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1	<p>Cuba-U.S.: Naval Mission Agreement between the U.S. and Cuba is signed.</p> <p>Chile: French Minister to Chile resigns following receipt of orders from Petain for the immediate return of the entire legation to Vichy.</p>	<p>Aleutian Is.: Two enemy planes in-effectively attack shipping in Constantine Bay, Amchitka. Later, 8 enemy planes are over Amchitka, 4 of them bombing and strafing our DD's 3 mi. E of the harbor; no damage results.</p>	<p>.. . . .</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Russians claim advances in Caucasus, reporting capture of RR center of Uste Labinsk by trans-caucasian forces and Viselki, a RR station on N Caucasian front. Heavy fighting continues in Donets-Voroshilovgrad Sector where Soviets claim capture of several towns. Germans admit loss of the southern group of the Sixth Army at Stalingrad and Russians announce continued annihilation of northern group. SE of Kharkov, Red Army captures large town and RR station of Svatovo, cutting a main RR from Kharkov to Donets basin, and on Voronezh front, district center of Sovetsk and RR station of Kshen. Berlin reports repulse of minor Soviet attacks at Lake Ladoga; Russians claim sinking of 8,000-ton enemy transport in Barents Sea.</p>	<p><u>Sardinia:</u> Elmas airdrome attacked by 9 medium bombers during night; hangar set on fire and delayed action bombs spread across field.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> 5,000-ton enemy merchant vessel torp. and sunk near Cape San Vito.</p>

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<p>Tunisia: U.S. troops make unsuccessful attack against enemy position W of Faïd. Patrois moving S and E make contact 10 mi. NNW of Maknassy. Tunis harbor and shipping attacked by 24 B-17's escorted by P-38's; several fires started. Convoy of 5 or 6 ships entering La Goulette harbor also bombed; 1 direct hit and many near misses scored; our planes opposed by heavy AA fire and enemy planes of which 9 are destroyed, 2 probably, and 4 damaged. Six A-20's and 10 P-40's score direct hits on enemy tank and vehicle concentration at Faïd. In Maknassy-Mezzouna area, 24 JU-87's with escort of 15 ME-109's attack ground troops and are intercepted by 12 P-40's; enemy losses are 3 destroyed, 2 probably, and 5 damaged; 2 P-40's lost. Roads in Robaa area strafed by 4 ME-109's without much damage.</p> <p>Algeria: During night, 12 enemy aircraft attack Bone; no damage results; 2 enemy planes destroyed by AA fire and 1 damaged by intercepting Hurricanes.</p>	<p>Burma: Despite stiff enemy resistance, British units advance to Wadi Junction (1 mi. NW of Donbaik) and occupy other positions 1 mi. NE of Donbaik.</p> <p>RAF planes continue to attack Mayu R. and Akyab areas. Total of 34 RAF bombers and more than 29 Hurricanes participate in offensive actions here during night of Jan. 31/Feb. 1 and day of 1st.</p> <p>Seven B-24's successfully raid docks and shipping at Rangoon, dropping 63 500-lb. bombs; large fire starts among Arakan tea sheds with smoke rising to 8,000 ft. Two P-40's successfully strafe targets at Bhamo.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Our ground forces on Guadalcanal continue westward advance. Additional U.S. troops land without opposition at Verahue (NW coast). Henderson Field attacked by 7 enemy bombers escorted by 4 Zeros; bombs dropped by only 1 plane; 3 bombers shot down.</p> <p>Japanese DD's in Buin-Guadalcanal area have been engaged in evacuating troops during past few days, despite Allied air attacks.</p> <p>Force of 12 SBD's and 7 TBF's escorted by 14 fighters attacks an enemy DD, an AK, and a corvette in Vella Gulf; all 3 ships set on fire; 5 of 10 intercepting Zeros destroyed; 2 F4F's shot down and 1 SBD crashes on landing.</p> <p>Four enemy DD's in N Solomons area attacked by force of 17 SBD's and 7 TBF's escorted by 17 fighters; 2 DD's are sunk and another set on fire. Two of 10 intercepting Zeros are shot down; 2 of our planes missing.</p> <p>Nine B-17's in 2 groups, escorted by 9 fighters, attack shipping in Buin-Shortland area. First group of 5 B-17's scores 3 direct hits on large AK off Shortland I. Heavy AA fire damages 4 of the 5 planes, but all return. Second group of 4 B-17's is intercepted by 20 Zeros; 3 B-17's missing as result of engagement and 4th is damaged.</p> <p>USS De Haven (DD) is attacked and sunk by force of enemy dive bombers escorted by Zeros, between C. Esperance and Savo I.</p> <p>During night of 1/2, U.S. PT boats attack enemy force of about 20 DD's approaching Guadalcanal; at least 1 DD is sunk and 2 others believed sunk; 3 PT boats lost.</p> <p>At least 20 Japanese planes are destroyed in vicinity of Guadalcanal during the day; 10 U.S. planes lost.</p> <p>Munda, New Georgia I., attacked during morning by 12 SBD's and 4 TBF's escorted by fighters; heavy AA fire encountered and 2 SBD's fail to return.</p> <p>New Guinea: Allied ground activity limited to patrolling in Wau area. Japanese detachments from Ramu R. are reported to have reached Kaiapit, 60 mi. NW of Lae. Enemy reinforcements are reported arriving by barge nightly at the mouth of the Waria R.</p> <p>Finschafen attacked by rcn B-24, which drops 3 bombs near runway. Four RAAF A-20's bomb and strafe enemy positions in Mubo area.</p> <p>New Britain: Lukanal and Rapopo airdromes at Rabaul are targets for pre-dawn attack. Ten B-17's; 20 fires started at Lukanal and 2 large ones at Rapopo. Rcn B-24 which attacked</p>	<p>1</p>

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2	<p><u>France-Belgium:</u> Railway center at Abbeville and locomotive shed near Bruges are targets for 24 escorted Venturas.</p> <p><u>Germany:</u> Cologne successfully bombed at night by about 150 RAF heavy bombers, 5 of which are missing.</p> <p><u>North Atlantic:</u> SS Jeremiah Van Renssalaer (U.S. cargo ship, 7,177 tons) torp. and sunk at 54-30 N, 29-30 W.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> In N Caucasus, Soviet troops occupy RR junction at Pavlovskaya. Germans report continued heavy fighting on Donets front; SE of Kharkov Russians claim capture of several towns. Moscow reports final liquidation of German army at Stalingrad and Berlin acknowledges that their last bulwark, the tractor works, is penetrated at several points. Soviets report raid on Voroshilov air-drome and destruction of 15 enemy planes. Both sides announce heavy fighting on Voronezh front and Soviets claim slight advance.</p>	<p><u>Mediterranean:</u> British SS sinks 4,000-ton enemy vessel off Brindisi.</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> Zelten reported clear of the enemy. Minor patrol contacts with enemy also reported. RAF fighter bombers attacking enemy areas score near misses on 2 barges and damage a schooner W of Pisida. During night, enemy aircraft make small, unsuccessful raid on Tripoli harbor.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> British units drive enemy back over road between Sidi Said and Mausolee. Minor, unsuccessful attack made on enemy position SE of Cusseltia. In southern sector, American advance units capture Sened.</p> <p>Six B-25's with escort of 16 P-38's, on anti-shipment sweep between Tunis and Sicily, sight convoy covered by 21 planes which attack the P-38's. Enemy losses are 7 planes destroyed, 1 probably, and 3 damaged. Eight fighters on rcn near Kairouan encounter 5 enemy planes of which 2 are destroyed. Sfax airdrome attacked by 17 B-26's which start large fires and leave 3 of 10 enemy planes on field burning; 1 of 5 intercepting enemy aircraft damaged. Second attack on Sfax made by 18 B-25's; 1 bomber and 1 intercepting Axis plane destroyed. Five A-20's escorted by 15 P-40's, dispatched against bridge near Maknassy, are attacked from rear by 6 enemy planes of which 1 is shot down; 2 P-40's lost. Ammunition dump 20 mi. E of Faid bombed by 6 A-20's with escort of 18 fighters; large explosion results. Ten fighters on ground support mission attack a formation of 25 JU-87's escorted by 9 ME-109's; 1 enemy plane and 5 of our fighter planes shot down.</p> <p>Souk el Khemis airdrome dive-bombed by 10 FW-190's; 2 Hurricanes destroyed on ground, 4 badly damaged, and 2 slightly.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> N of Donbaik, 2 heavy enemy counter-attacks are repulsed by the British. In the Rathedaung area, British troops occupy Taunglamaw, 1 mi. NE of Rathedaung. Stiff enemy resistance checks further advance.</p> <p>Forty-five RAF bombers with fighter cover attack Rathedaung-Akyab I. area, in support of ground forces.</p> <p>Five P-40's make surprise attack on Kengtung, destroying 9 bi-planes and 1 monoplane on the ground, bamboo hangars, 2 AA positions, 4 trucks, and setting barracks on fire.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>Finschafen, also drops 2 bombs on small enemy AK in Open Bay and 1 on 1 on C. Gloucester runway.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> Japanese rcn plane sighted in vicinity of Darwin.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Elements of advancing U.S. troops on Guadalcanal cross the Bonegi R., 1/2 mi. E of Tassafaronga, despite strong enemy resistance. Force which landed at Verahue yesterday reaches Titi, 1/2 mi. W of Morovovo, where they encounter enemy force of 1,000. P-39's strafe 16 landing boats on beach at Aruligo (13 1/2 mi. SE of C. Esperance), burning 2 and damaging the others. Catalina scores hit or near miss on enemy DD off C. Esperance. Two other ships, seen burning in this area, bombed and strafed by SBD's. At night, enemy planes are again over Henderson Field, but no damage results.</p> <p>Ten SBD's and 11 TBF's escorted by 20 fighters attack force of 16 DD's NE of Kolombangara in the New Georgia group, scoring hit on 1 DD and near miss on another; 1 TBF damaged by AA fire.</p> <p>Six B-17's escorted by fighters attack shipping in Shortland area, scoring hits on large AK, which is last seen burning and listing. At least 9 of 20 intercepting enemy fighters are shot down; all of our planes return.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Allied patrols make 2 successful raids N of Wandumi. Enemy troops move up Kumusi R. and occupy Deunia, 50 mi. inland and about 70 mi. W of Gona.</p> <p>Enemy positions in Mubo area again bombed and strafed by 4 RAAF A-20's.</p> <p>In Dutch New Guinea, 2 B-24's bomb and strafe enemy stores near Kaukenau.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Vunakanau and Rapopo airfields attacked at dawn by force of 6 B-17's, which drops bombs along S end of runway and in dispersal areas; searchlight extinguished. At night, 3 B-17's again attack Rabaul, but clouds prevent observation of results; a 4th B-17 from the Rabaul mission bombs Gasmata. RCN B-24 effectively strafes 3 landing launches, containing about 75 Japanese, in Open Bay; another scores hit on small AK in same area. Single B-24 attacks AK, towing 2 barges, off Lolobau (W of Open Bay), damaging the AK with direct hit and sinking 1 barge.</p> <p><u>Rei Is.:</u> Three RAAF Hudsons, bombing harbor installations at Toeal, start large fires.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> Enemy rcn of Australia continues, with planes reported over Darwin and Broome.</p>	<p>2</p>

