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1	<p><u>Spain:</u> On the occasion of the 4th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, Generalissimo Francisco Franco signs decree extending conditional liberty to political prisoners sentenced to terms of 20 years or less.</p>	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Enemy installations at Kiska attacked 4 times during day: 2 groups of 6 P-38's each carry out 1st 2 attacks, 5 B-24's and 5 B-25's, the 3d, and 10 B-24's make 4th raid; bombs dropped on main camp, runway, North Head, and Gertrude Cove; observation of results hampered by weather; 2 B-24's and 1 B-25 damaged by AA fire, but all our planes return.</p>	<p><u>Germany-France:</u> RAF makes light raids on Trier and on target near Morlaix. <u>England:</u> Three enemy planes raid Isle of Wight, causing slight damage.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviets report progress in Kuban and claim capture of several inhabited localities. German attack in Sievsk area results in slight gains but Russians report that their counter-attack drives enemy back. Local engagements reported S of Byelyi. Soviets claim sinking of 6,000-ton enemy transport in Barents Sea.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Night of 1/2, Messina ferry terminal bombed by 4 B-24's; bursts observed in target area; 1 bomber damaged by AA fire.</p>
2	<p><u>Bulgaria:</u> King Boris of Bulgaria visits Hitler on March 31, Germany announces.</p>	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Total of 16 B-24's, 6 B-25's, and 40 fighters participate in 8 raids on Kiska, bombing the new runway, submarine base, North Head, and main camp area; hits observed on all targets, but observation of results hampered by weather; AA and MG fire damages 2 of our planes, but all return. Four B-24's bomb runway at Attu. <u>Gulf of Mexico:</u> SS Lysefjord (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,091 tons) sunk by SS at 23-12 N, 82-43 W</p>	<p><u>France:</u> St. Nazaire and Lorient bombed at night by about 50 RAF planes each; results unobserved because of ground haze; 1 British plane missing. <u>East Atlantic:</u> Enemy SS's attack south-bound convoy from the British Isles, sinking the SS Gogra (British cargo ship, 5,190 tons) and the SS Katha (British cargo ship, 4,357 tons) at 41-02 N, 15-39 W.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Moscow announces offensive engagements in Kuban and skirmishes W of Rostov. Local engagements take place in upper Donets area. Germans report repulse of several strong Soviet attacks S of Lake Ladoga. Russians report sinking of 2 enemy transports, totalling 15,000 tons in Barents Sea.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Messina ferry terminal again bombed by B-24's; buildings damaged and a ferry boat destroyed; light, inaccurate AA fire encountered. <u>Italy:</u> B-24's attack San Giovanni ferry terminal; buildings and ferry boat heavily damaged; 1 JU-52 destroyed and 1 JU-88 damaged; light, inaccurate AA fire encountered. Twenty-seven B-24's dispatched to bomb Naples but target obscured by clouds; 9 drop bombs with unobserved results; others bomb scattered targets in S Italy</p>

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> In N sector, enemy is cleared from areas W and S of Sedjenane after offering stiff resistance at El Harchia; opposition continues N of Sedjenane. In Ousseltia Valley, Axis forces avoid close contact, withdrawing their outposts when pressed. In S, patrols contact enemy in positions along Akarit line; U.S. patrols contact enemy on outskirts of Meheri Zebbeus.</p> <p>Bad weather hampers air activity. El Maou airfield (NW of Sfax) successfully attacked by 86 light and medium bombers with fighter escort. Eighteen A-20's bomb La Fauconnerie and 42 El Djem airfields with good results despite enemy interception. Axis ground forces in S bombed and strafed continually by Allied planes.</p> <p>Allied ground forces in Maknassy - El Guettar sector attacked by JU-87's, ME-210's, and fighter bombers.</p>	<p><u>India:</u> Fenny airfield attacked by 30 escorted enemy bombers; some damage and casualties result; 11 intercepting Hurricanes destroy 5 enemy planes and probably destroy 3; 1 Hurricane lost.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> British troops withdraw slightly in Donbaik area without enemy opposition.</p> <p>Eight B-25's bomb RR yards at Ywataung, all bombs falling E of target; a few bombs dropped with good results on RR tracks at Alon. Maymyo RR yards attacked by 8 B-25's; many hits scored on engine sheds and RR track SW of target.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Seven Japanese fighters are destroyed in combat near Lingling.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Force of 41 Allied fighters engage 30 to 40 Zeros over the Russell Is., destroying 18 of them; 6 of our planes lost.</p> <p><u>New Ireland:</u> Japanese convoy of 13 ships sighted near Kavieng and attacked by 7 B-24's and 3 B-17's at dusk; 2 large explosions result, indicating hits on 2 ships, a 3d ship straddled and left settling, and 4 near misses scored on another large unidentified vessel; darkness prevents observation of other results. Another B-17 bombs Kavieng airdrome.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> In Mubo area, 6 RAAF A-20's bomb and strafe enemy positions in vicinity of Kitchen Creek, starting fires. Finschafen bombed by B-24 on rcn. Single B-17 attacks buildings at Madang, starting small fire.</p> <p><u>Tanimbar Is.:</u> Saumlakki bombed by 3 Dutch B-25's, and an hour later, by 3 RAAF Hudsons.</p>	<p>1</p>
