109's intercept in 3 waves of 15, 15, and 2, respectively; total of 3 enemy planes destroyed, 2 probably, and 2 damaged against loss of 1 bomber. Hurricanes, escorted by Spitfires, score hits on RR and MT in Pont du Fahs area. Ten P-39's and 16 P-40's attack tanks and machine gun positions in Ousselat Valley; 1 P-40 lost. Tank depot 17 mi. NNE of Ousseltia attacked by 12 A-20's with escort of 7 P-39's and 15 P-40's; many hits scored but 2 intercepting enemy planes destroy a P-40. Night of 22/23, MT in Kairouan area and airdrome successfully attacked by 6 Bisleys. Eight P-38's on sweep over Gabes-Medinine-Ben Gardane road intercepted by 10 Axis planes which destroy 2 P-38's. Fires started among grounded enemy transport planes. During night, light bombers of the United Nations attack Medinine landing grounds. Enemy bombs Sidi Bou Zid at noon. Six bombers, escorted by P-38's, report hits on enemy freighter and near misses on cargo liner 18 mi. NE of Bizerta. Interception by 5 Axis planes encountered; 4 reported destroyed. P-38 escort, attacking another formation of enemy aircraft, destroys 2.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Japanese planes bomb and strafe Donbaik, Maungdaw, and Buthedaung but cause little damage.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> During heavy attack on enemy positions W of airfield at Guadalcanal, Allied ground forces capture 6 important elevations. Japanese planes continue nuisance raids over Guadalcanal.</p> <p>Rcn bomber attacks Rekata Bay, starting fires on shore.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Organized resistance in Sanananda area ceases.</p> <p>Seven B-25's, attacking supply dump area at Lae, hit a store building and start fires. Rcn bomber scores hit in center of runway at Madang. Two PT boats attack 2 enemy barges in Kumusi R. area, leaving both beached and 1 of them on fire.</p> <p>Milne Bay raided for the 14th and 15th times by 3-4 and 2 enemy planes, respectively. Neither raid causes damage. About 4 enemy planes make unsuccessful attack on Port Moresby.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Another low level attack on Rabaul shipping is made by 3 B-17's before dawn, after diversionary attack by 5 B-24's on town and harbor area. Four enemy vessels are destroyed, 2 sinking rapidly, 3d exploding, and 4th left burning; two searchlights extinguished.</p> <p><u>New Hebrides:</u> Expiritu Santo bombed during night 22/23; details not reported.</p> <p><u>South Pacific:</u> HMAS Patricia sunk by enemy floatplane off C. Wessel (11-10 S, 136-45 E).</p>	<p>22</p>
<p><u>Libya:</u> British troops occupy Tripoli in morning and Azizia later in day. RAF bombers attack MT on coastal road and fighter bombers attack barges and vessels in Zuara, starting fire on jetty.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Enemy occupies station de Sened. French withdraw from Djebel Bou Dabouss to Djebel Ousselat but hold strong point around Ousseltia and at Pichon.</p>	<p><u>India:</u> Nine enemy planes attack Fenny satellite; only temporary damage results. Chittagong airdrome attacked at dawn by 6 Japanese planes which cause some damage. Second raid on Chittagong</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Kokumbona captured by Allied forces. Reduction of enemy pockets in progress. Enemy bombers again over Guadalcanal during night; results not reported.</p> <p>Munda subjected to 4 attacks by (1) 1 Catalina; (2) 6 B-26's followed by 8 SBD's, with fighter escort; (3) 8 escorted B-17's; (4) 6 escorted B-26's. Attacks result in large explosion, probably on fuel dump, and fires.</p>	<p>23</p>

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			<p>(Cont'd) eral hits observed on target and adjacent buildings at Lorient. AA fire and enemy fighters oppose attacks. Preliminary reports of enemy losses are 9 planes destroyed, 7 probably, 2 damaged; 5 B-17's destroyed. Enemy fighters follow our planes, probably to give impression of being fighter cover, then attack at close range. Lorient again raided at night by about 100 RAF planes, 1 of which is missing. Photos reveal considerable destruction from this and earlier B-17 attack. Germany: About 60 RAF aircraft carry out night raid on Düsseldorf. 200 tons of bombs dropped although target is obscured by clouds. Heavy AA fire encountered.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) in W Caucasus and asserts that withdrawal of Nazi forces in N Caucasus is proceeding according to plan. Berlin claims that Stalingrad army is still offering resistance to much superior Soviet forces and reports heavy defensive fighting along Don R. Soviet troops on Voronezh front occupy Volokonovka.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) houses, and road traffic at Gela. One Mosquito attacks trains at Castellamare, scoring hits on trucks and locomotives. Four B-24's make night raid on shipping and harbor of Palermo, starting fires on moles, harbor, and small merchant ship. Enemy transport of 8,657 tons torp. and sunk in Straits of Messina.</p>