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3	<p>Germany: Three-day period (Feb. 4-6) of mourning for the Sixth Army at Stalingrad is announced by Goebbels; all places of entertainment ordered closed.</p> <p>Cuba: Round-up of enemy aliens begins</p>	<p>South Atlantic: SS Rhexenor (British cargo ship, 7,957 tons) torp. and sunk at 21-53 N 41-30 W.</p> <p>North Atlantic: SS Dorchester (U.S. cargo ship, 5,649 tons) torp. and sunk at 59-22 N, 48-42 W</p>	<p>France: Fifteen Venturas, escorted by 28 squadrons of fighters, bomb Abbeville and airfield near St. Omer. Escorting fighters also make sweeps over N France. Three enemy planes destroyed, 5 probably, and 3 damaged; 2 RAF bombers and 8 fighters missing.</p> <p>Germany: 264 RAF planes dispatched at night to bomb Hamburg, during unfavorable weather conditions. Results unreported, but 344 tons of bombs dropped. Sixteen RAF planes missing.</p> <p>England: Beau-fighters destroy 1 of 8 enemy planes which cross NE coast, night of 3/4.</p> <p>North Atlantic: SS Inverilien (British tanker, 9,456 tons) torp. and sunk at 56-35 N 23-30 W. SS Greylock (U.S. cargo ship, 7,460 tons) torp. and sunk at 70-52 N 00-21 W.</p>	<p>Russia: Red Army troops in Caucasus, pushing toward Rostov, capture RR junction of Kushchevska. Germans report repulse of strong attacks near Novorossisk. Berlin announces that fighting at Stalingrad has ceased. Soviet forces driving toward Kharkov capture RR junctions of Kupyansk, Krasny Liman, Kremennaya and Rubezhnoe. Germans claim heavy defensive fighting in Don-Donets sector. North of Kursk, Russians cut Kursk-Orel RR with capture of Zolotukhina and Volzi. W of Voronezh, Soviet forces claim continued offensive action. Germans report collapse of weak Soviet attacks around Lake Ladoga.</p>	<p>Sicily: Palermo harbor bombed first by 10 B-24's and then by 6 B-24's. Results of first attack unobserved because of clouds but intense, inaccurate AA fire encountered. In second attack, hits scored on oil storage tanks and on 9,000-ton ship; AA fire heavy and accurate but no damage inflicted on our planes. Ten B-24's bomb Messina; AA fire intense, but inaccurate. Malta-based Spitfire bombers score hits on RR station and warehouses at Pozzallo and on power station N of Avola.</p> <p>Italy: About 180 RAF planes attack Turin with over 150 tons of bombs; large fires started.</p>
4	<p>Germany: Germany begins total mobilization for war effort; everyone must serve in war work or the military services. German Minister of Economic Affairs orders all shops, restaurants, hotels, etc., not absolutely essential for supplying civilian population, and a proportion of trade enterprises such as furniture, books.</p>	<p>Aleutian Is.: B-24 on weather mission is attacked over Kiska by 3 Zero float fighters; one Zero is forced down trailing smoke.</p> <p>Enemy installations and shipping at Kiska attacked by force of 3 B-17's, 3 B-24's, and 5 B-25's escorted by 4 P-38's and 8 P-40's; several near misses scored on small ship off</p>	<p>Germany: Day-light raid on Emden is carried out by 33 B-17's; results unobserved because of heavy cloud. AA fire and 50-60 fighters oppose attack; 25 enemy planes destroyed, 8 probably, and 6 damaged; 4 B-17's lost.</p> <p>France: About 120 RAF planes raid Lorient at night, dropping 206 tons</p>	<p>Russia: Russians continue offensive toward Rostov and capture RR junction of Starominsk, SE of Yeisk. Red Army troops report capture of 6 populated places in Krasny Liman area, and at strongly fortified enemy defense line in Kupyansk area. Soviets capture town of Kupyansk and 2 district centers E of Kursk. Soviets push</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> RAF makes 2 fighter bomber attacks on Houmt Souk; buildings near quay set on fire and 4 schooners reported destroyed.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> British forces wrest Djebel Mansour from enemy and resist German counterattacks. Patrols carry out successful action in area just NE of Bou Arada. Patrol reports Leboua clear of enemy. In south, units at Sened withdraw to Gafsa.</p> <p>Twelve B-26's and 12 P-38's, on anti-shipping mission, engage 10-12 enemy planes escorting shipping off Cape Bon and destroy 3, 1 probably, and damage 5. Near misses scored on cargo liner. During night, 11 medium bombers score many hits along quay and in town in attack on Bizerta. In Kairouan area, a tactical rcn mission escorted by fighters is engaged by 8 FW-190's which destroy 3 of our planes. Five A-20's with escort of Spitfires and P-40's attack howitzer battery and 75 trucks E of Ousseltia. Gabes airdrome bombed by 15 escorted B-26's which score hits in target area and encounter interception by enemy planes, destroying 3 and damaging 3 of these. Road and RR bridges N of Maknassy attacked by 18 B-25's, while tanks and vehicles in same area are bombed by 9 A-20's escorted by 12 Spitfires.</p> <p>Enemy offensive air activity increases. Souk el Arba airdrome attacked by 9 ME-109's and 6 FW-190's. Eight Axis planes raid Souk el Khemis airfield, destroying 2 Spitfires on the ground and damaging 8. In attack on Thelepte airdrome by 10 enemy aircraft, 2 P-40's are destroyed on ground but other P-40's intercept attack and destroy 2 enemy planes.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> British SS sinks schooner off Hammamet.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> British forces N of Donbaik repulse 2 heavy Japanese counterattacks during night. In the Rathedaung area, British troops make slow progress. Four Japanese medium bombers inflict slight damage on British positions on Mayu Peninsula; 1 enemy plane crashes.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> On Guadalcanal, U.S. troops, supported by gunfire from a DD, occupy heights beyond the Bonegi R. Considerable materiel is captured. Single Japanese planes twice raid our positions on Guadalcanal without causing damage.</p> <p>Force of 11 SBD's and 11 TBF's escorted by 26 fighters attacks Munda, causing explosions and starting large fires. Munda is also target for 4 B-26's escorted by 10 fighters, which drop 12 500-lb. bombs with unobserved results.</p> <p>Force of SBD's escorted by fighters bombs Vila, Kolombangara I.</p> <p>B-17 on rcn over Buka Passage is attacked by 3 Zeros, 1 of which is shot down.</p> <p>Pre-dawn attack on Kahili airdrome by 1 RAAF Catalina results in fires in dispersal bays.</p> <p>New Guinea: Allied patrols pushing eastward in Wau area.</p> <p>Three RAAF Beaufighters, in cooperation with ground forces, strafe enemy positions in vicinity of Wau. Four others make offensive coastal sweep, strafing villages; 4 RAAF A-20s bomb and strafe Mubo-Komiatum track.</p> <p>New Britain: B-24 on rcn over Rabaul is attacked by 15 Zeros, 2 of which are probably destroyed. Night of 3/4, 2 B-17's carry out 6th successive night raid on Rabaul; bombs dropped on runway and in dispersal areas, but results are unobserved; a 3d B-17, failing to reach Rabaul, bombs Gasmata. Three rcn B-24's, operating singly, set possible fuel dump on fire at Gasmata, hit runway at C. Gloucester and ineffectively attack enemy warship in Wide Bay.</p> <p><u>Aroe I.:</u> Dobo twice attacked, by 4 B-25's and 3 RAAF Hudsons, respectively; buildings destroyed and fires started; 1 of 3 intercepting floatplanes is destroyed.</p>	3
<p><u>Libya:</u> British patrols reach Tunisian frontier NW of El Assa. Axis withdraws W of Pisida.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Sixteen B-26's dispatched to Bordj Touan prevented by weather conditions from attacking but are intercepted by enemy aircraft which shoot down 2 of escorting P-38's; 1 enemy plane destroyed and 3 damaged. Gabes airdrome bombed by 24 B-17's which score many hits and start several fires. Enemy planes intercept, 9 destroyed, 3 probably, and 8 damaged. Landing ground 5 mi. W of Gabes then attacked by 24 more B-17's; of intercepting planes, 15 destroyed, 9</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> British pressure in Donbaik and Rathedaung area continues. Blenheims and Hurricanes attack enemy installations in Akyab area, while 19 enemy bombers attack British positions in this region; many hits scored on enemy aircraft by British AA fire. Five B-25's attack railroad bridge at</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Our troops advancing along NW coast of Guadalcanal are about 1,000 yards beyond Tassafaronga.</p> <p>Munda airfield attacked by 12 SBD's and 4 TBF's escorted by 22 fighters; pier near runway hit and fires started near AA positions.</p> <p>Force of 7 SBD's and 13 TBF's escorted by 27 fighters attacks enemy formation of 20 DD's NE of Kolombangara I., sinking 1 and damaging another. Seven of 25 protecting Zeros are shot down and 5 others probably destroyed; our losses are 1 SBD, 4 TBF's, and 1 fighter. Later, 18 enemy DD's with same fighter protection are again attacked by 13 SBD's and 14 fighters; 2</p>	4

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	(Cont'd) tobacco, toys, etc., closed. <u>Martinique:</u> Admiral Robert, High Commissioner, refuses to receive Admiral Battet, special emissary of General Giraud, who was endeavoring to align Admiral Robert with the United Nations.	(Cont'd) Trout Lagoon and bombs fall in target area at North Head, near main camp area, and in submarine base area. Three of 5 intercepting Zeros are believed shot down. Our heavy bombers are damaged, but all return.	(Cont'd) of bombs; large and well concentrated fires started. One RAF plane is missing.	(Cont'd) forward to occupy town of Tim and RR station of Shchigry. Germans report violent fighting around Lake Ladoga and repulse of strong, fresh Soviet troops.	
5	<u>Italy:</u> Premier Mussolini makes extensive changes in the Italian Cabinet and personally assumes the office of Count Galeazzo Ciano as Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ciano is named a member of the Fascist Grand Council for 3 years. <u>Netherlands:</u> General Hendrik Alexander Seyffardt, recently appointed by Mussert to raise a Netherland army for the Russian front, is fatally wounded in The Hague.	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Five enemy floatplanes attack Amchitka, dropping 3 bombs; no damage results. <u>North Atlantic:</u> SS West Portal (U.S. cargo ship, 5,376 tons) torp. and sunk at 53-00 N, 36-00 W.	<u>England:</u> Bognar bombed during daylight by 4 enemy planes which inflict slight damage.	<u>Russia:</u> Germans report landing attempts by strong Russian forces at Novorossisk and envelopment of these forces by the Novorossisk-Krasnodar garrison. Soviets claim continued gains by forces pushing toward Rostov from the south. In upper Donets, Soviets approach close to Kharkov's defense with capture of Izyum, Yama, and Olkhovatka. SE of Kursk, town and RR station of Staraya Oskol is taken by advancing Red Army. Germans report defensive fighting of increasing fierceness in this sector and collapse of Soviet attacks in north around Lake Ladoga.	<u>Sicily:</u> Malta Spitfires carry out offensive sweeps and attack Comiso airdrome. <u>Mediterranean:</u> British SS sinks 6,000-ton enemy tanker off Cape Cefalu.
6	<u>Brazil:</u> President Getulio Vargas officially informs the U.S. that Brazil has decided to join the United Nations and Adhere to the Atlantic Charter. This	<u>Russia:</u> Germans report that Soviet forces which landed near Novorossisk are pushed farther back. Russians occupy Bataisk, 5 mi. S of Rostov, and	<u>Sicily:</u> Spitfires successfully attack RR targets in SE Sicily.

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>probably, and 1 damaged; 1 B-17 lost. Bizerta docks raided during night by 8 medium bombers. Enemy twice tries to attack Souk el Arba airfield but is intercepted and turned back; 2 enemy aircraft damaged.</p> <p><u>Libya:</u> Tripoli unsuccessfully attacked by small force of enemy planes during night.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> With counterattacks, enemy units force our withdrawal from Djebel Mansour and establish themselves on that and Djebel Alliliga. In southern Tunisia, contact with enemy in Faïd area maintained. French raid Djebel Touila area and capture prisoners.</p> <p>Inclement weather hampers air operations and most bombing missions cancelled. Rcn planes over forward area attack enemy vehicles at Djebel Chemsî and during night, Hurricane bombers attack troops and transport SW of Pont du Fahs.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> Convoy west-bound from Alexandria attacked by enemy SS's. As a result, SS Henrik (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,350 tons) torp. and sunk at 32-20 N, 24-30 E.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Myitnge, dropping 40 300-lb. bombs; direct hits and near misses scored on the bridge. Later, 3 B-25's bomb railroad shops at Myitnge, scoring near misses. Accurate AA fire encountered during both attacks. Rangoon heavily bombed at night by 3 Liberators; large fires result.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> Total of 6 B-25's, in 2 flights, further damage bridge at Myitnge with direct hits and near misses. A second attack on the bridge by force of 6 B-24's results in 1 direct hit and 5 near misses. AA fire damages 1 B-25 during the first attack. One B-25 escorted by 2 P-40's bombs and strafes targets along the Sagaing-Myitkyina railway. Four P-40's, strafing Kengtung area, destroy trucks, 1 biplane, a machine gun position, and set barracks on fire.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>DD's are hit. Ten Zeros are shot down and 2 probably destroyed; we lose 1 SBD and 3 fighters.</p> <p>Pre-dawn on Kahili airdrome by 2 RAAF Catalinas results in fires, probably on fuel dump, and among grounded aircraft. Kahili also bombed by rcn B-17, which drops 20 100 lb. bombs.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Mubo-Komiatum track bombed by 3 A-20's. Lae airdrome subjected to 2 attacks by total of 7 B-25's and 10 A-20's; bombs dropped in dispersal and runway areas and AA positions strafed.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Enemy 1,000-ton AK off Arawe is left listing as result of direct bomb hit and near misses scored by B-17. Rcn B-24's bomb Gasmata and C. Gloucester; the former is also target for single rcn RAAF Catalina.</p> <p><u>Tanimbar Is.:</u> Three RAAF Hudsons bomb village on Matkus I. with unobserved results.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Allied patrols on Guadalcanal reach the Umasani R. Rcn plane sights and strafes enemy vessel with large radio tower and antenna off Russell Is., leaving it burning. Rcn reveals indications of small enemy landing in Russell Is. region.</p> <p>Japanese AK and AO attacked by rcn plane 16 mi. SW of Buka Passage; AK probably damaged.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Allied patrol activity in Wau region increases.</p> <p>Enemy-occupied villages in Morobe area bombed and strafed by 3 A-20's.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Seven B-17's, during pre-dawn attack on Rabaul airdromes, start fires in town and in dispersal and fuel dump areas; fire at the latter is visible for 100 mi. Rcn B-24 sinks 1,000-ton AK near Talasea and bombs Gasmata.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Ambon heavily attacked by 9 B-24's; a 10,000-ton transport hit and left burning, 2 medium merchant vessels damaged by direct hits, fires started at wharf and on buildings in town. Five of 10 intercepting Zeros are destroyed.</p> <p><u>Aroe Is.:</u> Buildings and ammunition dump at Dobo set on fire during attack by 9 B-25's.</p>	<p>5</p>
<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Bombing operations cancelled due to weather.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> Convoy attacked by enemy bombers and torpedo bombers NE of Oran; Canadian corvette Louisa-Burg sunk, and merchant ship, SS Fort Babine (British cargo ship, 7,135 tons) damaged and taken in tow.</p>	<p><u>India:</u> Four enemy bombers and 1 fighter raid Cuttawong; no damage reported.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> British defense on Bensaik area penetrated by enemy raiders which later withdraw.</p> <p>RAF Hurricanes and Blenheims on-</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Allied unit on SW moves to vicinity of Titi, where strong position is established.</p> <p>Vila attacked by SBD's with unobserved results.</p> <p>Eleven SBD's and 22 F4F's bomb Munda; results unreported. Despite heavy AA fire, all our planes return.</p> <p>Kahili and Buka airdromes attacked in early morning by single RAAF Catalinas.</p>	<p>6</p>

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	(Cont'd) is the 31st nation to adhere to the pact. France: British press announces the appointment of Rene Massigli as Commissar for Foreign Affairs of the French Nation- al Committee.			(Cont'd) reach the Sea of Azov with the cap- ture of Yeisk. This isolates Nazi forces in the triangle from Yeisk-Krasnodar- Novorossisk-Kerch Strait. Triple thrust by Soviet forces S of Kharkov results in capture of Balakleya by the right flank, Barven- kova by the center, and Lisichansk by the left flank. In drive on Kursk, Soviet forces claim capture of Bolshay- Troitskoe, Veliko- Mikhailovskaya, and Manturovo in region around Staraya Oskol. Nazis report re- pulse of Soviet at- tacks at Lake Lado- ga and bombing of Murmansk, and claim sinking of 5,000-ton Russian ship in Arctic waters.	
7	Peru: Foreign Office announces in Lima Peru's ad- herence to the At- lantic Charter. Italy: Count Ciano is appointed Am- bassador to the Vati- can.	France: About 300 RAF planes carry out success- ful night raid on sub- marine yards at Lorient. Seven RAF planes are missing. England: Five enemy planes over S coast during day and several more at night, causing minor damage; 1 destroyed. North Atlantic: Convoy bound for United Kingdom at- tacked by enemy sub- marines and follow- ing ships sunk at approximately 55-00 N, 26-00 W; SS Toward (British cargo ship, 1,571 tons), SS Robert E. Hopkins (U.S. tanker, 6,825 tons), SS Afrika (British cargo ship, 8,597 tons), SS Henry B. Mallory (U.S. cargo ship, 6,063 tons), SS	Russia: Berlin announces that bulk of Soviet forces in bridgehead NW of Novorossisk is wiped out. Russians capture Olginsk, SE of Rostov, and town and port of Azov, liquidating last center of enemy resistance on left bank of Don. In Ukraine, Soviets capture Kramatorsk and district center and RR station of Kamenka. They also occupy Gosteshevo on RR between Bel- gorod and Kursk. Russian forces cut main road between Kursk and Orel with capture of Fatezh.	Italy: Two flights of 12 and 8 B-24's, respectively, attack Naples harbor. Hits are scored on 3 merchant ships, harbor installa- tions, and moles; many fires started. Intense and heavy AA fire damages 4 of our planes. First mission intercepted by 3 enemy aircraft and second, by 9 planes of which 2 ME-109's destroyed; 1 B-24 shot down. Sardinia: Forty- one B-17's escort- ed by 25 P-38's bomb Elmas air- drome and Cagliari seaplane base; bursts observed on airdrome and among buildings; 2 enemy planes destroyed and 3 damaged. Same targets at- tacked by force of 19 B-26's which

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Enemy troops moving SW from area NW of Kebir Reservoir successfully engaged by our artillery. Enemy artillery fire in Kef Taourit area and patrol activity around Djebel Rihane reported. Our forces in Ousseltia Valley sector heavily engaged S of Mausolee.</p> <p>Youks les Bains airdrome attacked by 6 or more ME-109's; 1 A-20 destroyed on ground and 2 damaged.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> Convoy again attacked by enemy SS's and aircraft: SS Empire Webster (British cargo ship, 7,043 tons) and Empire Banner (British cargo ship, 6,699 tons) sunk at 37-00 N, 01-55 E.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> Convoy returning from Mediterranean loses three ships: SS Mary Slessor (British cargo ship, 5,027 tons), SS Empire Mordred (British cargo ship, 7,024 tons), and SS Baltonia (British cargo ship, 2,013 tons) sunk by mine at approximately 35-55 N, 06-01 W.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>operating in the Akyas, Shwebo, and Thazi Junction areas, inflict considerable damage on enemy transport. Wellingtons score hits on railroad station and yards at Mandalay.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> Patrol activity increases near Rathedaung. In the Donbaik area, British repulse a night attack on their positions by force estimated at 100 Japanese.</p> <p>RAF planes destroy MT and damage buildings in Taungup area, and successfully raid Rangoon.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> In Wau area, our ground forces are clearing enemy from area W of the Bulolo R.</p> <p>Enemy aircraft are very active in vicinity of Wau; airdrome dive-bombed by 12 enemy medium bombers escorted by 12 fighters. In air battles throughout the day our fighters destroy 3 enemy bombers and 21 fighters, probably destroy or damage 6 bombers and 12 fighters; AA fire destroys 2 bombers; our losses are light.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> A 500-ton enemy vessel is damaged and probably destroyed in Open Bay, and troops in 2 barges at Riebeck Bay strafed by rcn B-24; 1 of the barges is set on fire. Searchlight positions at Rabaul attacked by B-17, but weather prevents observation of results.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> One of 2 enemy bombers on rcn over Darwin is shot down by Allied fighter.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> U.S. forces on Guadalcanal advance westward to a line along the Umasani R., while unit on SW establishes outpost 500 yards NE of Marovovo.</p> <p>Fifteen SBD's escorted by 21 fighters attack Japanese force of 19 DD's near Rendova I., scoring hit on 2 of them. Of 15 Zeros protecting the DD's, 2 and possibly 3 are destroyed.</p> <p>During night attack on Kahili by 2 RAAF Catalinas, a 2,000-ton ship is set on fire, 2 aircraft burned, ammunition dump blown up, and fire visible for 60 mi. started on fuel dump.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Allied troops encounter strong enemy opposition SE of Wau airdrome. Enemy forces continue movements by night from Amoa (NW of Morobe) to Dona (mouth of Waria R.).</p> <p>In Dutch New Guinea, Kaukenau and Timika bombed and the former also strafed by rcn B-24; another B-24 on rcn bombs Babo; results of both attacks unobserved.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Two enemy luggers off S Celebes successfully strafed by single RAAF Hudson.</p> <p><u>Arce Is.:</u> Rcnp B-24 scores hits on petty and barracks at Dobo, starting</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> Enemy rcn planes sighted</p>	<p>7</p>

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			(Cont'd) Kalliopi (Greek cargo ship, 4,965 tons), SS Harmala (British cargo ship, 5,730 tons), SS Daghild (Norwegian tanker, 9,272 tons).		(Cont'd) scores hits on hangars, dispersal areas, starting large fires. Of intercepting enemy aircraft, 2 destroyed. Eight Wellingtons make night raid on Villacidra airdrome, scoring hits among dispersed planes; 3 attack Decimomannu airdrome, and 4 bomb Elmas airdrome.
8	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Force of 5 B-24's and 5 B-25's drops 48 500-lb bombs on enemy installations at Kiska harbor, scoring hits on buildings in main camp area and on an oil or water tank. Twelve 500-lb. bombs are dropped near new air strip at Salmon Lagoon with unobserved results. A second flight of 2 B-25's, failing to locate target, drops 8 300-lb. bombs through overcast in North Head area; results unreported. Heavy AA fire encountered, but all of our planes return.</p>	<p><u>England:</u> Six enemy planes are over England during night; 2 damaged and 1 destroyed. Slight casualties inflicted.</p> <p><u>North Atlantic:</u> Convoy again attacked by enemy submarines and SS Newton Ash (British cargo ship, 4,625 tons) sunk at 56-25 N, 22-26 W.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Red Army forces in N Caucasus continue to advance and capture Staro-shcherbinovsk and several towns and villages. On the lower Donets there is little change in the situation although Russians report continued offensive action. Russians claim advance SE of Kharkov and, NE of Belgorod, capture Korochoa on an important road crossing. Farther north, the Soviets occupy the important enemy base of Kursk. Germans claim frustration of renewed Russian attacks S of Lake Ladoga.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Messina harbor bombed by 15 B-24's which score direct hits on ferry terminal, power station, and oil storage tanks; attack opposed by heavy, but inaccurate, AA fire and 6 enemy planes of which 1 ME-109 is destroyed and 1 damaged. Malta-based Spitfires bomb RR in SSicily.</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> Forward troops attacked by 4 JU-88's with escort. Small force of enemy planes bombs Tripoli; 2 HE-111's destroyed.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Patrols on both sides active in N Tunisia. Enemy, from positions around Kebir, shells Allied troops and during night, enemy shells Sidi Bou Zid although no damage is inflicted.</p> <p>Sousse shipping and docks bombed by 42 B-17's with escort of 24 P-38's; bursts observed on buildings and outer jetties and hits scored on 2 vessels, docks, and seaplane base. Enemy planes intercept; 2 are probably destroyed and 3 damaged. Sixty A-20's escorted by 22 Spitfires attack concentration of enemy troops and transportation 10 mi. E of Faid; bursts observed; 3 A-20's damaged by AA fire. Same target also successfully attacked by 12 A-20's escorted by 24 Spitfires. Fifteen B-26's and 18 B-25's escorted by 18 P-38's bomb Gabes airdrome, scoring hits on the field, RR yards and buildings, and starting a large fire. Enemy planes intercept; 18 destroyed, 1 probably, and 22 damaged; 4 B-25's and 1 P-38 lost. Twelve P-39's and 12 P-40's attack landing grounds at Kebili; no enemy aircraft or activity observed at target.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Rangoon is heavily raided by 3 flights of 6 B-24's each; total of 182 500-lb. bombs are dropped on marshalling yards, railroad station, and docks; 27 hits scored in marshalling yards and 1 large and 2 small fires result at railroad station from 3 direct hits. One of 6 enemy planes intercepting the third flight is shot down; 2 B-24's damaged.</p> <p>Six flights of RAF planes operate in Mayu R. and Akyab areas; 1 of the raids is carried out by Blenheims, which attack Pauktawgyi. Shwebo airfield and Prome also attacked by RAF.</p> <p>A British brigade Hq in the Chin Hills is attacked by 18 enemy bombers; little damage results.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Twenty-two enemy bombers attack a target (identity unreported) 7 mi. SE of Kweilin, Kwangsi Province, and 7 bombers attack Kweilin. Ten Japanese bombers escorted by 9 fighters raid Hengyang in Hunan Province, while the airdrome is bombed by 6 bombers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>Lower Darwin.</p> <p><u>South Pacific:</u> SS Iron Knight (British cargo ship, 4,812 tons) sunk by SS at 36-51 S, 150-38 E.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> U.S. ground forces on Guadalcanal, supported by shelling from a DD, advance westward on N coast to point 1/2 mi. W of the Segilau R., while our troops on the W coast reach Visale without opposition. Considerable enemy equipment is captured.</p> <p>Munda bombed by force of 14 SBD's escorted by 18 fighters; results unreported.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Allied patrols in Wau area, supported by artillery, continue their eastward advance, despite enemy opposition.</p> <p>Mubo village and tracks bombed and strafed by 6 A-20's. Small explosion results from early morning attack on Finschafen by 1 RAAF Catalina.</p> <p>Single plane drops 1 bomb on Merauke; no damage results.</p> <p><u>Aroe Is.:</u> Dobo attacked by 9 B-25's and later, by 6 RAAF Hudsons. Photographs reveal that 3/4 of the town is destroyed by these attacks.</p>
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9	<p>France: German radio announces that Lorient is to be evacuated.</p> <p>Colombia-Russia: Colombia and Russia agree to exchange diplomatic representatives.</p> <p>Algeria: Marcel B. Peyrouton, Governor General of Algeria, creates a Permanent Council of War Economy.</p>			<p>England: Bombs dropped by 15 enemy planes in SE England and Suffolk; minor casualties and damage result.</p>	<p>Russia: In Rostov area, Nazi forces are counterattacking strongly in effort to halt Soviet advance. Russians claim to be advancing in Don-Donets area but Germans claim that their counterattacks are holding the Red Army forces. The Russian right flank in Balakleya sector is reported progressing and occupation of several populated places is claimed. Russian troops capture Belgorod, the important RR junction on the line to Kursk, and Poniri, on the Kursk-Orel RR. S of Kursk, the towns of Solnitsevo and Medvenski fall to the advancing Soviets. Renewed Soviet attacks in E Karelia and S of Lake Ladoga are reported unsuccessful by the Nazis.</p>	<p>Crete: Night of 9/10, 8 B-25's bomb Heraklion and Kastelli Pediaa airdromes; heavy AA fire encountered over both fields and fire started at latter.</p> <p>Sicily: Ten Wellingtons make night attack on Trapani docks.</p> <p>Mediterranean: 2500-ton enemy merchant ship torp. and sunk at 40-56 N, 17-36 E.</p>
10	<p>India: Mohandas K. Gandhi begins his ninth political fast in 25 years.</p> <p>France: Paris radio announces that the government has ordered the evacuation of Brest by all non-essential persons to minimize the effects of Allied bombing.</p> <p>Netherlands: Dr. H. Reydon, newly appointed Propaganda Minister, is shot in The Hague; it is uncertain whether or not he died.</p>	<p>Aleutian Is.: Force of 2 B-17's, 4 B-24's and 8 P-38's, drops 80 500-lb. bombs on Japanese positions at Kiska; hits scored on hangars and buildings in main camp area, and on the new fighter strip SW of Salmon Lagoon. Three of B-25's drop 24 300-lb. bombs at North Head, scoring 19 hits in target area. Single enemy plane drops 1 bomb on Allied vessel 50 mi. S of Kiska; the vessel suffers no damage.</p>	<p>France: Caen bombed by 11 escorted Venturas during daylight. One enemy fighter probably destroyed, 2 damaged for loss of 3 RAF fighters and damage of 1 more.</p> <p>England: Two of 12 enemy aircraft over S coast destroyed by AA fire.</p> <p>North Atlantic: SS Pacific (British cargo ship, 2,816 tons) overdue in London and presumed sunk.</p>	<p>Russia: Russians announce capture of Akhtari on the shore of the Sea of Axov; this clears enemy from the area between this town and the mouth of the Don R. Germans report stubborn defense and counterattacks in lower Don region but, N of Rostov, some Soviet units reach the Novocherkassk-Rostov RR line. In Kharkov area, the Red Army advances from SE, capturing Chugeyev, and from NE, occupying Volchansk. Russians claim to be forging ahead N of Kursk and report occupation of several inhabited localities.</p>	<p>Sicily: Seven B-24's bomb Palermo harbor; clouds prevent observation of results. One B-24 scores 4 direct hits and a near miss on highway in area. Targets in NE Sicily bombed by Spitfires from Malta.</p> <p>Mediterranean: 4,000-ton enemy merchant vessel torp. and sunk off S Italy.</p>	

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Enemy contacted NE of Goubellat and in Mateur sector. During night, enemy machine guns 4 mi. N of Munchar open fire. Patrols report enemy machine guns and mortar fire NW of Bou Arada. Enemy activity in Gafsa region increases.</p> <p>Twenty-four B-17's dispatched to attack landing ground W of Gabes find target obscured by clouds; Kairouan airdrome bombed instead. Bursts observed on field and in RR yards; of 6 intercepting FW-190's, 1 is destroyed. Force of P-39's and P-40's on rcn over Pichon-Ousseltia area is intercepted by 7 FW-190's near Bou Dabouss; 2 enemy planes destroyed.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Enemy force attacks British troops 6 mi. E of Fort White in the Chin Hills.</p> <p>Three B-24's bomb Mingaladon airdrome at Rangoon 2 direct hits on runway result in 4 fires.</p> <p>RAF Blenheims attack objectives in Akyab and Mayu R. areas and at Thazi Junction, while other RAF planes sweep Shwebo area and Taungup-Prome road. Four P-40's on offensive patrol bomb and strafe targets along the Burma Road from Kutkai to Mahgshih. Japanese airdrome at Heho bombed at night by Liberators. Wellingtons make night attack on Sangaing.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Kweilin, Liuchow, and Lungling bombed by 3, 20, and 10 Japanese planes, respectively.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> All organized enemy resistance on Guadalcanal ceases, after junction of Allied forces at C. Esperance is effected. Large quantities of supplies are captured. Navy announces that 6,066 Japanese were killed and 127 captured, during final Allied offensive, which started Jan. 15.</p> <p>Two P-39's strafe and sink an enemy barge off Hooper Bay, and strafe floating drums of fuel oil N of Basein I. (Russell Is.).</p> <p>Vila bombed with unobserved results by 2 B-26's escorted by 9 fighters.</p> <p>Nine SBD's escorted by 19 fighters attack Munda, starting 1 large fire. AA fire is heavy, but all our planes return. At night, a Catalina makes harassing raid on Munda.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Patrol activity continues SE of Wau and near Wandumi.</p> <p>Five RAAF A-20's and 7 RAAF Beau-fighters make coordinated bombing and strafing attack on Malahang.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Celebes: Japanese installations, store dumps, and buildings at Kendari extensively damaged by attack of 8 B-24's; interception by 9-12 enemy fighters over Kendari and the sea results in destruction of 1 and probably another.</p> <p><u>South Pacific:</u> SS Starr King (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons) torp. and sunk at 34-15 S, 154-20 E.</p>	9
<p><u>Libya:</u> Dawn attack by 4 JU-88's on Tripoli harbor causes little damage.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Small force raids enemy localities 6 mi. NW of De Jefna and takes prisoners. Several hostile Arab villages used as enemy patrol bases burned. Several enemy localities W of Mateur cleared. Patrols clash in Heidous area; enemy infantry and cavalry reported moving W from N and S of Bou Dabouss.</p> <p>Bombing missions cancelled due to weather conditions. Nine B-25's with escort of 16 P-38's, on anti-shipping mission between Tunis and Sicily, attack 4 vessels, believed to be Siebel ferries, N of Cape Bon; 1 sunk and another left in sinking condition.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Japanese patrols again clash E of Fort White and the enemy is forced to withdraw. British attempt to dislodge the Japanese from a hill 1 mi. N of Donbaik fails. Enemy attack in this area is repulsed.</p> <p>Rolling stock at Maymyo yards is target for 8 B-25's, which drop 32 300-lb. bombs; 4 hits scored.</p> <p>Six Japanese bombers and 2 fighters attack British forward positions in Rathdaung area; no damage results. Three enemy fighters are over Kyaukse.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Two P-40's on offensive rcn successfully strafe ob-</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Allied ground forces on Guadalcanal engaged in mopping up enemy remnants and in regrouping and reorganizing main forces.</p> <p>Force of 10 SBD's and 5 TBF's escorted by 19 fighters successfully attacks Munda. Munda and Vila are targets for 4 500-lb. bombs each, dropped by rcn planes.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Enemy troops, harassed by artillery fire, are withdrawing from Wau area.</p> <p>Japanese floatplane ineffectively bombs Tenahmerah (160 mi. N of Merauke).</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> One B-17 makes 2-hour attack on Rabaul, night of 10/11, starting 2 fires at Lakunai.</p> <p><u>Kel Is.:</u> Three RAAF Hudsons, attacking town area of Toeal, start small fires</p>	10

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11	<p>China-India: It is announced that Field Marshal Sir John Dill and Lt. Gen. Henry Arnold have concluded a series of conferences with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek in Chungking and with General Sir Archibald Wavell in India.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p>Germany: Wilhelmshaven heavily raided at night by about 175 RAF planes; very large explosion and many fires result, although cloudy weather prevents identification of target and bombing is done by flares.</p>	<p>Russia: Germans report successful counterattacks against Soviet forces SW of Novorossisk. Russians report repulse of enemy counterattacks in Rostov area where Soviets are exerting pressure from S, E, and W, and claim capture of Mechetny, Zaitsevka, and several other places in Novochoerkassk area. Strong Nazi counterattacks appear to be checking the Russian effort in Kramatorsk sector to cut off the escape line of German troops in Rostov salient. S of Khar'kov, the Germans lose Lozovaya, an important RR junction, and several villages S of Chuguyev. Moscow reports advances in area of Volchansk and continued offensive action N of Kursk. Berlin announces that Soviets are shifting their attacks from area S of Lake Ladoga to other sections of northern front. Nazis report strong air attacks against Russian troops and vehicles.</p>	<p>Sicily: Malta-based Spitfires in offensive sweep strafe train near Noto and gun positions near Pozzallo.</p>
12	<p>Netherlands: C. van Ravenzwaai, Secretary for Social Affairs in the Mussert Cabinet, is assassinated.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p>Russia: Soviet Caucasian forces capture RR town of Krasnodar; Germans report renewed Russian attempts to penetrate into Novorossisk harbor. Soviets pushing from NE toward Rostov capture Shakhty. Voroshilovsk, NE of Stalino, also falls to advancing Red Army while other units</p>	<p>Italy: Malta-based Mosquitos attack rail traffic in Calabria and Sicily.</p>