24	<p>Aleutian Is.: Two enemy floatplanes attack shipping in Constantine Harbor, Amchitka, inflicting minor damage on 1 ship.</p>	<p>Russia: Soviet troops, advancing in Caucasus, capture several important towns: Peschanokopskoe on Stalingrad-Tikhoretsk RR, Bezopasnoe to SE of this, and Novo Mikhailovskye, just SE of Kropotkin, as well as several other villages and RR stations in area. Berlin announces that, in the course of shortening the S front, fighting has</p>	<p>Sicily: Malta Spitfires continue operations over Sicily, bombing Porto Empedocle and strafing a train.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>Eleven B-17's bomb Bizerta naval base, sinking 1 merchant ship and scoring hits and near misses on another; 18 enemy planes intercept; 3 destroyed, 3 probably, and 4 damaged. Same target attacked by 12 B-17's; bursts observed on hangars, workshops, and oil tanks. Of 80 intercepting enemy planes, 25-30 destroyed and 5 damaged. Ten medium bombers score many hits in night attack on Bizerta docks. Six A-20's with escort of 13 P-40's score hits on heavy gun battery and machine gun nests at Djebel Bou Dabouss. Sixteen P-38's on sweep over Gabes-Medinine-Ben Gardane area destroy about 28 enemy vehicles and 1 of intercepting planes; 2 P-38's lost and 2 damaged. RAF bombers attack Medinine landing grounds. Force of B-25's, attacking Medinine airdrome, start fires. Five B-26's, escorted by 12 P-38's, on anti-shipment mission machine-gun freighter and trawler 1 mi. from Hergia. Barges and small freighter also attacked; 1 ship explodes and another is set afire.</p> <p><u>Algeria:</u> Beaufighters destroy 3 enemy planes off Djidjelli-Philippeville coast.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Benjamin Smith (U.S. cargo ship, 7,177 tons) torp. and sunk off Ivory Coast.</p> <p><u>Libya:</u> Axis units in Libya withdraw W of Zauia by nightfall. Fighter bomber sorties score hits on warehouse and near miss on merchant vessel at Zuara.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Enemy activity N of Bou Arada confined to patrolling and harassing arty. fire. Italians occupy Djeloulou Pass, ESE of Ousseltia. In central Tunisia, our troops occupy Djebel Rihana although enemy remains on northern slopes. Raid on Axis posts between Sened and Maknassy results in capture of 150 prisoners. Inclement weather prevents very heavy bombing activities but Malta-based Mosquito planes strafe south-bound MT on Sfax-Gabes road and B-26's raid landing ground W of Medinine, destroying about 30 Axis planes on ground; enemy fighters in-</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>made at noon by 18 enemy bombers, escorted by 4 fighters; hits damage buildings and stores; 1 Japanese plane destroyed and others damaged.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> RAF planes bomb Heho and Shwebo airdromes. Another flight strafes enemy convoy on Taungup-Padaung road, destroying 11 vehicles.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>Large Japanese DD and an AK in Shortland I. area damaged by Allied aircraft.</p> <p>B-17's on rcn bomb enemy positions at Kahili and Ballale I.</p> <p>Night of 23/24, Vila Plantation shelled by U.S. Naval forces; large fires and explosions result.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Six B-25's set fires in supply dump area at Lae, starting one visible for 75 mi. Single B-24 scores hit on warehouse at Madang and another destroys several buildings at Finschafen. B-24 intercepted near Wewak by 18 Zeros, 3 of which are destroyed and 2 probably. Mubo-Salamaua track and enemy coastal positions in vicinity of Salamaua subjected to strafing sweeps by total of 3 RAAF A-20's and 8 RAAF Beaufighters.</p> <p>Six enemy planes make unsuccessful raid on Allied shipping in Milne Bay area during early morning. Port Moresby also ineffectively raided by 1 or more enemy planes. Eleventh enemy raid on Merauke is carried out by 1 floatplane; no damage results.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Airdromes and shipping at Rabaul targets for 3 early morning attacks by total of 8 B-17's and 1 B-24. Fuel dump set on fire at Vunakanau, hits scored on dispersal bays at Lakunai, hit and near misses scored on 12,000-ton transport, and near misses scored on 8,000-ton transport, causing it to stop. Five of 12 intercepting Zeros destroyed, 2 damaged.</p> <p><u>N.E.L.:</u> Timor: Four RAAF Beaufighters strafe Fulloro runway, setting buildings on fire. Single Hudson makes early morning attack on Koepang area.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Encircled enemy units near Kokumbona, Guadalcanal, reduced by our troops. Only 2 small enemy pockets remain.</p> <p>Large force of Allied planes attack Vila in morning, destroying a dock and silencing AA positions. Fires still burning from shelling of previous night.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> An attack by 7 B-25's on Lae results in destruction of several buildings and hits on AA positions. Salamaua isthmus bombed and strafed by 4 RAAF A-20's. B-24 on rcn near Wewak is intercepted by 9 Zeros, 2 of which are shot down. Allied PT boats attack 4 enemy barges near Kumusi R. mouth, night of 24/25; 3 destroyed and 4th left beached. Enemy troops land from 4 or more barges at Kobo village in Waria R. area.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Pre-dawn attack on Ra-</p>	<p>24</p>