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<p>Libya: RAF fighter bombers continue attacks on dispersed enemy MT and tents W of Ben Gardane.</p> <p>Tunisia: In Ousseltia sector, strong attack by Axis patrol during night repulsed. Enemy patrols encountered in Faid area; successful raid from Gafsa on enemy in Sened area carried out.</p> <p>Bombing operations cancelled because of inclement weather. Twelve A-20's escorted by 12 Spitfires and 10 P-40's attack Sened, scoring hits on highway and in town.</p> <p>South Atlantic: SS Helmsey (British cargo ship, 4,764 tons) torp. and sunk at 34-20 S, 24-56 E. SS Queen Anne (British cargo ship, 4,937 tons) torp. and sunk 8 mi. off Cape Agulhas.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>jectives in Teng-chung-Lungling area.</p> <p>Burma: Heavy enemy casualties result from patrol clash E of Fort White during period Feb. 9-11.</p> <p>RAF planes attack objectives in Mayu Peninsula and Arakan coast areas and sweep Katha area. At night, Myohaung is bombed by RAF. Two P-40's bomb and strafe a truck convoy, destroying 3 trucks.</p> <p>China: Seventeen enemy bombers escorted by fighters raid Kweilin, and 15 planes raid Liuchow.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Munda bivouac area attacked by 4 B-26's escorted by 10 fighters; fires started in target area.</p> <p>Four B-26's escorted by 9 fighters bomb Vila, starting large fire near runway; 1 Zero is shot down.</p> <p>New Guinea: Enemy decisively defeated in Wau area and is withdrawing towards Mubo.</p> <p>Single RAAF Catalina attacks enemy-occupied area near mouth of Waria R. with unreported results.</p> <p>New Britain: One B-17 attacks Rabaul for 2 1/2 hours, night of 11/12, starting small fire at Rapopo.</p>	11
<p>Libya: Tripolitania cleared of all enemy organized forces as British troops advance unopposed along coast road toward Ben Gardane. RAF makes 3 fighter bomber attacks on MT W of Ben Gardane and enemy twice tries to intercept.</p> <p>Tunisia: Patrol contacts enemy 4 mi. NNE of Medjes el Bab; enemy occupies area 2 mi. NE of Kes-Taurit. Enemy on Libyan frontier shells British forward troops, and their armored cars engaged on coastal road.</p>	<p>Burma: Seven B-24's attack marshalling yards and railroad station at Rangoon; 34 hits on target start large fires visible for 50 mi. One of 5 intercepting planes destroyed, 1 probably damaged, all our planes return.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Force of 17 SBD's escorted by 15 fighters attacks Munda, destroying AA positions and starting fires. Three B-26's escorted by 6 fighters carry out a second raid on Munda. All of our planes return.</p> <p>New Guinea: Port Moresby raided by unreported number of enemy planes.</p> <p>New Britain: Japanese convoy, consisting of 1 PL and 3 AK's, sighted by B-24 and attacked S of Wide Bay; hit or near miss halts 6,000-ton AK. Sawmill at Ubili set on fire during at-</p>	12

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				(Cont'd) capture Krasnoarmeisk, a vital RR junction in middle Donets area, thereby cutting the enemy's last standard gauge RR to Rostov. Russians claim further gains in Kramatorsk-Lozovaya sectors and increase pressure on Nazi forces at Kharkov. N of Kursk Soviet units are advancing slowly, encountering stiff enemy resistance. Berlin asserts that disconnected Russian attacks in Velikye Luki region collapsed and reports repulse of attacks on a wide front between Volkhovo and Lake Ladoga.	
13	Bulgaria: General Konstantin Lukoff, pro-Axis Chief of Staff of the Army, is assassinated.	Aleutian Is.: Kiska attacked by force of 5 B-24's and 6 B-25's escorted by 10 P-38's; 72 500-lb. and 24 300-lb. bombs dropped. Fifty-seven 500-lb. bombs hit main camp area; 3 500-lb. bomb hits scored on runway of fighter strip SW of Salmon Lagoon; 300-lb. bomb hits scored on North Head; four P-38's strafe enemy photo plane accompanying mission strafes Little Kiska. Four of 6 intercepting enemy planes are destroyed. One B-25, damaged by AA fire, crashes near Adak. Enemy scout plane is shot down 15 mi. W of Constantine Harbor, Amchitka, by P-38's.	France-Holland: Twenty-one escorted Bostons make daylight raids on Boulogne shipping and St. Malo docks, while 20 escorted Venturas score direct hits on steelworks at Ijmuiden. Three enemy planes are destroyed, 1 probably, 5 damaged; 6 RAF planes destroyed, 3 damaged. More than 450 RAF planes participate in 2 night raids on Lorient, during which 1,137 tons of bombs are dropped. Raids, carried out in bright moonlight, are highly successful and docks and center of town observed well ablaze; 8 RAF bombers are missing and 2 crashed.	Russia: Germans again report repulse of Soviet attacks around Novorossisk, the only good remaining Nazi base in NW Caucasus. Russian troops, pressing toward Rostov, occupy RR towns of Zverevo, Likhaya, and Novocherkassk, while other units advancing in Krasnoarmeisk area, where they present a threat to Germans at Rostov, appear to be meeting counterattacks. Soviets capture Zolochov in Kharkov sector. On northern front, heavy fighting continues and Germans report repulse of all Soviet attacks in region.	Crete: Heraklion and Kastelli Pediada airdromes bombed by 5 B-24's; large fire started at latter. Italy: Fourteen U.S. planes bomb Naples; 10 bomb Crotone where hits are scored on barracks and warehouses and fires started; light ineffectual AA fire encountered. Sicily: Malta Spitfires score many hits and start fire in chemical factory near Pachino, and strafe camp and factory.

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<p>Libya: British Eighth Army reaches Rass Adjir on coast road without serious opposition. Taguelmit, 20 mi. SW, is clear of Axis.</p> <p>Tunisia: Artillery and patrol activity along entire front. Force of B-26's escorted by P-38's bombs Tunis and El Aouina airdrome and are intercepted by 20-30 ME-109's. Four enemy planes destroyed, 3 probably, and 4 damaged. B-25's escorted by P-38's, on anti-shipping flight between Tunis and Sicily, sight force of 35-50 JU-52's and 3 ME-323's; 4 JU-52's and 1 ME-323 destroyed. Allied planes strafe MT moving S from Faid in Maatleg Pass area.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Mytinge bridge is target for 9 2,000-lb. and 20 1,000-lb. bombs dropped by 7 B-24's; 1 span of the bridge is demolished as a result of 2 hits and both approaches are damaged by near misses.</p> <p>RAF planes again active in Mayu Peninsula and Akyab areas; at night, 9 Wellingtons bomb Sagaing.</p> <p>Enemy bombers attack British forward positions; 1 destroyed, 2 probably, and 1 damaged.</p> <p>Burma: Force of 12 P-40's attack Japanese Hq at Lonkin, starting a fire in the town and burning 6 barracks across the river from Lonkin. Two formations of B-25's successfully attack rolling stock at Wetlet and Paukkan in Central Burma; several fires started in town area at Wetlet. Two P-40's destroy a Japanese plane on Lashio airdrome during strafing attack. RAF fighters sweep Mayu Peninsula and Toungoo airfield.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>tack by rcn B-24. One B-17 makes 2-hour night raid on Rabaul, starting large fire in dump area; observation of results hampered by searchlights and clouds.</p> <p>Solomon Is.: Six B-24's escorted by 11 fighters score direct hit on an AK off Buin. Eight of 45 intercepting Zeros are destroyed; we lose 2 bombers and 2 fighters to Zeros and 1 bomber and 1 fighter to heavy AA fire.</p> <p>An enemy convoy, consisting of 1 large AK escorted by 1 DD and 1 CL attacked in Buin-Faisi area by 9 PB4Y's escorted by 15 fighters, but no hits are scored.</p> <p>AA emplacements at Munda bombed by 17 SBD's and 2 TBF's escorted by 14 P-40's; small fires started.</p> <p>Kahili airdrome attacked during night by 2 RAAF Catalinas.</p> <p>New Guinea: Mubo village and tracks in vicinity bombed and strafed by 6 A-20's. Five RAAF Beaufighters make offensive sweep from Finschafen to Madang; hangar at Madang left burning and fires started at Finschafen are still burning 5 hours later. Buildings at Lae are targets for 5 B-25's, but results are unobserved.</p> <p>Enemy floatplane drops 2 bombs on Merauke without causing damage.</p> <p>New Britain: Sawmill at Ubili is target for 2 500-lb. bombs dropped by 1 B-24; fire started.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Timor: Four RAAF Beaufighters strafe Buloro. Strip here appears overgrown.</p>	<p>13</p>

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14	<p>Finland: Council of Finnish Social Democrat Party passes a recommendation for re-election of M. Risto Ryti and resolution that Finland is free to end the war when a suitable opportunity occurs and the country's liberty and independence are secured.</p>	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Seven enemy planes attack Allied vessel in Constantine Harbor, Amchitka, dropping 8 100-lb. bombs, and strafe shore positions; no damage results.</p>	<p><u>France:</u> Daylight raid on Tours by 6 RAF Mosquitos results in damage to engine sheds and destruction of 2 large workshops.</p> <p><u>Germany:</u> Cologne heavily bombed at night by about 240 RAF planes. Attack is made through complete clouds, but fires are reflected; nine RAF planes are missing and 3 crash at base.</p> <p><u>England:</u> Typhoons intercept enemy fighters in Straits of Dover area, destroying 4, and probably destroying 3 more; 2 Typhoons lost.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Russians occupy Rostov and, with this, obtain control of all vital RR systems in N Caucasus and Donets-Don bends. On SW front, Soviets capture Voroshilovgrad, an important industrial city, in drive toward Stalino, and continue offensive drive SW of Voroshilovsk. Germans report repulse of strong attacks E and NE of Kharkov and in area N of Kursk; Russians claim gains in Zolochov district. Soviet attacks on northern front do not appear to be making any progress as Germans continue to report repulse of all Russian attempts in the area.</p>	<p><u>Italy:</u> Over 130 RAF Lancasters make successful night attack on Milan; large fires started throughout the city; AA fire moderate, but inaccurate; 2 RAF planes missing. Five Beaufighters attack RR junction, depot, and trains in toe of Italy; locomotives, marshalling yards, and road traffic strafed by 7 Mosquitos.</p> <p><u>Sicily:</u> Malta Spitfires in night raid score direct hits on RR depot and warehouses and strafe warehouses, signal box, and gun positions.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> 1,500-ton enemy merchant ship torp. and sunk 60 mi. S of Taranto.</p>
15	<p>Finland: M. Risto Ryti is re-elected as President.</p> <p>Brazil: Brazil announces that a conference was held recently at Recife between the Air Minister, Field Marshal Sir John Dill, and Lt. Gen. Henry Arnold.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p><u>France:</u> Twenty-one B-24's escorted by RAF Spitfires attack shipping at Dunquerque in afternoon, scoring hits in dock area. Ten tons of bombs dropped on Tours by Mosquitos. Ten enemy planes are destroyed, 2 probably, 4 damaged; 2 B-24's lost.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Germans report repulse of Soviet attacks at Novorossisk and several other points of the Kuban bridgehead. On the southern front, Russian troops forge ahead, reporting gains SW of Voroshilovsk and capture of Lutogino. In Krasnoarmeisk area, enemy is counterattacking strongly to defend his escape corridor to the west but Soviets capture Kuteynikov, SE of Stalino. They also occupy Krasnodon</p>	<p><u>Italy:</u> Naples harbor attacked by 5 B-24's interception by 7 enemy planes prevents observation of results; enemy loses 1 plane and another probably; heavy AA fire damages many of our aircraft. Naples again bombed by 10 B-24's which score direct hits on 2 merchant vessels; attack opposed by heavy, accurate AA fire and about 15 enemy planes; 2 ME-109's, 2 MC-200's destroyed and 5 planes damaged.</p>

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> At dawn, Rommel launches attack against U.S. forces in Faid-Gafsa areas. One enemy column advances W from Faid and another, of about 50 tanks, moves from the NE down toward Faid-Sbeitla road. Throughout morning, a heavy armored battle rages in Sidi Bou Zid area and our units, which suffer heavy tank casualties, largely as result of enemy dive-bombing, retreat SW. Axis forces obtain control of road junction just NW of Sidi Bou Zid, overrun our battery positions E of Djebel Lessouda, and progress toward Sbeitla. Enemy attack made by tanks, with strong infantry and artillery support. About 30 German tanks, in spearhead from Maknassy, reach Oued el Fekka in early afternoon. One small tank group advances toward El Hafey. By night enemy is reported to be occupying pass between Djebel el Zitoun and Djebel Sidi Ali ben Aoun. Allied forces evacuate Gafsa during night.</p> <p>Heavy and medium bombing operations cancelled because of weather conditions, but throughout day Spitfires, P-38's, P-39's, P-40's, and A-20's attack enemy tanks, motor columns, and concentrations in Gafsa-Maknassy-Faid area. P-39's on rcn over Fondouk are intercepted by 2 ME-109's; Spitfires on rcn over Kairouan are intercepted by 4-5 FW-190's; P-39's and P-40's escorting bombers to Faid are intercepted by 8 Axis planes of which 1 is destroyed.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Six B-25's score several near misses on NW side of Myitnge bridge with 500-lb. bombs. Fourteen P-40's bomb and strafe Maingkwan, completely destroying barracks 2 mi. NW of town and scoring several hits in town. RAF planes continue active in Akyab area, sweep Shwebo and Prome areas, and bomb Shwebo airfield at night.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Force of 9 PB4Y's escorted by 22 fighters attacks large Japanese AK off Kahili, scoring 3 direct hits. Forty-five Zeros intercepted, of which 11 are shot down; our losses are 2 PB4Y's shot down and 6 fighters missing.</p> <p>Munda attacked by 18 SBD's and 3 TBF's escorted by 11 fighters; large fire started in E end of runway. Munda is also subjected to strafing attack by force of 16 fighters.</p> <p>New Guinea: Enemy installations and airdrome at Lae attacked by 7 B-25's escorted by 8 P-38's; direct hits scored on 2 grounded aircraft, and 3 buildings. Rcn B-24 drops 2 bombs at Madang.</p> <p>New Britain: Rabaul town and harbor heavily attacked shortly before dawn by 4 waves of B-17's and B-24's; 2 ships off Kokopo probably hit, 2 searchlights destroyed, ammunition dump possibly hit, and many large fires started, 1 visible for 100 mi. Two attacks on Rabaul, during night of 14/15, by total of 17 B-17's, result in large explosion, probably on fuel dump, and many fires, including a large one at Rapopo and several in Simpson's harbor. B-25 on rcn drops 4 bombs at Ubili, hitting the sawmill.</p>	<p>14</p>
<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Allied armored division, counterattacking S from Djebel Lessouda, forces slight withdrawal of Axis to Sidi Bou Zid area and fighting continues there throughout the day. Small enemy mechanized force occupies Gafsa in afternoon. Screen of enemy armored cars offers the only opposition as British occupy Ben Gardane.</p> <p>Twelve Wellingtons make night attack on Bizerta docks and shipping. In afternoon, 7 JU-87's escorted by ME-109's bomb bridge near Medjes el Bab; 3 of these destroyed. U.S. medium bombers make 2 attacks on Kairouan airdrome. In first raid, 15 B-26's with escort of 24 P-38's score hits on 6-8 enemy planes on ground; 7 Axis aircraft intercept; 1 destroyed and 1 damaged. Second attack carried out by 10 B-25's escorted by 16 P-38's; many bursts observed and a large fire</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Seven B-24's bomb Myitnge bridge, but score not hits. Akyab area and Rathedaung are chief targets for RAF planes, while fighters sweep various enemy-occupied regions; Heho field is bombed at night.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Force of 6 B-26's escorted by 10 fighters bombs Vila, starting fires.</p> <p>Munda is target for attack by 9 TBF's, 15 SBD's, and 15 F4F's, and for a second attack by 11 SBD's and 7 TBF's escorted by 18 fighters; AA fire encountered, but all U.S. planes return.</p> <p>Five B-24's are dispatched to raid Kahili airdrome, but only 1 reaches target; 1 B-24 fails to return.</p> <p>Three B-24's sent to Ballale, but only 1 reaches target; 1 plane of this group also fails to return.</p> <p>New Guinea: In Wau area, Allied and enemy patrols clash along tracks towards Mubo. PT boats, attacking group of 6 enemy barges at night, sink 3 of them. It is reported that the enemy is occupying villages downstream from Deunia.</p> <p>Malahang dump area bombed and strafed by total of 12 B-25's and 6 A-20's</p>	<p>15</p>

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				(Cont'd) and Uspensk in the Ukraine. Heavy fighting is reported at the gates of Kharkov and the approaches to Orel where the Red Army captures Droskovo. Nazis still resist Soviet attacks on Lake Ladoga-Volkhovo front, and report repulse of Soviet attack at Kronstadt Bay. Russians report sinking of 2 enemy ships, totalling 19,000 tons, in Barents Sea.	(Cont'd) Sicily: Twenty-one B-17's bomb docks and shipping at Palermo; oil tank set on fire and 1 ship hit and left burning. Mediterranean: Malta Wellingtons attack 5,000-ton enemy tanker at 37-00 N, 12-00 E and leave it burning. Two enemy DD's and 15,000-ton merchant ship attacked at 37-03N, 12-08 E; near misses scored.
16	France: Civilian evacuation of Lorient is completed.	Aleutian Is.: Six hostile planes drop ten bombs on Amchitka, causing 2 casualties, but damage to landing strip is negligible.	France: Force of 59 B-17's and 3 B-24's carries out daylight raid on submarine installations at St. Nazaire; many fires started in dock area. 40-50 enemy fighters and heavy, accurate AA fire encountered. Six B-17's are lost, 2 to AA fire, 2 to enemy fighters, and 2 to unknown causes; 20 enemy planes destroyed, 12 probably, and 2 damaged. Lorient heavily raided at night by about 370 RAF planes, which drop about 985 tons of bombs; many fires result in dock area. England: During day and night, 37 enemy planes operate over S and SW England, inflicting considerable damage at Swansea; 4 destroyed, 2 probably.	Russia: Germans report operations of local significance only in Kuban bridgehead. Soviets report capture of Bolshy Kryepkaya and Chaltyr in Rostov area. In Stalino district, enemy is offering stiff resistance to Russian attempts to cut off his escape. Soviet troops occupy Kharkov as Nazis withdraw in direction of Poltava. Germans report repulse of Red Army attacks N of Kursk, SE of Lake Ilmen, and between Volkhovo and Lake Ladoga.	Crete: RAF Liberators raid Heraklion airdrome starting 2 fires on landing ground. Sicily: Malta Spitfires bomb Comiso airdrome, scoring hits on dispersed aircraft and near hangars.
17	England: Seven enemy planes over S and SE coasts, during day.	Russia: Germans report repulse of strong Soviet attack on N front of Kuban bridgehead. Pushing W from Likhaya, Soviets occupy Rovenki	Sardinia: Forty-nine B-17's escorted by 26 P-38's dispatched to bomb Elmas airdrome; 2 enemy planes destroyed. Villacidro and Decimomannu

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>started. Attack opposed by 15-20 enemy planes of which 6 are destroyed, 3 probably; 1 B-25 shot down. Four enemy planes approaching Souk el Arba airdrome are intercepted and 1 damaged. Thelepte airdrome raided in morning by 6 ME-109's which destroy 1 A-20 on ground and are intercepted by Spitfires and P-39's; 3 enemy planes destroyed, 1 damaged, and 1 probably against loss of 1 Spitfire.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Axis force attacks U.S. positions in Sbeitla-Sidi Bou Zid area and confused fighting continues there throughout day. Allied positions SE of Sbeitla penetrated but Axis is held off during day; enemy tanks move SW of Sbeitla and in direction of Djebel Hamra. By afternoon, enemy stretches along line of Djebel Lessouda-Sidi Bou Zid-Djebel el Kebar. U.S. infantry force isolated N of Sidi Bou Zid withdraws but another, SE of Sidi Bou Zid, continues to hold out. In the south, Rommel's forces still in possession of Tatahoume.</p> <p>Throughout the day, Spitfires and P-39's attack enemy ground targets. Six A-20's escorted by 12 P-39's bomb enemy concentrations NW of Gafsa. Enemy convoys and roads SW of Kairouan attacked by 15 Bisleys. RAF escorted fighter bombers attack landing ground W of Medinine and later make 2 attacks on MT in area.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Geir (French) sunk by mine off Fedala.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Two P-40's heavily strafe 20 enemy trucks loaded with bridge equipment S of Spunginzup (North Burma). Later, 16 P-40's, in 2 flights, attack Nsozup and Spunginzup, severely damaging both places; at the latter, 4 large fires are started and 20 trucks receive direct hits; machine gun fire slightly damages 1 of our planes, but all return. Akyab area receives weight of RAF attacks; 4 Liberators bomb Magwe airfield at night.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>in 3 coordinated attacks, 2 of which are escorted by 13 P-38's; many fires, including probable fuel fires, started.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Rcn B-24 attacks enemy AK in Stettin Bay; ship is left burning fiercely as result of direct hit and near miss.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Nine B-24's, attacking enemy shipping and shore installations at Ambon, score 2 hits on 8,000-ton merchant vessel, which is probably destroyed, hit a possible ammunition dump, and start numerous fires in town area.</p> <p>Dilli town and airdrome attacked by Dutch B-25's and again, by RAAF Hudsons; buildings damaged and fires started.</p> <p><u>Aroe Is.:</u> Six RAAF Hydsons further damage Dobo in low-level attack. The town is now in ruins.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Navy announces loss of USS Chicago (CA). The ship was severely damaged on Jan. 29, during attack by enemy torpedo planes on U.S. naval force covering transport movements in vicinity of Rennell I. The following day the USS Chicago was sunk during another attack by 13 enemy torpedo planes; 12 enemy planes were shot down by our planes.</p> <p>Four 500-lb. bombs dropped on Vila by single Catalina.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Local patrol skirmishes in Wau area are only ground activity. Six B-25's make low-level bombing attack on Malahang airdrome with unobserved results, and destroy fishing boats off Salamaua Peninsula during heavy strafing attack.</p>	<p>16</p>
<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Sbeitla evacuated, Thelepte airdrome abandoned, and remainder of Feriana force moves to block the pass at El' mael Abiod. Enemy occupies SW slopes of Djebel Ksaira but our infantry is not dislodged. Axis forces occupy Kasserine in evening. To conform to situation, U.S. and</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Enemy reported digging near Karna, 5 mi. ENE of Rathedaung. At night, British patrols raid E bank of the Mayu R., 6 mi. S of Rathe-</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> U.S. Naval task force off Sa. Cristobal I. located and attacked by 7 Japanese torpedo planes; no damage is suffered by U.S. vessels and 5 enemy planes are shot down.</p> <p>Force of 13 SBD's escorted by 24 fighters attacks Munda, starting 2 fires. Vila bombed, night of 17/18, by Allied</p>	<p>17</p>

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				(Cont'd) and several other towns. Russians capture Slavyansk, important RR junction N of Kramatorsk. Between this town and Kharkov, they capture Zmiyev and Aleksyeevskoe; NW of Kharkov, Bogodukhov and Graivoron are occupied. Germans report that attacks in Kursk area are lighter than on preceding days. In Lake Ilmen area and on Volkhov-Lake Ladoga front, fresh Soviet forces fail to gain against German resistance.	(Cont'd) airdromes attacked by 12 B-25's and 17 B-26's escorted by 31 P-38's; several fires started, 3 enemy planes destroyed, and 4 P-38's shot down. Mediterranean: Malta Wellingtons sink 3-4,000-ton enemy merchant ship at 38-27 N, 12-54 E.
18	U.S.: Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek addresses both houses of Congress, warning America against underrating Japan and urging a universal and humanitarian peace.	South Atlantic: SS Brasiloide (Brazilian cargo ship, 6,075 tons) torp. and sunk at 12-38 S, 37-57 W.	Germany: Force of 194 RAF planes is dispatched to bomb Wilhelmshaven at night. Visibility is excellent and many fires are started, especially in dock area. Two enemy planes are destroyed; 4 RAF planes missing.	Russia: Russian troops in Krasnodar area capture Syeverosk on RR to Novorossisk from the E and Staroveliichkovsk on RR from NE, further constricting Nazi forces in this area. W of Rostov, enemy continues to retreat and Soviets capture Matvyeev-Kurgan on RR running N from Taganrog. Moscow announces slight gains SW of Voroshilovgrad and strong counter-attacks W of Kharkov. Enemy claims repulse of attacks N of Kursk and Soviets on N end of this front, push on, capturing Zalegosch and Verkhni Sosna, strong points S of Orel. Germans report heavy defensive battles S of Lake Ladoga and repulse of all Soviet attacks.	

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<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>French in Ousseltia sector are withdrawing W. Enemy attack in Pichon-Maison des Eaux region repulsed in evening. British elements in S Tunisia reach Medinine but enemy continues to hold roads 5 mi. W and S of the town.</p> <p>Enemy vehicle concentration S of Feriana raided by 6 A-20's with escort of 12 Spitfires and 4 P-39's; 35 vehicles reported destroyed. During day, Spitfires and P-39's carry out unceasing offensive sweeps over Sbeitla-Gafsa area, inflicting much damage. Twelve Bisleys bomb MT on enemy supply roads in Sbeitla-Faid-Gafsa area.</p> <p>South Atlantic: SS Deer Lodge (U.S. cargo ship, 6,187 tons) torp. and sunk at 33-46 S, 26-57 E. SS Llanashe (British cargo ship, 4,836 tons) torp. and sunk at 34-20 S, 28-30 E. SS Roger B. Taney (U.S. cargo ship, 7,191 tons) torp. and sunk at 22-00 S, 07-00 W.</p> <p>Tunisia: Axis units engaged in Goubellat area. Advance enemy elements moving N from Sbeitla reach point 8 mi. S of Sbiba. Heavy patrol attacks our positions W of Djebel Mansour; Axis contacted 3 mi. SE of Kef el Ahmar; enemy reported to be assembling further forces in Feriana area. Enemy in W outskirts of Medinine shells our patrols during day. Bad weather and loss of 3 important airfields prevents bombing operations.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>daung, blowing up 2 culverts and mining the road N and S of the culverts. British and Japanese patrols clash 20 mi. N of Kalemoy; enemy withdraws after suffering 30 casualties. RAF operations in Akyab-Mayu battle area continue.</p> <p>China: Japanese force, estimated at 1 regiment, lands in vicinity of Kwangchowwan, French settlement N of Hainan, during period Feb. 15-17.</p> <p>Burma: British launch attack on enemy positions 1 mi. N of Donbaik, but advance is limited because of enemy mortar fire and counter-attack. Seventy-seventh Brigade crosses Chindwin R. in 2 columns near Thaugdut and is proceeding towards Indaw-Katha area.</p> <p>Force of B-25's bombs railway yards at Sagaing; not hits scored. Accurate AA fire is encountered and 1 plane receives 14 hits. Bad weather prevents RAF operations.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>planes; details unreported.</p> <p>New Guinea: Enemy units in Wau area continue to retreat towards Mubo.</p> <p>Labu village and surrounding area heavily strafed during coastal sweep by 5 RAAF Beaufighters.</p> <p>Babo (Dutch New Guinea) bombed by single rcn B-24; results unobserved.</p> <p>New Britain: Two B-17's, attacking Ubili, destroy buildings. Gasmata bombed and strafed by rcn B-24 with unobserved results.</p> <p>Solomon Is.: Early morning attack on Kahili airdrome by 5 RAAF Catalinas results in large explosion and many fires, including 5 along dispersal bays visible for 50 mi. Night of 18/19, 4 RAAF Catalinas attack supply dumps and dispersal bays at Kahili, causing heavy explosions and starting fires, 1 visible for 30 mi.</p> <p>In coordination with night attack on Kahili, 12 B-17's attack shipping in Buin area, setting on fire a 9,000-ton ship and a 7,000-ton ship with 2 direct hits each, scoring hit and very near miss on an 8,000-ton ship, and possible hit and near misses on one of 3,000 tons.</p> <p>Six PBV's and 3 B-24's, dispatched at intervals, bomb Ballale, Kahili, and Nusave I, as well as shipping in Buin-Tonolei area; fires started at Kahili.</p> <p>Vila bombed by 10 SBD's escorted by 14 fighters; results unreported.</p> <p>New Guinea: Coastal sweep from Mambare to Lae carried out by 4 RAAF A-20's, and one from Finschhafen to Madang, by 9 RAAF Beaufighters; 4 enemy launches and a 300-ton auxiliary schooner damaged or destroyed during the latter sweep. Rcn B-24 bombs dispersal area at Madang.</p> <p>Fifteenth raid on Merauke is carried out by single enemy floatplane; 2 bombs dropped, but no damage results.</p> <p>New Britain: Enemy 5,000-ton AK off C. Gloucester bombed and strafed, and an 8,000-ton AK off C. Orford unsuccessfully bombed by B-24's on rcn.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p>