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25	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Shipping in Constantine Harbor, Amchitka, attacked for second successive day, by 2 enemy seaplanes; 4 bombs dropped but no damage or casualties result.</p>	<p><u>Holland:</u> Twelve escorted RAF Bostons attack Flushing docks. Results not reported; 1 Boston missing.</p> <p><u>England:</u> During day, 6 enemy planes cross S coast; about 15 operate over Thames Estuary at night.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) shifted to Kuban valley where weak Soviet attacks are being repelled. They also report further breaches of their position at Stalingrad. Russian forces SE of Kharkov capture Starobyelsk and Shulginka. Germans claim to be resisting Soviet pressure S of Lake Ladoga but acknowledge that the fighting is swaying back and forth.</p> <p><u>Russia:</u> Soviets capture Belaya Glina on Stalingrad-Tikhoretsk RR and Krasny Manych, Huravlyevka, and Blagodatnaya. On S front, Russian troops capture Novo Alexandrovka and several other populated places. In middle Don region, determined enemy counterattacks appear to be holding back Soviet drive and Germans report improvement of their positions in Don and Donets district. Moscow claims occupation of, and Berlin acknowledges withdrawal from, Voronezh. Fighting continues S of Lake Ladoga and enemy reports frustration of Soviet attacks in area.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Malta-based Spitfires attack ground targets in south, destroying 1 locomotive and 2 freight cars, and inflicting casualties on troops.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Mosquito planes from Malta strafe trains in southern Italy during night.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>tercept and 1 is destroyed. Four enemy aircraft attack Chardimaou; slight damage results.</p> <p><u>Libya:</u> British troops occupy Zaula in morning; resistance continues W of town but leading elements reach point 4 mi. W by night. U.S. planes bomb and strafe MT in Zuara area.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Little resistance encountered by our forward elements in Ousseltia Valley as far N as road junction about 7 mi. E of Ousseltia. Enemy still holds this junction and high ground N of Ousseltia-Kairouan road. In night attack, enemy is forced off Djebel Rihana. In S Tunisia, only patrolling activities are carried on.</p> <p>Night of 25/26, Hurricanes attack RR station at de Jefna, causing considerable damage to tracks. Eight FW-190's dive-bomb Souk el Arba airdrome, destroying 2 and damaging 2 Beaufighters on ground. Spitfires intercept; 2 enemy planes destroyed, 2 probably, and 3 damaged.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Four P-40's seriously damage 8 or 9 locomotives in attack on Naba RR yards. Myingee RR bridge bombed by 5 B-25s; possible hits scored; heavy and light AA fire encountered just N of bridge and light AA fire from Sagaing.</p> <p>RAF planes bomb Shwebo airdrome.</p> <p>Royal Indian Navy patrol rams and sinks Japanese launch with 100 soldiers E of Foul Point; casualties estimated at 50.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>baul airdromes by 8 B-17's results in 2 large fires near runway at Lakunai and a large fire visible for 75 mi. at Vunakanau. Two B-17's make night attack on Rabaul shipping and another bombs Rapopo; results unobserved. At approximately midnight, 11 B-17's again raid Rabaul shipping, scoring direct hit on 2,000-ton vessel which explodes and hitting another ship off Kokopo wharf.</p> <p>Rcn B-24 drops 6 500-lb. bombs alongside of Gasmata runway. Craters observed on runway and AA positions apparently abandoned.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Timor: B-24 bombs Dilli; heavy smoke observed after attack; 1 of 2 intercepting Zeros probably shot down.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> On Guadalcanal, our troops continuing attack to W and NW. Large force of Japanese dive bombers, twin-engine bombers, and fighters attempt to raid Guadalcanal but are driven off by our fighters. Four Zeros shot down; no Allied planes lost.</p> <p>Five B-26's escorted by 4 P-38's bomb landing strips and wharf at Repl. (NE Vangunu), demolishing the latter.</p> <p>Two RAAF Catalinas make night attack on Buka airdrome, starting large fires in supply dump area.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Six B-25's attack Lae, dropping bombs in supply dump area and strafing machine gun positions. Three A-20's strafe enemy positions in coastal area S of Salamaua.</p> <p>Enemy planes drop 30 bombs on Port Moresby in early morning, destroying 1 transport aircraft. Milne Bay ineffectively raided by 2 or 3 enemy planes.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Rcn B-24 scores 2 hits on Gasmata runway.</p> <p><u>Wake I.:</u> Six B-24's on rcn mission over Wake I. are intercepted by 8 Zeros, 2 of which are probably shot down. All our planes return.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p>

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26	<p><u>North Africa:</u> News of Casa- blanca Conference is announced to the world. <u>Peru:</u> Peru breaks off diplo- matic relations with Vichy.</p>	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Two enemy planes again over Amchit- ka but drop no bombs.</p>	<p><u>France:</u> 156 RAF planes dispatched to make night raid on Lorient; large fires started in dock area. <u>Belgium:</u> Ten Venturas bomb rail- way objectives at Bruges. <u>England:</u> Eleven Axis planes over England during daylight; 1 destroy- ed.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> German troops in Kuban and Manych valleys appear to be offering stiff re- sistance to Soviet advance. Russians break through enemy defenses at Stalingrad and claim that liquida- tion of the encircled Nazi troops has been virtually com- pleted. Soviets report continued offensive action on Voronezh front; Germans report frustration of local Soviet attacks at Rzhev, SW of Velikye Luki, and S of Lake Ladoga.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Eight B-24's make day- light attack on Palermo; results unobserved. RR yards at Messina bombed during night by 5 B-24's. <u>Italy:</u> One B-24 makes night attack on Naples; results unobserved.</p>
27	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p><u>South Atlantic:</u> United Nations con- voy en route from New York to North Africa attacked by enemy SS's and following ships sunk at about 34-47 N, 31-30 W: SS Charles C. Pinckney (U.S. cargo ship, 7,177 tons), SS City of Flint (U.S. cargo ship, 4,963 tons), and SS Julia Ward Howe (U.S. cargo ship, 7,100 tons). <u>Mid-Atlantic:</u> SS Cape Decision (U.S. cargo ship, 6,976 tons) torp. and sunk at 22-57 N, 47-28 W.</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> Force of 53 B-17's bomb dock installations at Wilhelmshaven. Results believed good although ob- servation difficult because of cloud condition. Two B-17's bomb se- condary target, Emden shipyards. Inaccurate AA fire ranging from slight to moderate encoun- tered and 20-30 ene- my fighters attempt interception. 1 B-17 missing. Düsseldorf heavily attacked at night by 127 RAF planes. Weather conditions prevent observation of results, but glow of fires seen on</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Russian troops capture Apsheonsk in far western Cau- casus while other units, driving N from Armavir and Voroshilovsk, capture Grigori- polissk and Novo Aleksandrovsik. In the drive NW to Rostov, Soviets announce capture of Egorlik and Ataman on RR from Salsk. Ger- mans claim that remnants of Sixth Army are still resisting at Stalin- grad but Soviets report that anni- hilation of the re- maining isolated groups is pro-</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> U.S. planes attack Messina and Pal- ermo. Spitfires from Malta attack train near Noto and train and trucks near Avola. <u>Lampedusa I.:</u> Six Malta Spitfires score hits on air- drome buildings in night attack.</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> Enemy rear guard contacted near Sorman. RAF fighter bombers harass shipping in Zuara harbor. Two German divisions cross from Libya into Tunisia.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> British units astride Ousseltia-Kairouan Pass. French troops are patrolling N to Djebel Bou Dabouss.</p> <p>Adverse weather limits air operations but 3 medium bombers bomb Bizerta. Night of 26/27, Malta-based Mosquitos shoot up buildings at Ben Gardane.</p> <p><u>Algeria:</u> About 23 enemy planes attack Algiers starting fire on merchant ship in harbor, setting 4 petrol lorries on fire, and scoring hits on building in town area; 2 destroyed by Beaufighters.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Six B-25's bomb Mandalay RR yards, scoring hits on yards and tracks area, and starting several fires; heavy AA fire encountered Rangoon wharves attacked by 6 B-24's which score hits in target area and 9 hits on wharves. One P-40 strafes 2 aircraft on Lashio airdrome. RAF carries out offensive sweeps over Mayu, Kaladan, and Chindwin Rivers. During night, RAF planes successfully bomb Toungoo field.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> On Guadalcanal, U.S. troops continue to advance despite heavy resistance and difficult terrain. Munda airfield heavily bombed by force of 12 SBD's, 12 F4F's, and 8 P-39's.</p> <p>Seven B-17's drop 55 500-lb. bombs on Ballale I., starting fires in revetments.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Six A-20's escorted by 10 P-38's strafe supply dumps at Lae in coordination with bombing attack by 4 B-25's. Four RAAF Beaufighters make coastal sweep from Bakumbari to Salamaua and 5 RAAF A-20's bomb and strafe Mubo-Komiatum track. One B-24 bombs Finschafen, starting fires. Port Moresby undergoes its 102d enemy raid in early morning; no damage reported. In Waria R. area, Japanese are reported to be occupying Kobo, Bau, and Zaka.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Seven B-17's attack shipping at Rabaul, setting an unidentified vessel on fire and starting fires on shore. Kokopo strip also bombed during same mission. One B-24 attacks Gasmata strip, while 2 others score hits on runway at C. Gloucester.</p> <p>Three enemy AK's are attacked in Banda Sea by 2 RAAF Hudsons, but no hits scored.</p> <p><u>Gilbert Is.:</u> Allied rcn plane scores hit and near misses on enemy AK at Tarawa Harbor.</p>	<p>26</p>