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19	<p>France-Spain: The Vichy Government closes the Franco-Spanish frontier after receiving news that a tense situation had arisen at Toulon.</p> <p>India: A conference of Indian leaders passes a resolution urging the government of India to release Gandhi immediately, and without conditions.</p> <p>North Africa: British Minister in Washington announces that a North African Economic Board is established to supervise supply of civilian goods from Britain and the U.S. and to restore the general economy in North Africa.</p>	<p>Aleutian Is.: Two enemy planes, approaching Constantine Harbor area from Makarius Pt., are attacked by 8 P-40's; 1 hostile plane is shot down at Makarius Pt. and the other is destroyed at Aleut Pt.; P-40's undamaged.</p> <p>Allied surface units bombard Holtz Bay and Chicagof Harbor.</p>	<p>Holland: Torpedo boat establishment at Den Helder hit during daylight attack by 10 escorted Venturas.</p> <p>Germany: Wilhelmshaven raided for second successive night by RAF planes, about 335 of which drop 350 tons HE and 500 tons of incendiaries; large fires observed in spite of cloud and haze. One enemy fighter is destroyed; 11 RAF planes missing, 2 more crash.</p> <p>France: Transformer stations in N France are targets for night attack by 34 RAF planes, 3 of which are missing; bursts seen in target area.</p>	<p>Russia: Germans claim gains in attack S of Novorossisk while Soviets report capture of Popovichevsk and several other towns in Krasnodar area. Nazi forces continue to resist in Krasnoarmeisk sector but Russians claim gains W of Rostov. Pushing W and SW of Khar'kov, Red Army captures Lyubotin and Merefa and SW of Kursk, Oboyan. They announce that Kharkov-Kursk RR and highway are cleared of the enemy. Germans report repulse of numerous Soviet attacks SE of Orel, SE of Lake Ilmen, and S of Lake Ladoga. They also report successful raid on Murmansk.</p>	<p>Crete: Heraklion and Kastelli Padiada airdromes bombed by 4 B-24's which start 7 fires; moderate, light, and heavy AA fire encountered.</p>
20	<p>Martinique: In Fort de France, the Mayor and Council resign in protest against the economic situation and food scarcity.</p> <p>Chile: Sabotage is suspected in the fire which almost completely destroys headquarters of the Andean Regiment of the Chilean Army.</p>	<p>Aleutian Is.: Friendly CA attacks and sinks an enemy vessel, probably an ammunition ship, NW of Attu.</p> <p>Force of 5 B-24's, 6 B-25's, and photo plane (B-25) escorted by P-38's attacks Japanese positions at Kiska: 3 1000-lb. and 58 500-lb. bombs dropped in main camp area where hits are observed; 18 500-lb. bombs dropped on runway which is also hit; North Head is target for 16 300-lb. bombs; photo plane drops 2 300-lb. and 2 100-lb. bombs on</p>	<p>...</p>	<p>Russia: Russians press in still more closely on Nazi units in Caucasus and capture Ilsk, on RR from Krasnodar, Maryansk, and Novomishastovsk, on RR from the NE. In Rostov sector, RR center of Kuibishevo captured by Soviets who also report gains SW of Voroshilovgrad, although there is stiff enemy resistance in this area. Soviet forces fanning out from Lozovaya capture Pavlograd, on RR south, Pereshchepino, to the west,</p>	<p>Crete: Night of 20/21, 1 B-24 bombs Heraklion airdrome; results unobserved. Two B-24's, unable to see Heraklion because of clouds, attack Kastelli Padiada with unobserved results.</p> <p>Italy: Nine B-24's make daylight raid on Crotone chemical works; hits scored; slight AA fire encountered.</p> <p>Sicily: Eleven Wellingtons, 9 Beauforts, and 8 Albacores from Malta attack shipping off Trapani night of 20/21; hits scored on</p>

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> During night, enemy patrol encountered 5 mi. NE of Medjes el Bab. Two enemy attacks by tanks supported by infantry repelled S of Sbiba in afternoon and 8 tanks destroyed. Axis armored, infantry, and artillery attack in area of Djebel Chambi-Djebel Semmama held.</p> <p>During night, 22 Bisleys dispatched to attack roads leading to Kasserine and Feriana but thick haze over target prevents attack; bombs dropped on Gafsa bridge, RR yards, and roads. All other bombing missions cancelled because of inclement weather.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Fighting continues in Donbaik area.</p> <p>Eight B-25's bomb Sagaing terminal, scoring direct hits and near misses; AA fire slightly damages 1 B-25. Nineteen P-40's, during 3 offensive rcn missions in N Burma inflict severe damage on Hpunginzup where large enemy concentration is reported, and cause landslide on railroad at Meza. RAF Blenheims bomb objectives in Akyab area and fighters make widespread sweeps against railway and road transport. Toungoo airfield raided at night by RAF.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont d)</p> <p><u>N.E.I.: Timor:</u> Japanese cruiser or transport, camouflaged with nets, attacked at Dilli by 6 B-25's; results unobserved. One of 5 intercepting Zeros is destroyed and another probably destroyed; 1 B-25 is hit and crash lands.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Airfields at Munda and Vila attacked at intervals by B-24's and PB4Y's; fires started.</p> <p>Ballale, Kahili, and Faisi are targets for total of 8 B-17's; grounded enemy planes destroyed or damaged, fuel and ammunition dumps hit, and explosions and many large fires result in dispersal bays.</p> <p>Six RAAF Catalinas bomb Ballale, night of 19/20, dropping bombs in dispersal, ammunition, and fuel dumps areas. Smoke from large fires rises as high as 6,000 feet.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Malahang area strafed and bombed by 6 RAAF Beaufighters and 10 A-20's, respectively.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Enemy merchant vessel off Gasmata unsuccessfully bombed by rcn B-24, but 3 of 12 intercepting Zeros are shot down. Another B-24 on rcn attacks Japanese transport off C. Gloucester with unreported results; 1 of 7 intercepting Zeros shot down.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> Possible enemy plane reported over New South Wales at night.</p>	<p>19</p>
<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Axis forces launch attack NW of Kasserine and occupy the Pass, gaining the slopes of Djebel Chambi and Djebel Semmama. Forward infantry and tank elements reach N slopes of Djebel Zebbeus. Enemy tank and infantry elements attacking S of Sbiba are held to no gains. Medinine is reported entirely clear of Axis units although they still hold positions between Metameur and Medinine. Enemy engaged in Metameur area.</p> <p>During night, 24 Bisleys dispatched against Thelepte-Kasserine area. Motor vehicles W and NW of Kasserine attacked by 4 P-39's on rcn; 2 missing. All other air operations cancelled by the continued bad weather.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Donbaik and Rathedaung areas quiet.</p> <p>Seventeen P-40's bomb and strafe Sahmaw and large sugar factory there, scoring direct hits on factory and other buildings, oil tanks, and railroad; 35 fires started. Thirteen B-24's, in 2 flights, bomb Gokteik Viaduct (60 mi. NE of Mandalay), dropping tone and half-ton bombs which fall on both sides of target. Enemy transportation facilities from Meza to Kasmair and a cavalry post near</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> U.S. troops land on Russell I. without opposition.</p> <p>Munda heavily attacked by 12 TBF's and 18 SBD's escorted by 32 fighters; bombs dropped on runway and AA positions. One SBD, damaged by heavy and accurate AA fire, is forced down in water.</p> <p>Eight B-24's attack Vila airfield, destroying AA positions and starting 1 large fire.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Unknown number of enemy planes drops 43 bombs near Dobo-dura and Hariko at night; no damage results.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Six B-17's bomb runway and dispersal areas at Gasmata; 2 grounded aircraft destroyed and 3 fires, 1 probably on ammunition dump, started; 1 of 3 intercepting Zeros probably destroyed. Japanese convoy off Gasmata attacked with unobserved results by 7 RAAF Beauforts, 1 of which drops dices and the others torpedoes and bombs. During another attack by 4</p>	<p>20</p>

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		(Cont'd) Little Kiska. Intense AA fire, but no planes, oppose attack; all of our planes return.		(Cont'd) and Krasnograd, on RR to Poltava and about 40 mi. SE of latter. Red Army troops, in drive toward Sumy, capture RR junction of Gotnya and town of Krasnaya Yaruga, both W of Belgorod. They continue to advance toward Orel from E and S. Germans again report frustration of Soviet attempts to pierce Nazi northern line.	(Cont'd) 3,000-ton merchant ship. Palermo attacked during night by 23 bombers, results unreported.
21	France: Pierre Laval announces that the line of demarcation between the occupied and unoccupied zones of France will be abolished on March 1. It is announced that Germany is demanding 250,000 more French workers.	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Enemy plane fires on PBV at long range, then flies away toward Buldir. <u>Mid-Atlantic:</u> Enemy submarines attack west-bound convoy N of the Azores and just beyond reach of Allied air patrols; following ships sunk at approximately 49-00 N, 30-00 W: SS Empire Trader (British cargo ship, 9,990 tons) and SS Stigstad (Norwegian tanker, 5,964 tons).	<u>Germany: Bremen</u> raided at night by 143 RAF heavy bombers; 435 tons of bombs dropped, but results obscured by clouds. All bombers return. <u>Mid-Atlantic:</u> West-bound convoy attacked by enemy submarines in evening; following ships sunk at 50-30 N, 24-38 W; SS Rosario (U.S. cargo ship, 4,659 tons) and SS H. H. Roger (Panamanian tanker, 8,807 tons).	<u>Russia: Germans</u> announce unsuccessful Russian attacks in Kuban area. Russians report advances W of Rostov and SW of Voroshilovgrad where they capture Bokovo-Anratsit, Verkhni-Nagolchik, and Dyakova. S of Kramatorsk, heavy fighting continues and Russians report strong enemy counterattacks. Nazis report unsuccessful, scattered Soviet attacks SE of Lake Ilmen.	<u>Greece: Nine</u> B-26's attack shipping and shore installations at Melos I.; 1 ship sunk, and 1 set on fire; 2 bombers missing. <u>Italy: Naples</u> harbor bombed by 3 U.S. planes; direct hits scored on ship, and explosions caused at docks. Hits also scored on oil storage tanks at Plati and on warehouses at Palmi. <u>Mediterranean:</u> Enemy convoy attacked by 6 B-25's 30 mi. S of Sicily; 1 ship set on fire, 2 small escort vessels reported hit and probably sunk, and a cruiser damaged. Fighter escort engages enemy planes over convoy; 3 destroyed, 2 probably, and 2 damaged; 1 B-25 shot down. During night, Malta-based Beauforts sink 10,000-ton enemy tanker at

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<p>Libya: Enemy planes make 2 unsuccessful raids on Tripoli during night; 3 planes destroyed by AA fire and 2 more by intercepting Beau-fighters.</p> <p>Tunisia: British troops defeat enemy attack against a hill position E of Medkes el Bab. Axis forces entrenching in Djebel Azag area, about 12 mi. W of Mateur. Enemy launches strong attack through Kasserine Pass and advances slightly. After regrouping their forces, Axis troops develop twin thrusts W toward Djebel el Hamra and N toward Thala. In western push, 6 tanks are disabled and enemy withdraws slightly but pushes ahead in north. Enemy attack S of Sbiba repulsed. Axis reported in occupation of Nefta. British units move NW from Medinine along main road.</p> <p>Sux escorted B-25's on anti-shipment mission between Tunis and Sicily engage enemy planes of which 1 is shot down; 2 P-38's lost. Gafsa RR yards bombed by 10 B-25's which score hits on cars and tracks. Two P-39's attack 12 tanks and 25 trucks S of Sbiba with unobserved results.</p> <p>Mediterranean: Malta-based planes sink 10,000-ton enemy tanker at 37-15 N, 11-52 E.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Kamaing strikes fully bombed and strafed by 2 P-40's, while 2 others strafe targets along the Burma Road in civinity of Lashio; trucks damaged and set on fire and about 50 fuel drums left burning as result of latter raid. RAF operates in Mayu and Rathe-daung areas. British Hq on Mayu Peninsula bombed by enemy planes. Three Hurricanes intercept 8 enemy fighters over Maungdaw; 2 Hurricanes lost.</p> <p>Burma: Six P-40's, on 2 offensive rcn missions, damage transportation facilities at Meza, Kahmaw, Mangshih, Katha, and Bhamo. Taungup-Prome area and Akyab I. are targets for RAF bombers; Heho airfield also bombed at night.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>B-25's on shipping in same area, 2 loaded enemy barges are strafed. One RAAF Catalina makes dive bombing attack on cruiser off Gasmata, but results are unobserved. B-24 on rcn in C. Gloucester area is attacked by 6 Zeros, 1 of which is damaged.</p> <p>Solomon Is.: During early morning attack on Ballale airdrome by 2 RAAF Catalinas, 2 grounded aircraft are destroyed or damaged, hangar probably destroyed, and large fire started in dispersal area. A simultaneous attack on Kahili by 3 RAAF Catalinas results in hits on searchlight, AA position, and fires, probably on fuel dump. Vila and Munda also subjected to pre-dawn harassing attacks by 1 and 5 PB4Y's, respectively.</p> <p>Twelve TEF's and 12 SBD's escorted by 17 fighters attack Munda, starting fires near runway. One P-40 is missing.</p> <p>U.S. positions on Tulagi raided by enemy planes, night of 21/22; fire started in a munitions dump and a few casualties result.</p> <p>New Guinea: As a result of Allied air attacks, 300 Japanese reported withdrawing from Guadagasel Ridge. Villages and tracks in Mubo area bombed and machine-gunned by 7 RAAF A-20's; during the attack Waipali village is demolished, a machine gun position is destroyed, and many fires are started. Installations at Lae bombed at night by 1 B-17.</p> <p>During the night, Milne Bay is raided by 2 enemy bombers, and Port Moresby, by an unreported number in 2 flights; no damage results from these raids.</p> <p>New Britain: Rcn B-24 ineffectively bombs small AK off C. Powell, Open Bay.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Eleven B-24's attack shipping and town area at Ambon, but cloud</p>	21

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			Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
22	<p><u>India:</u> The Indian Government issues a White Paper which attributes to Mohandas K. Gandhi and the Indian National Congress under his leadership the responsibility for disturbances and uprisings in India.</p>	<p><u>Mid-Atlantic:</u> Convoy again attacked by enemy submarines and following ships sunk at approximately 46-53 N, 34-00 W: SS N.T. Nielson Alonso (Norwegian tanker, 9,348 tons), Chattanooga City (U.S. cargo ship, 5,687 tons), SS Expositor (U.S. cargo ship, 4,950 tons), and Empire Redshank (British cargo ship, 6,615 tons).</p>		<p><u>Russia:</u> Pushing closer to the Black Sea, Soviet troops in Caucasus capture Kholmnsk, Akhtirsk, Chernoy-Arnovsk, and other towns; Germans report all Russian attacks in this area repulsed. Moscow announces slight progress W of Voroshilovgrad and W of Rostov. Soviets report repulse of fierce Nazi counterattacks in Krasnoarmeisk district and Germans announce that Russian attempts to cut off forces in Donets by encirclement between Donets and Dneiper are checked. NW of Kharkov, Red Army forces capture Trostyanets and Bolshaya Pisarevka. Moscow reports continued offensive W of Kursk and Berlin claims repulse of Soviet attacks S and NE of Orel in heavy fighting in a severe snowstorm. Germans planes bomb Murmansk port and RR effectively.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) 37-15 N, 11-52 E.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Four Malta-based Beau-ports and 4 Mosquitos strafe trains and locomotives in south, inflicting much damage on engines, tracks, and buildings. <u>Sicily:</u> Same planes damage locomotives, trains, bridges, and track in Sicily. Yards warehouse, RR junction and dispersal area at Grottaglie air-drome strafed. Palermo attacked during night by 27 bombers.</p>