<p><u>Libya:</u> Axis forces continue withdrawal W of Agelat.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> In northern sector, enemy increases arty. activity. In central Tunisia, Axis forces occupy Djebel Hannikat, Djebel Halfa, and Djebel Bou Dabouss while our position extends along line from Djebel Rihana to Dret el Agraine. In the south, enemy reoccupation of Sened reported.</p> <p>Bad weather continues to hamper operations. Twenty-two P-38's on sweep over Gabes-Sfax road strafe 12 trucks and 6 tanks; 1 P-38 lost. Six P-40's and 4 P-39's on rcn over Gafsa-Sened area start several fires. Six A-20's with escort of 14 P-40's bomb Mezzouna, scoring several hits in target area. Force of B-25's score hits on enemy DD's between Tunis and Sicily, setting 1 on fire and scoring near misses on another.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Enemy activity on hill opposite Kyauktaw increases.</p> <p>Four P-40's bomb and strafe Shaduzup and bridge, scoring 5 direct hits and 2 near misses which cause serious damage to bridge. Thirteen bomb hits scored in the town. Naba RR yards attacked by 2 B-25's and 8 P-40's which score hits on yards, rolling stock and roundhouse. RR cars and locomotives strafed; 2 P-40's slightly damaged by small arms fire from ground.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Our ground forces on Guadalcanal capture large enemy command post and eliminate 2 enemy pockets. Large force of enemy planes are over Guadalcanal but drop no bombs. Nine of the enemy fighters destroyed and 6 probably; 5 of our fighters missing.</p> <p>Six B-26's escorted by 8 P-39's attack Munda, starting fires in revetment area. During the evening, a force of 9 SBD's, 5 TBF's, and 9 F4F's attack enemy DD and AK in Vella Gulf, scoring 2 hits on AK and 3 near misses on DD. The AK is left sinking and the DD smoking. Two intercepting enemy float-planes destroyed.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Malahang airdrome attacked by 7 B-25's covered by 10 P-38s; hits scored near runway and on a building. Five RAAF A-20's bomb Lae and strafe Salamaua isthmus; large fire started in dock area at Lae. Three RAAF Beaufighters strafe Labu village and make offensive sweep over coastal area. Three A-20's attacking Mubo, silence a machine gun position. Rcn B-24 bombs buildings and runway at Finschafen.</p>	<p>27</p>

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			<p>(Cont'd) clouds. Ineffective searchlights and heavy AA fire, but no enemy fighters, encountered. Six RAF planes missing. Holland: Twenty-three B-24's, failing to locate target, bomb area near Zuider Zee. Attack opposed by force of 20-30 fighters and light, inaccurate AA fire; 2 B-24's lost. Enemy plane losses are 26 destroyed, 5 probably, 10 damaged.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) ceeding. On Voronezh front, RR station of Gorhechnoe is reported occupied by the Soviets. Berlin reports heavy Soviet attacks at Lake Ladoga with no apparent gains by either side.</p>	
28	<p><u>Germany:</u> Sauckel, German director-general of labor, issues decree requiring all men from 16 to 65 and all women from 17 to 45 to register for national defense work. <u>Brazil:</u> Presidents Vargas and Roosevelt meet aboard an American DD at Natal and review military units of the two nations, agreeing that the peace must assure that West African coast will never again become a threat to the Americas, and that counterattacks on U-boats must be redoubled.</p>	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Three enemy planes carry out 3d attack on Amchitka, dropping about 8 bombs. No damage results from bombing but slight casualties inflicted by strafing.</p>	<p><u>North Sea:</u> SS Resolute (British cargo ship) sunk by mine at 51-47 N, 01-14 E.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Red Army forces, driving toward Maikop from Armavir, capture RR junction of Kurgannaya while other units occupy Novopokrovsk. Russians report that troops on southern and southwestern fronts are continuing their offensives in same directions. Germans maintain that Nazi army at Stalingrad is still resisting. Soviet troops on Voronezh front capture town and large RR junction of Kastornoe. Berlin announces that German troops, after repulsing attempts at encirclement in this sector, are withdrawing to a new, shortened line. Germans continue to report heavy fighting S of Lake Ladoga and claim repulse of Soviet attacks.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Spitfire bombers attack RR line and barracks at Gela; enemy planes encountered and 1 ME-110 destroyed. <u>Italy:</u> Malta-based Beaufighters and Mosquitos attack rail and road traffic in toe of Italy and strafe trucks and trains.</p>

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<p>- <u>Libya</u>: Patrols reach area 10 mi. S and E of Zuara.</p> <p><u>Tunisia</u>: Patrolling and shelling activity only in Mateur and Medjes el Bab area. Position N of Bou Arada occupied by Axis units. Enemy driven from E slopes of high ground just W of Djebel Hannikat. In southern sector, French outpost in El Guettar vicinity attacked by motorcycle patrol.</p> <p>Fighter planes attack 15 medium tanks at Station de Ksar Tyr and MT SW of Pont du Fahs. U.S. planes make 3 raids on Sfax. First group, 32 escorted B-17's, bombs RR yards, harbor, and shipping, scoring many hits on docks, and are intercepted by 10 enemy planes of which 4 are destroyed and 2 damaged. Second raid is made by 18 escorted B-25's which score hits on tracks, cars, and barracks. Of 6 intercepting planes, 2 destroyed; 1 P-38 shot down. Seventeen B-26's, also escorted by fighters, score hits on warehouses and near misses on small vessels in third attack. Twelve enemy planes attack our formation over target and 6 more W of target; 1 of these destroyed. Troops in Ousseltia Valley attacked by 12 P-40's. Three ME-109's attack Gafsa airdrome; 3 grounded aircraft destroyed. Three B-26's, escorted by 12 P-38's, carry out anti-shipping sweep over Tunis-Sicily area and are attacked by 2 Axis planes.</p> <p><u>Algeria</u>: Algiers attacked by 15 enemy fighters; 2 shot down by AA fire and 1 by attacking Beaufighter. Second attack on same target made by 20-30 Axis planes.</p>	<p><u>Burma</u>: Enemy reported gone from hill opposite Kyauktaw.</p> <p>Thirty RAF bombers attack Akyab Island during night and 28 fighters attack Orla. Some enemy air activity carried out over Mayu Peninsula.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Three Japanese medium bombers make pre-dawn attack on Port Moresby, 1 grounded plane destroyed.</p> <p><u>New Britain</u>: Gasmata airdrome bombed by rcn. B-24.</p> <p><u>Aroe I.</u>: Enemy lugger and canoe sunk during attack on Dobo by 3 RAAF Hudsons.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.</u>: Our advance on Guadalcanal continues slowly.</p> <p>Two groups of enemy ships in vicinity of Kolombangara I. attacked by 12 SBD's and 2 TBF's escorted by 15 fighters. TEF's attack 6 DD's, scoring hit on 1 DD which explodes and settles in water. SBD's attack 1 AK and 1 AO; hit and near miss halts AK, and AO left smoking and dead in water after 2 very near misses. One of 4 intercepting Zeros destroyed.</p> <p>Five B-26's escorted by 12 P-39's attack Vila, starting 1 large fire.</p> <p>Seven B-17's bomb Kahili airdrome, starting large fire at NE end of revetment area.</p> <p>Puruata (W coast of Bougainville) reported occupied by Japanese.</p> <p><u>New Guinea</u>: Enemy patrols reported active between Mubo and Wau. Mubo attacked by 3 A-20's which score hit on old strip. Two buildings destroyed at Wewak during attack by 2 B-17's.</p> <p>Enemy floatplane drops 2 bombs at Merauke; no damage results.</p> <p><u>New Britain</u>: One B-24 on rcn bombs C. Gloucester and 2 others score 2 near misses on small AK at Wide Bay. Two hits scored on Gasmata runway by RAAF Catalina on night rcn.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.</u>: Enemy installations at Fulloro, Timor, strafed by 4 RAAF Beaufighters. Rcn B-24 bombs enemy transport at Ambon; 1 of 4 intercepting fighters shot down. RAAF Beaufighter destroys enemy floatplane off Dobo, Aroe Is.</p>	<p>28</p>

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29	<p><u>France:</u> 116 RAF planes dispatched at night to Lorient, where heavy clouds prevent observation of results of bombing. Four RAF planes missing. Railway at Morlaix, Brittany, damaged by escorted Bostons.</p> <p><u>Norway:</u> Enemy 6,000-ton ship attacked by Hampdens and left sinking off Norwegian coast.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviets capture town and RR junction of Kropotkin in N Caucasus. Germans report repulse of Soviet attacks in Donets and middle Don area and continued resistance of troops at Stalingrad although Russians claim ring of encirclement is further compressing Nazi forces. Red Army units on Voronezh front claim capture of Novi Oskol on RR running N from Valuiki. Germans again report repulse of Russians S of Lake Ladoga.</p>
30	<p><u>Germany:</u> On tenth anniversary of Hitler's assumption of power, Goebbels reads to the German people a proclamation from Hitler, and both Goebbels and Goering make addresses in which the heavy defensive fighting on Russian front and the necessity for even greater sacrifices on home front are emphasized. Both speeches are postponed an hour because RAF appears over Berlin just as each is to begin.</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> Berlin bombed at 11 A.M. and at 4 P.M. by total of 5 Mosquitos. Objectives in western Germany attacked by 19 Wellingtons, 4 of which are missing.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviet forces which had branched SW from Armavir reoccupy Maikop in the Caucasus and other units, pushing N along Baku-Rostov RR, capture RR center of Tikhoretsk. Germans report heavy counterattacks in Donets basin, checking Russian advance in this area. At Stalingrad Soviets are attacking remnants of Nazi forces which Berlin reports still resisting. Soviets claim capture of Nizhne Dyevitsk and several villages on</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Eleven B-24's make early morning attack on Messina; bursts observed on ferry terminus, RR, on 2 ships, and in town; heavy AA fire encountered and 3 of our planes damaged. During afternoon, Messina again attacked by 5 B-24's which score hits on ferry terminus, port, power station, oil storage tanks, and RR station; 2 planes damaged.</p>