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Twenty-sixth armored brigade, in heavy fighting 3 mi. S of Thala, checks Axis advance. Heavy fighting continues throughout day in Kasserine-Thala sector. Our position runs generally E of Djebel Hamra area to N slopes of Djebel Noguexa. One force withstands enemy infantry attack in afternoon and drives out Axis units which had penetrated our positions. In SE sector, enemy encountered 10 mi. NW of Tatahoume;</p> <p>Force of B-25's escorted by P-38's on anti-shipping mission between Sicily and Tunis are engaged by 7 or 8 Axis planes of which 1 FW-190 is destroyed. During night, 11 Wellingtons bomb Bizerta; bursts observed in town, on station, and on oil tanks. Enemy troops and vehicles in Kasserine Pass bombed and strafed by escorted B-17's. Force of 37 B-25's, 74 P-38's, and Spitfires supports ground forces in S sector. A-20's and P-39's also attack enemy forces; total of 11 Axis planes and 8 Allied planes destroyed.</p> <p>Axis convoy bombed by B-26's which report 1 freighter probably sunk.</p> <p><u>Mid-Atlantic:</u> SS Roxburgh Castle (British cargo ship, 7,801 tons) torped and sunk at 38-34 N, 26-13 W.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> During early morning, enemy force estimated at 200 recaptures Kaladan (18 mi. N of Kyauktaw). British patrol raid Myebon, SE of Akyab, at night, destroying jetty and sinking river steamer and 2 launches. Japanese suffer casualties as result of patrol clashes in Hukawng Valley and Myitkyina area.</p> <p>Force of 11 B-24's mines Rangoon R. N of Elephant Pt., night of 22/23, while 6 B-24's carry out simultaneous raid on Rangoon docks, scoring 51 hits on target area and starting 5 fires, 1 visible for 40 mi. Akyab-Rathedaung areas undergo further RAF raids; Mingaladon airfield and Akyab area also bombed at night.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Nine Japanese planes bomb Luichow.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Cont'd)</p> <p>prevents observation of results. Twelve Zeros intercept, 2 of which are shot down and 2 probably destroyed.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> Probable enemy rcn aircraft unsuccessfully attacks Allied convoy off C. Londonderry.</p> <p><u>New Hebrides:</u> Enemy planes make light raid on our positions on Espiritu Santo I.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Ballale and Kahili airdromes attacked before dawn by single RAAF Catalinas; 4 fires, possibly on aircraft, started in dispersal bays at Ballale.</p> <p>Three B-24's carry out pre-dawn attack on Munda, starting 3 fires. Vila attacked in early morning by 2 B-24's; results unobserved.</p> <p>Force of 26 Allied fighters carries out sweep to Rekata Bay, thoroughly strafing the area.</p> <p>Rcn plane sights and attacks enemy barge containing 20 Japanese, near Choiseul I., killing a number of men and leaving the barge listing.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Villages in Lae area and at Waria R. mouth subjected to coordinated bombing and strafing attacks by 12 B-25's, 6 RAAF A-20's, and 6 RAAF Beaufighters; buildings set on fire and many large fires caused by 1,000-lb. bombs. Enemy positions from Waipali to Guadagasel bombed and strafed by 6 A-20's. Four RAAF A-20's, carrying out night patrols of the coast, bomb and strafe villages at Waria R. mouth and damage barges.</p> <p>At least 6 enemy bombers make night raid on Milne Bay, causing slight damage to 3 Hudsons.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Six B-17's attack Lakunai airdrome and shipping at Rabaul, scoring near misses on 1 medium transport; other results unobserved. Gasmata airdrome also attacked during Rabaul mission. B-24 on rcn attacks small AK in Open Bay. Later rcn of area reveals capsized vessel off C. Powell, possibly the one attacked by B-24.</p> <p><u>Admiralty Is.:</u> One B-24 bombs Loringau airdrome and small vessel in harbor.</p>	<p>22</p>

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23	<p>Russia: Stalin issues an Order of the Day to mark the 25th anniversary of the Red Army, saying that the Army, created as a defense against invaders, had begun the mass expulsion of the enemy from Soviet territory and that as Germany was growing weaker, the Soviet Union was growing stronger.</p> <p>Finland: Finnish envoys to Germany and the Vatican are recalled for consultation.</p>	<p>Aleutian Is.: Kiska is again target for our planes. Force of 6 B-24's, 10 B-25's, and 8 P-38's, accompanied by photo plane (P-38), drops bombs in main camp area, but clouds prevent observation of results.</p> <p>Mid-Atlantic: West-bound convoy attacked for third successive day by enemy submarines and following ships sunk at approximately 46-52 N, 34-32 W; SS Hastings (British cargo ship, 1,905 tons), SS Glittre (Norwegian tanker, 6,409 tons), SS Winkler (Panamanian tanker, 6,907 tons), and SS Eulima (British tanker, 6 207 tons).</p> <p>South Atlantic: SS Santa Monica (Panamanian cargo ship, 2,010 tons) torp. and sunk about 120 mi. N of Curacao.</p>	<p>.. . . .</p>	<p>Russia: Germans report repulse of Soviet attacks of considerable strength in Kuban area. Russians claim advances SW of Voroshilovgrad and offensive battles W of Rostov and report fierce enemy counterattacks in Krasnoarmeisk sector, where Germans appear to be holding their position. NW of Kharkov, Sumy, Akhtyrka, and Lebedin fall to advancing Red Army which also captures town and RR station of Malo Archangelsk, N of Kursk. Germans claim frustration of Soviet attacks NE and N of Orel and S of Lake Ladoga. Russians report sinking of 8,000-ton enemy transport in Barents Sea.</p>	<p>Sicily: Messina raided by B-24's in 2 groups of 9 each; hits scored on ferries and station; fires and explosions caused. Heavy, intense AA fire causes slight damage to planes of second group and 1 of 2 intercepting ME-109's destroyed. Four ME-109's oppose first attack but inflict no damage.</p> <p>Mediterranean: Convoy attacked by Wellingtons from Malta; 7,000-ton enemy cargo ship sunk at 38-54 N, 12-25 E; 5-6,000-ton ship hit and believed sunk.</p>
24	<p>China: Chungking announces that the treaty of 1899, arranging the lease of Kwangchowwan by the French, is abrogated.</p> <p>Germany: On the occasion of the 23d anniversary of the National Socialist Party, a proclamation of Hitler's, regarding mobilization of Europe, is read at Munich.</p>	<p>Mid-Atlantic: Enemy submarines again attack convoy and sink SS Ingria (Norwegian cargo ship, 4,391 tons) at 45-12 N, 39-17 W.</p> <p>South Atlantic: SS Monte Igueldo (Spanish cargo ship, 3,543 tons) torp. and sunk at 04-09 S, 32-01 W.</p>	<p>Germany: Over 100 RAF planes carry out night attack on Wilhelmshaven, dropping 182 tons of bombs through thick cloud; all the planes return.</p>	<p>Russia: Berlin reports repulse of Soviet thrusts in Kuban bridgehead. Russians report repulse of enemy counterattacks SW of Kramatorsk but acknowledge some penetration of their positions in this area. They claim advances W of Rostov and W of Kharkov; Germans assert Soviet thrusts W of Kharkov and Kursk are frustrated but report heavy defensive fighting N and S of Orel. Berlin again announces strong Russian attacks S of Lake</p>	<p>.. . . .</p>

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> In N Tunisia, patrols clash at Djebel Ouled, 15 mi. W of Mateur. Enemy begins retreat through Kasserine Pass; valley 2 mi. NW of Pass reported clear of enemy. Axis troops unsuccessfully attack Essatour Ridge W of Ousseltia during night. Eighteen B-26's and 12 B-25's attack enemy in Kasserine Pass; results unobserved because of weather conditions. Kairouan successfully bombed by 24 B-17's. Total of 166 bomber and over 400 fighter sorties in support of ground action inflict much damage on enemy. A-20's and Spitfires on road-strafting mission in Kasserine-Thelepte area attacked by 4 ME-109's; 1 probably destroyed and 3 damaged. Allied planes make night raid on landing ground W of Gabes and on Mareth positions.</p> <p><u>Algeria:</u> Five enemy planes drop bombs near Algiers.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> SS Nathaniel Greene (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons) torp. and sunk at 35-10 N, 00-10E. SS Fintra (British cargo ship, 2,089 tons) torp. and sunk 15 mi. N of Algiers.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> Enemy submarines attack west-bound convoy at 31-10 N, 27-30 W; following ships sunk: SS Empire Norseman (British tanker, 9,811 tons), SS Esso Baton Rouge (U.S. tanker, 7,989 tons), and SS Athel Princess (British tanker, 8,882 tons).</p>	<p><u>India:</u> Seven enemy bombers and 5 fighters raid Chabua airfield in NE Assam, causing some casualties but no material damage. This is the first enemy raid against a U.S. base since series of raids on our Indian bases in Oct.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> Eight P-40's severely damage railroad bridge 10 mi. W of Myitkyina with direct bomb hit on each approach span and near misses on center span. RAF continues bombing operations in battle areas.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> An enemy plane raids Guadalcanal airfield, damaging 6 of our fighters.</p> <p>Japanese positions at Vila and Munda attacked by 4 PB4Y's and 4 B-24's, respectively; 2 fires started in target area at Vila.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Villages in Lae area bombed by 5 B-25's, and enemy positions in Mubo-Guadagasel area bombed and strafed by 2 flights of 3 A-20's; results of both operations unobserved.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Six B-17's raid shipping and installations at Rabaul during early morning, scoring 3 hits on on DD or cruiser, near misses on an AK, and starting fires along the waterfront. Heavy and accurate AA fire encountered and 1 B-17 fails to return.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.: Timor:</u> Rcn B-24, bombing Penfoel airdrome at Koepang, is intercepted by 6 Zeros, 2 of which are shot down and a 3d probably destroyed.</p> <p><u>Kei Is.:</u> Total of 8 Hudsons, in 2 attacks, damage buildings at Toetal and start many fires.</p>	23
<p><u>Tunisia:</u> U.S. troops press on toward Kasserine Pass, encountering heavily mined roads and artillery fire from the Pass. Axis units hold position 5 mi. S of Sbiba from which point our patrols at Sbiba are shelled. Patrols push S from Rohia through Sbiba to point about 3 mi. S of latter where artillery fire is encountered. French troops clear St. Amara and Ras el Fedja of enemy units. Enemy infantry and MT move S from Feriana. El Aouina airdrome bombed by 13 B-26's with escort of 21 Spitfires which destroy a number of planes on the ground and engage 8 planes in combat; 3 of our bombers lost. Allied bombers and fighters carry out many missions in battle area: 9 A-20's and 11 Spitfires attack Sbeitla, scoring hits in town and on RR; 6 A-20's escorted by 11 Spitfires bomb traffic on Gafsa-Feriana road; 12 Spitfires attack MT N of Kairouan; 10 Bisleys bomb MT and communications in Kasserine-Feriana-Gafsa areas. During night, Sbeitla and Gafsa bombed by 29 Bisleys, which start fires in both</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Gokteik viaduct attacked by 11 B-25's in 3 flights; several near misses scored. Four enemy planes intercept 3d flight 15 mi. W of Shwebo, slightly damaging 3 B-25's; 1 enemy plane destroyed and 1 damaged. One B-25 from above mission fails to reach target and scores hits on rolling stock at Paukan. Railroad bridge 6 mi. NE of Pinbaw is target for 4 P-40's, which destroy S approach span and 200 feet of track and damage main abutment. RAF planes attack Rathedang area and sweep Akyabul, and</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Allied weather plane drops bombs in revetment area at Vila with unobserved results.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Seven B-25's bomb and strafe Malahang airdrome, buildings at Lae, and nearby villages, starting large fire at Lae and other fires in villages. Guadagasel area twice attacked by 3 A-20's, which also strafe villages at Waria R. mouth. Madang airdrome is target for 6 bombs dropped by 1 B-24.</p> <p>In Dutch New Guinea, Babo and Kaukenau are attacked by single rcn B-24's; direct hit scored on 3,000-ton vessel in Babo harbor, but results of attack on Kaukenau are unobserved.</p> <p><u>New Britain-New Ireland:</u> Seven B-17's make pre-dawn attack on enemy shipping at Rabaul, scoring direct hit on an AK and near misses on 2 CM's; another warship in St. George's Channel is driven aground on reefs. B-24 on rcn over Open Bay is intercepted by 9 enemy fighters; 4 of which are shot down. Rcn B-24 attacks AK off St. George, New Ireland, and another bombs shipping at Powell Pt.; 1 of 3 intercepting</p>	24

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25	<p>France: In a London broadcast, De Gaulle urges the French to resist German demands.</p>	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Force of 6 B-24's and 5 B-25's bombs Kiska, scoring hits on North Head and in main camp area. One B-24, damaged by AA fire, crash lands at Amchitka. One B-25 is slightly damaged by AA fire, but returns. No enemy aircraft observed.</p> <p><u>West Atlantic:</u> For fifth successive day, enemy submarines attack west-bound convoy; SS Manchester Merchant (British cargo ship, 7,264 tons) torp. and sunk at 45-10 N, 43-23 W.</p>	<p>Germany: Force of 337 RAF planes is dispatched at night to bomb Nuremberg; 724 tons of bombs dropped during 45-minute attack, but ground haze and smoke hamper observation of results; explosion and many fires reported; 9 RAF planes missing, 1 crashes.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Ilmen; German air force becomes increasingly active; Nazis report attacks on Soviet troop and vehicle concentrations and raids in Murmansk and Kandalaksha areas.</p> <p>Russia: Russian troops driving toward Novorossisk capture Mingreisk, just off Krasnodar-Novorossisk RR. In Donets region, Soviets claim gains SW of Voroshilovgrad and W of Rostov; in Kramatorsk sector, determined enemy counterattacks appear to have stopped the Red Army advance. W of Kharkov and Kursk Germans report collapse of Soviet attacks; in Orel sector, heavy fighting is continuing, with especially strong Soviet attacks E of Gzhatsk. Severe fighting S of Lake Ilmen is again reported by Berlin which also asserts that attacks in Lake Ladoga and sector are diminishing.</p>	<p>Italy: Nine B-24's dispatched to bomb Naples but only 6 reach target; hits scored on mole, quay, and adjacent areas. Light, inaccurate AA fire encountered. One B-24 bombs Crotone, damaging quay and RR line.</p> <p>Sicily: Twelve Spitfires bombers score hits on factory buildings at Pozzallo; 8 others damage hangars and aircraft at Comiso airdrome. RAF fighter bombers also attack Comiso and a factory near Pachino.</p>

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>towns and cause large explosion at Sbeitla. Eighteen Axis aircraft make bombing attack NE of Beja; 1 FW-190 destroyed, 1 probably.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Enemy troops withdraw from Kasserine in Sbeitla-Faid direction while our armored forces and infantry clear the Pass and rcn pushes forward. Mines and artillery fire delay advance of Allied troops. Patrols of 34th Division reach Kef el Ahmar and report pass clear of Axis. Germans, withdrawing S from Sbiba, cause considerable demolition on road to Sbeitla. Positions around Mareth line generally unchanged.</p> <p>In afternoon, 6 ME-109's and 6 FW-190's engaged by Spitfires over Cape Serrat. Bizerta heavily bombed by 32 B-17's escorted by P-38's; about 14 Axis aircraft intercept; 5 destroyed, 4 probably, and 3 damaged. Fifty-nine Spitfires on offensive rcn in coordination with bomber attack assist in breaking up enemy interception. Tebourba-El Aroussa area strafed by 11 ME-109's. Twelve Wellingtons make night raid on Bizerta; bursts observed in town and on docks and 1 Wellington lost. MT on Arram road attacked by 17 Allied planes which cause 3 fires and 2 explosions. British fighter bombers attack Gabes W landing ground, causing a violent explosion in town.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Mayu battle areas; Thazi region bombed at night.</p> <p><u>China:</u> In central China, minor hostilities have been reported between Ichang and Nanchang.</p> <p><u>India:</u> Eighteen Japanese bombers and 25 fighters attack Sookerating airdrome in Dinjan area; 32 intercepting P-40's break up the attack and destroy at least 6 bombers and 3 fighters and probably destroy and damage many others; damage from the raid is negligible.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> Five P-40's, operating against 3 enemy concentrations in E Hukawng Valley, destroy 1 camp and severely damage the other 2; barracks damaged by enemy hits; locomotive is also destroyed 8 mi. W of Myitkyina. Myitnge bridge is again target for half-tin bombs dropped by 8 B-24's; S approach possibly hit. Myohaung and Myittha Valley areas are bombed by RAF planes during the day and Toungoo airfield at night; fighters sweep over lower Chindwin, Kaladan R., and Mayu battle areas.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>fighters at Powell Pt. is damaged.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> Enemy rcn plane sighted over Darwin area.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> During early morning, 7 B-24's are active in Buin area, 2 bombing Faisi and 5, Kahili.</p> <p>Force of SBD's, with P-38 and F4F escort, bombs Vila, starting 3 fires in target area. One P-38 is forced to land in water.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> At Alexishafen, 1 B-24 damages a 600-ton AK with 2 hits or near misses. Guadagasel Saddle area and buildings at mouth of the Waria R. bombed and strafed by 6 A-20's.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Five B-17's bomb shipping and Vunakanau airdrome at Rabaul, scoring near misses on 2 small AK's and damaging a 6-8,000-ton vessel with 4 hits or near misses. A 6th B-17, from the same mission, bombs runway and dispersal area at Gasmata. Gasmata also bombed by B-24 on rcn. Another rcn B-24 bombs wreck at Powell Pt. and airdrome at C. Gloucester.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> Enemy rcn of Darwin area continues.</p>	<p>25</p>