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> N of Bou Arada, enemy operations confined to patrolling but increasing activity and improvement of his positions N and NW of Sebket el Kourzia is reported. Enemy activity is also increasing in southern Tunisia.</p> <p>Twelve B-26's with escort of P-38's attack El Aouina airdrome, destroying a building. Ten-twelve ME-109's and FW-190's intercept; 4 ME-109's destroyed. Docks and shipping at Bizerta bombed by 32 B-17's which score hits on 3 ships and near misses on 3 others. One building explodes and bursts observed among oil tanks. Night attack made on same target by medium bombers. P-38's, escorting 12 B-25's over Djedeida, engage group of enemy fighters which had defended El Aouina and destroy 1. Six B-26's score direct hits on 2 ships between Sicily and Tunis; 16 Axis planes intercept; 3 destroyed, 3 probably, and 1 damaged. Bisleys attack road and rail targets N of Pont du Fahs.</p> <p><u>Algeria:</u> Bone airdrome bombed by 12 ME-109's; 2 Swordfish planes destroyed and 2 damaged on ground; airdrome rendered unserviceable; 1 enemy plane damaged by AA fire. Twelve enemy aircraft make night attack on Algiers; 4 destroyed. About 35 Axis planes attack shipping off Bougie and Algiers at night.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Patrol activity only in Donbaik area.</p> <p>Two Japanese heavy bombers, escorted by 6 fighters, attack Maungdaw area; no damage or casualties result.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Enemy planes make minor raid on our positions on Guadalcanal; 1 shot down.</p> <p>Munda raided by 9 B-26's escorted by 11 P-39's.</p> <p>Five B-26's escorted by 12 P-39's attack bivouac area at Vila with undetermined results.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Attack of enemy patrol in Wandumi area repulsed and Japanese withdraw after suffering casualties.</p> <p>Six B-25's drop bombs in Mubo area.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Single rcn planes bomb Gasmata and C. Gloucester runways.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> Japanese rcn plane reported over Darwin in morning.</p> <p><u>South Pacific:</u> SS Samuel Gompers (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons) torp. and sunk at 24-28 S, 166-20 E.</p>	29
<p><u>Libya:</u> British troops occupy Zuara; enemy rear guard flanks road 3 mi. W of town. Strong patrols advance in early morning on enemy positions near Mars el Marcan but, encountering firm opposition, withdraw. First British units cross border into Tunisia.</p> <p>Fighter planes attack Axis gun positions E of Zuara; RAF scores near misses on 4 schooners moored off Zarzis and strafes them.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Arty. fire, patrolling, and MT activity by enemy along front in N Ousseltia Valley increases; from Pont du Fahs to Medjes el Bab, 2 large motor convoys observed. Minor advance on Maison des Eaux repulsed. Enemy captures Faid and penetrates to W and S; also makes advance on Sidi Bou Zid which French still hold.</p> <p>Nine medium bombers attack Bizerta; 30 B-17's bomb Ferryville docks and shipping, starting several fires. Spitfires, on rcn NW of Kai-rouan, encounter 6 enemy fighters, of</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> British units moving to left flank at Donbaik, occupy 2 small hills 1 mi. N of town. Both banks of Kaladan R. cleared of Japanese for 10 mi. S from Kyauktaw.</p> <p>Limited RAF operations carried out over Akyab Island and Mayu Peninsula.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Our troops on Guadalcanal meet stiff enemy resistance in vicinity of Bonegi R., and advance is slowed down.</p> <p>Four B-26's escorted by 7 P-39's drop bombs on revetment area at Munda; small fire started. A second attack is carried out by 4 B-26's and 2 B-17's escorted by 11 fighters; fires started and large explosion results.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Strong enemy pre-dawn attack in Wau area is repulsed by noon. Enemy suffers heavy casualties.</p> <p>Large ammunition dump and 15 native huts destroyed in Wau area during strafing attack by 6 RAAF Beaufighters. Mubo bombed and strafed by 3 A-20's with unobserved results. Buildings and supply dumps at Lae heavily attacked in early morning by 6 RAAF A-20's in 2 formations; fires visible for 25 mi. started.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Six B-17's make early morning raid on Rabaul shipping and shore installations, scoring hit followed by explosions on 1 vessel and starting fires in supply dump area. Two pro-</p>	30

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31.	Turkey: Prime Minister Churchill and Turkish premier and their staffs hold interview at Adana. Agreement reached on how Britain and U.S. can help Turkey consolidate her defensive security.	Aleutian Is.: Two enemy floatplanes ineffectively bomb Allied shipping at Amchitka.	Russia: Russians report slight gains and continued offensive action in Caucasus and final annihilation or capture of all German troops at Stalingrad with exception of a few units in N of the city. Germans claim to be checking Soviet advance in Don-Donets area; W of Voronezh action is continuing but only slight gains reported by Russians. Berlin again claims repulse of Russian attacks S of Lake Ladoga.	Sicily: U.S. planes make two successful bombing raids, 1 at dawn and 1 at noon, on train and ferry terminals at Messina. First attack, by 7 B-24's, scores hits on terminal quay and RR siding; second attack, by 9 B-24's, scores hits on terminal but encounters 5 enemy aircraft of which 3 are damaged. During night, 13 medium bombers attack Trapani airdrome.

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>which 2 FW-190's are damaged. Force of A-20's escorted by about 18 fighter planes, attacks concentrations of men and vehicles E of Faïd, and tanks E of Sidi Bou Zid. At latter, 12 tanks and 6 trucks are set on fire. El Aouinet attacked by 18 B-25's with P-38 escort; hits scored on warehouses, RR installations; about 15 enemy planes intercept, of which 7 ME-109's are destroyed, 4 probably, and several damaged; 2 P-38's crash, 2 are missing. Axis trucks near El Guettar and Maknassy are strafed by 12 P-40's on rcn.</p> <p><u>Algeria:</u> Five ME-109's make unsuccessful attack on Bone airdrome; AA fire damages 1. During night, about 16 enemy aircraft drop a few bombs over Bone.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Enemy forces appear to be established on crest of Djebel Ousselat. Allied troops, advancing E from Gafsa, attack Sened but enemy, reinforced, holds. Other units move NE from Gafsa to cut Sidi Bou Zid-Maknassy road, reach former place in afternoon and turn S to Maknassy. Faïd attacked but E and W exits to the Pass blocked by Axis. Two attacks near Sidi Said repulsed with slight loss of ground in hills ESE of Said.</p> <p>Eight Bisleys attack Mateur. Bizerta shipping bombed by 26 B-17's which score hits along channel and on ships, sinking 1, and start fires on quay and in dock area; of intercepting planes, 8 destroyed, 2 probably, and 6 damaged. Six B-26's, escorted by 12 P-38's, on anti-shipping strike between Tunisia and Sicily are attacked by about 80 Axis planes of which 2 are shot down. Hurricanes attack motor vehicles in area SW of Pont du Fahs; hits scored on 3 tanks and 7 lorries. Nine fighters strafe 15 tanks E of Faïd; 1 shot down. Dé Bou Thadi attacked by 5 A-20's and 12 fighters which destroy 6 buildings and a water tower. Enemy planes attack 8 P-40's over Sened; 1 lost, 2 probably, and 3 P-40's shot down.</p> <p><u>Algeria:</u> Bone airdrome dive-bombed by 6 Axis planes which destroy 2 Spitfires on ground; other Spitfires, intercepting, destroy 3 of the attackers.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> RAF bombers and fighters raid Mayu R. and Akyab areas during night.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>bable hits scored on small enemy transport in Open Bay by rcn B-24, and personnel on decks strafed. Gasmata runway bombed and strafed by another B-24 on rcn.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Penfoei airdrome at Koepang, Timor, heavily strafed by 6 RAAF Beaufighters; 8 bombers and 1 fighter destroyed or damaged on ground and buildings left burning.</p> <p><u>Canton I.:</u> Two enemy submarines shell Canton I. without damaging buildings or inflicting casualties. Two hits scored on grounded ship.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Ground forces engaged in reducing enemy strong points along the Bonegi R., Guadalcanal. Enemy barges off C. Esperance shelled by a U.S. DD.</p> <p>Vila attacked by 2 B-17's, operating singly; possible ammunition dump hit. Allied rcn plane scores near misses on enemy AK entering Vella Gulf.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Wandumi village shelled by our artillery. Enemy positions in Mubo area bombed and strafed by 4 RAAF A-20's and 4 RAAF Beaufighters make offensive coastal sweep. Rcn B-24 drops bombs on 2 enemy AK's and on runway at Wewak.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Seven B-17's attack shipping and shore installations at Rabaul, but searchlights and haze prevent observation of results. Cape Gloucester bombed by single rcn plane.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Three RAAF Hudsons attack Viqueque, Timor, and 3 B-24's bomb shipping at Ambon.</p>	<p>31</p>

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