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26	Czechoslovakia: Prague radio announces that German measures for total mobilization are to be applied in the Czech protectorate.	<p>Germany: Sixty B-17's and 9 B-24's carry out daylight raid on submarine yards at Wilhelmshaven; observation difficult due to clouds, but results believed good. Heavy and accurate AA fire and enemy planes encountered; 21 enemy planes destroyed, 6 probably, and 3 damaged for loss of 5 B-17's and 2 B-24's.</p> <p>Force of 428 RAF planes is dispatched to Cologne at night; 1,014 tons of bombs dropped, including 5 8,000-lb. and 141 1,000-lb. bombs; large explosions and many fires result. Moderate AA fire and few fighters encountered; 10 RAF planes missing.</p> <p>France: During daylight raid on Dunquerque by 34 escorted Venturas, near miss is scored on enemy raider in harbor and bombs straddle the dock. Naval storage depot at Rennes effectively attacked during daylight by 12 Mosquitos, 3 of which are missing.</p> <p>England: Thirteen enemy planes over S coast during day cause slight damage and casualties at Exmouth; 3 enemy planes destroyed and 1 damaged. At night, a Beaufighter destroys 2 of 6 enemy planes operating in Thames Estuary.</p> <p>British naval vessel sinks 8,000-ton enemy tanker 500 mi. WSW of Cape Finisterre.</p>	<p>Russia: Spring thaws hamper operations around Kuban bridgehead and on Mius R. front where situation generally is unchanged. Enemy attacks in Donets salient appear to be making headway and Soviets acknowledge penetration of their positions SW of Kramatorsk. W of Kharkov and Kursk, Soviets are still advancing and report annihilation of encircled enemy groups W of Oboyan.</p> <p>Germans are fighting desperately in Orel sector and report particularly heavy Russian attacks from N of the town. They also report failure of Soviet attacks S of Lake Ilmen and S. of Lake Ladoga. Russians report sinking of enemy DD in Barents Sea.</p>	<p>Sardinia: Cagliari seaplane base and Elmas airdrome bombed by 20 B-17's; hits scored on docks, RR yards, and industrial section. Attack opposed by 8 ME-109's and some Italian fighters, of which 2 are destroyed, 2 damaged.</p> <p>Sicily: Malta Spitfires carry out offensive sweeps over SE Sicily. Hits scored on factory buildings and sidings at Marittimo by 12 Spitfires. Shipping near Aeolian I. attacked by U.S. heavy bombers; large merchant vessel set on fire.</p>

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Von Arnim's forces in north launch series of assaults against Allied positions along a front extending from the Mediterranean at Cape Serrat to Djebel Mansour, just S of Bou Arada. Enemy advances from north toward Sedjenane. Infantry, supported by tanks, attacks in area of Sidi Nsir; confused fighting results but enemy makes some progress, penetrating our positions S of Medjes el Bab. Another column attacks SW from Goubellat, reaches Medjes el Bab-El Aroussa road and turns S. A third force launches an assault NW from Bou Arada, but with little success. Most advanced enemy position by evening is area W of Goubellat. A force attacking Djebel Mansour is repulsed and suffers heavy casualties. In central Tunisia, enemy tanks and armored cars operate defensively in Kef el Ahmar area. Axis offers slight opposition just N of Sbeitla; Sbeitla-Sbiba road, Kasserine district, and Djebel Goubel and Fedj en Naam passes heavily mined by retreating enemy units. In south, enemy dispositions unchanged; Haddada reported clear of enemy.</p> <p>Eight Spitfires carry out offensive patrol in Medjes el Bab area, destroying enemy vehicles and gun positions. Other concentrations of MT attacked by 24 Spitfires and 12 Hurricane bombers. Arram successfully bombed by 18 planes.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Enemy is active on Donbaik front, but Rathedaug is quiet. British position 12 mi. N of Nsopzup heavily attacked at night by Japanese force which is making a determined advance towards Sumprabum.</p> <p>Two small hangars at Kentuna strafed by 4 P-40's; a similar force destroys 3 trucks near Mangshih. RAF planes bomb Minbya and Rathedaug areas and sweep Katha, Shwebo, and Mayu R. areas.</p> <p>Royal Indian Navy sinks 2 Japanese launches in Kyaukpyu area, inflicting 40 casualties on the enemy and taking 5 prisoners.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Six F4U's, 8 P-40's, 12 P-38's attack Kahilli with unreported results.</p> <p>Munda attacked by 18 SBD's and 16 P-40's; 1 of 8 enemy planes on ground destroyed, hits scored near other planes, 2 AA batteries silenced, and fires started; fighters strafe the area. Munda is also target for 8 100-lb. bombs dropped by weather plane.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Six B-17's make pre-dawn attack on airdrome and shipping at Wewak, blowing up at least 1 enemy plane on airdrome and scoring direct hit and 2 near misses on a 5,000-ton AK. During the day, A-20's bomb and strafe Guadagasel Saddle area, the Waipali track, and Waria R. area. Lae airdrome bombed and strafed before dawn by 1 B-17. Later, small fires are started in town area at Lae during attack by 6 B-17's.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> The 6 B-17's which bombed Lae, also attack Gasmata airdrome, destroying buildings. Gasmata airdrome is also bombed by 3 B-24's, but results are unobserved. Rcn B-17 attacks 3 small ships off Powell Pt. without scoring hits.</p>	<p>26</p>

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27	Netherlands: It is decreed that Germany's total mobilization of man power be extended to the Netherlands.	Aleutian Is.: Allied weather plane bombs and strafes 2 barges in Chichagof Harbor:	<p>France: Force of 48 B-17's escorted by Spitfires carries out daylight raid on port installations at Brest; bursts observed in target area. Five Whirlwinds make diversionary attack on Maupertius airfield.</p> <p>Twenty-four escorted Venturas make daylight attack on docks at Dunquerque, scoring hits on small enemy ship.</p> <p>Enemy casualties during these operations are 2 planes destroyed, 1 probably, and 2 damaged; 4 RAF Spitfires lost.</p> <p>East Atlantic: SS Modavia (British cargo ship, 4,858 tons) sunk by E-boat at 50-30 N, 03-00 W. SS Lindberg (Belgian) sunk by mine 30 mi. SE of Plymouth, England.</p>	<p>Russia: Nazis report repulse of renewed Soviet attacks N of the Kuban bridgehead. Russians claim repulse of strong enemy counterattacks W of Rostov and retreat of reinforced battalions of German infantry SW of Voroshilovgrad. SW of Kramatorsk and in Izyum area, Germans are launching heavy assaults and are resisting Soviet advances W of Kharkov and Kursk. Russians claim destruction of 18 enemy bombers on airdrome at Zaporozhe. German defense lines S and N of Orel appear to be holding against Soviet attacks; Berlin reports failure of Soviet attacks S of Lake Ilmen.</p>	<p>Sicily: Syracuse power station and seaplane base attacked by 12 Malta-based Spitfires which score direct hits on seaplane hangar, RR yards, and buildings, and among seaplanes and shipping in harbor; many fires started. Night raid made on Comiso by Malta planes which strafe searchlights and gun positions and damage 2 motor launches off Marsala.</p>
28	Baltic States: Reich Commissar for the Eastern Territories decrees general mobilization of the men of Esthonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, to form special legions. Those disobeying the decree are to be deprived of their right to hold private property.	Aleutian Is.: Main camp area at Kiska is attacked by 6 B-24's and 6 B-25's escorted by 4 P-38's; 52 500-lb. and 161,000-lb. bombs dropped, but clouds prevent observation of results. Kiska is again attacked by force of 6 B-24's and 6 B-25's; bombs dropped include some of a half ton; hits scored in camp area. No opposition from AA fire or planes is encountered during first attack, but heavy and inaccurate AA fire is met.	<p>France-Low Countries: St. Nazaire successfully bombed at night by about 430 RAF planes; large fires started in docks area. Five RAF planes are missing.</p> <p>Mosquitos make daylight raid on Diesel engine works at Hengelo and armament works near Liege. Maupertius airfield undergoes daylight raid by escorted Whirlwinds.</p>	<p>Russia: Soviet attacks on N front of Kuban bridgehead again repulsed. Determined Nazi counterattacks in upper Donets area are making progress and enemy claims recapture of Kramatorsk and Lozovaya important RR centers, and encirclement of Soviet forces which were trying to outflank German positions. Russians report advances W of Kharkov and Kursk. Germans report repulse of Soviet attacks in Orel sec-</p>	<p>Sardinia: Cagliari heavily bombed by 26 B-17's which score hits on jetty, warehouse, RR yards, and town. Twenty-three B-17's make second raid on same target; direct hits scored on 1 ship, docks, RR yards, and towns; 9 Axis planes intercepted and 3 are destroyed, 3 damaged.</p> <p>Sicily: Comiso airdrome attacked by 6 Malta Spitfires which score hits on hangars and buildings, starting a large fire. Twelve</p>

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<p>Tunisia: Fighting continues W of Medjes el Bab-Bou Arada road, N of Sedjenane, and between Medjes el Bab and Bou Arada. British units attack and capture high ground just N of Goubellat where enemy had penetrated. Axis infantry and MT, supported by about 20 tanks, advance from Sidi Nsir in direction of Beja but are halted 5 mi. N of Munchar; 7 tanks reported destroyed. Near the coast, a British counterattack halts enemy 3 mi. N of Sedjenane. In central Tunisia, Kef el Ahmar is reported to be still in enemy hands. Our patrols advance without opposition through Djebel Goubell Pass. Kasserine, Thelepte, and Feriana reported evacuated by Axis. A Round Mareth Line, intermittent shelling and patrol engagements are taking place on both sides.</p> <p>Transport SW of Mafeur is successfully attacked by 16 Spitfires and 12 Hurricanes. Eighteen Spitfires and 9 Hurricanes score direct hits on Axis transport NE of Beja. Enemy concentrations and vehicles at Sidi Nsir attacked by force of 30 Spitfires and 9 Hurricanes and then by 11 B-25's. Gabes W landing ground bombed by Halifaxes and Wellingtons.</p>	<p>Burma: Four B-24's score 4 hits and several near misses on a 7,000-ton AK S of Rangoon; vessel is left on fire and listing heavily. Twenty-four P-40's bomb and strafe Waingmaw (4 mi. SE of Myitkyina), scoring hits on warehouse and gas, oil, and ammunition dumps; smoke from large fires is visible for 60 mi. Eleven B-24's attack Pazundaung railroad bridge N of Rangoon; bombs straddle target and 2 near misses are scored; interception attempted by 1 enemy plane. Two P-40's destroy 2 trucks at Mangshih during strafing attack. RAF bombs Myohaung and Rathedaung areas and sweeps over regions.</p> <p>China: Three Zeros strafe Lungling; damage negligible.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Force of 17 SED's escorted by 15 F4F's drops 17 1,000-lb. bombs on Munda, and start 1 large and 2 small fires.</p> <p>Fourteen SBD's escorted by 24 fighters attack enemy AP and 2 corvettes 3 mi. off NE tip of Vella Lavella; the AP and 1 corvette set on fire by direct hits. One Zero is shot down during attack; 2 of our fighters missing and 2 more collide over field.</p> <p>New Guinea: In Mubo area, ground activity limited to patrol clashes in vicinity of Waipali.</p> <p>Four B-25's bomb and strafe Labu and nearby villages in Lae area. Single enemy bomber reconnoiters Merauke. Three or four enemy bombers ineffectively raid Milne Bay.</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>Tunisia: Enemy attacks on Cape Serrat and Sedjenane repulsed, and Axis line stopped N of Toukabour and Chaouach. Enemy still fighting in area around Medjes el Bab-El Aroussa road and Bou Arada. Sbeitla reported clear of Axis. Patrol activity only in south.</p> <p>Enemy transport, tanks, and troops throughout the northern Tunisian battle area attacked constantly by Spitfires and Hurricane bombers; much damage inflicted. Mateur attacked by 12 B-25's and 24 Spitfires but bombs fall W of town.</p>	<p>Burma: Shinbwiyang, on the Ledo-Mogaung road, is occupied by hostile force of 120.</p> <p>Storage area at Mangshih bombed by force of 6 B-25's escorted by 4 P-40's; weather prevents observation of results. Eight P-40's attack Tiangzup (N Burma), destroying bridge and damaging town with many bomb hits and heavy strafing. Seven P-40's bomb and strafe Nzo-zup, which is practically destroyed. Lameng attacked by 4</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Force of PB4Y's and TBF's attacks enemy shipping off Buin, sinking a large AK. Total of 4 B-24's, unable to locate ships, bombs airfields at Kahili and Ballale; large fires started at both places and an enemy plane destroyed on the ground. One TBF fails to return.</p> <p>Force of 15 SBD's escorted by 16 fighters attacks Vila, starting 3 fires. Allied weather plane drops 9 bombs on Munda.</p> <p>New Guinea: Our patrols report Waipali-Guadagasel area clear of enemy. Rcn B-17 bombs runway at Finschafen with unobserved results, and another bombs Lae airdrome, damaging buildings.</p> <p>Enemy floatplane drops 2 bombs in town area at Merauke; no damage results.</p> <p>N.E.I. Timor: During early morning, 8 RAAF Beaufighters make low-level attack on Penfoei airdrome (Koe-</p>	<p>28</p>

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C'd 28		<p>(Cont'd) during the second; all our planes re- turn.</p> <p>North Atlantic: SS Wade Hampton (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons) sunk by SS at 59-24 N, 35-40 W.</p>		<p>(Cont'd) tor and S of Lake Ilmen. German air activity increases and Berlin announc- es severe raids near Fisher Penin- sula and in Kola Bight.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) Spitfires attack power station at Cassabile but re- sults are unob- served. Factory buildings at Pozzallo dam- aged in raid by 11 Spitfires.</p>

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	<p>(Cont'd) P-40's, which destroy 2 trucks and 1 steam roller; 1 P-40 destroyed and another damaged during attack. RAF bombs Myohaung and Akyab areas and sweeps other districts. Enemy air activity in Akyab area increases. RAF force of 8 Hurricanes and 6 Blenheims is intercepted by 15 enemy fighters; 2 Hurricanes destroyed. British ground forces in this area attacked by 7 enemy bombers and 6 Oscars.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) pang), destroying 4 bombers and 9 fighters on the ground and damaging another bomber and 8 fighters, silencing 1 AA and 1 MG position, and damaging buildings SW of main strip. Kei Is.: Five RAAF Hudsons, attacking Toeal, damage buildings with bombs and strafing. Australia: Enemy rcn of Darwin area continues.</p>	<p>28 C'd</p>

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