<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Axis forces evacuate Cape Serrat. SE of El Guettar, American artillery engages 32 Axis tanks successfully; infantry continues slow advance. Patrol activity only reported in S sector.</p> <p>Operations continue to be curtailed by weather. Escorted RAF light bombers make 5 attacks on enemy positions N of Wadi Akarit; fighter bombers attack same targets 3 times; enemy aircraft, of which 1 is destroyed and 2 damaged, intercept; 2 Baltimores shot down by AA fire; 1 P-40 destroyed. La Fauconnerie successfully bombed by 17 B-25's; 1 ME-109 and 1 B-25 destroyed. Eighteen A-20's with escort of 36 Spitfires attack same target; bursts cover dispersal areas and several grounded planes destroyed; 1 ME-109 shot down in aerial combat. Kitti-bombers attack Axis supply columns; some enemy planes encountered and 1 destroyed, 2 damaged; 1 P-40 missing.</p> <p>Axis fighter opposition to patrol of forward areas increases; 3 ME-109's destroyed and 5 damaged. Other enemy planes attack Gabes in late afternoon.</p> <p><u>South Atlantic:</u> SS City of Baroda (British cargo ship, 7,129 tons) torped and sunk at 27-51 S, 15-21 E.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Enemy attack in Laungchaung area forces British to withdraw to Thitkado-Myinbu region, leaving British left flank at Donbaik exposed. Paletwa, in Kaladan Valley, reported occupied by small hostile force.</p> <p>Eight B-25's, bombing Thazi RR junction, score 32 hits on tracks and buildings. RAF Blenheims successfully attack RR station at Kanbalu.</p> <p>Eighteen enemy medium bombers escorted by 6 fighters bomb Maungdaw, inflicting light damage and casualties; AA fire damages enemy planes.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Thirteen Allied fighters attack small enemy AK off Vella Lavella I., sinking it. U.S. rcn plane shoots down an enemy floatplane W of New Georgia I.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Rcn B-17 bombs Gasmata airdrome, and 2 B-17's and 1 B-24 on rcn attack airdrome at C. Gloucester.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Enemy positions in Mubo area bombed and strafed by 3 A-20's. Single B-16 attacks Finschafen, strafing barges, buildings, and runway, and bombing buildings; 2 fires result. Camouflaged ship in cove near Finschafen bombed by B-24, and another, on rcn, bombs coastal road near Alexshafen.</p>	<p>2</p>

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3	<p><u>West Atlantic:</u> SS Melbourne Star (British cargo ship, 12,806 tons) sunk by SS at 28-05 N, 57-30 W. SS Gulf State (U.S. tanker, 6,882 tons) sunk by SS at 24-32 N, 80-15 W.</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> Nearly 350 RAF planes successfully raid Essen at night; many large fires and 1 or 2 explosions result and 3 large buildings of the Krupp works damaged; 21 RAF planes missing and 2 others crash.</p> <p><u>France:</u> Air-drome at Abbeville and docks at Brest suffer light RAF attacks; enemy losses from these attacks are 5 planes destroyed, 1 probably, 2 damaged; 2 British planes destroyed and 12 probably destroyed.</p> <p><u>England:</u> Twelve FW-190's inflict some damage and casualties at Eastbourne.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviets claim slight gains in Kuban district; patrol activity and small artillery exchanges reported along southern front; Russians claim repulse of minor enemy attacks S of Lzyum. Berlin announces successful attack S of Lake Ilmen and repulse of Soviet attacks S of Lake Ladoga.</p> <p>Soviets report sinking of 2 enemy transports, totalling 13,000 tons, 2 barges, and 2 cutters in Black Sea by Russian planes.</p>
4	<p><u>North Atlantic:</u> Axis SS's attack Allied east-bound convoy, sinking the SS Shillong (British cargo ship, 5,529 tons) at 57-10 N, 35-30 W.</p>	<p><u>France:</u> Renault works at Billancourt (suburb of Paris) raided with excellent results by force of 85 B-17's supported by RAF Spitfires; practically all the Renault installations destroyed or damaged; enemy fighter reaction after the attack strong and 4 B-17's and 7 Spitfires lost; enemy plane losses are 47 destroyed, 13 probably destroyed, and 6 damaged.</p> <p>Diversions provided by 25 B-24's, which sweep the Channel coast, and 25 RAF Venturas, which attack airfield at Caen.</p> <p>Railway yards at Brieuc, Dieppe harbor, and Abbeville railway center subject to light RAF attacks.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviet attacks in Kuban area continue. Moscow reports repulse of enemy attacks S of Lzyum and local engagements NW of Belgorod. Germans report repulse of Soviet attacks S of Lake Ilmen and before Leningrad.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Fifteen Malta-based Spitfires attack Syracuse; hits scored on buildings near RR sidings and among moored sea planes. Trapani docks attacked during night by 15 Wellingtons; many fires started. Ships in Milazzo harbor attacked by SS; 4 schooners sunk. Two merchant ships, 3,000 and 6,000 tons, anchored off Palermo, torp. and sunk.</p> <p><u>Sardinia:</u> Concentration of small boats at Carloforte attacked by 15 B-25's escorted by 24 P-38's; 9 small boats and a coaster hit; bursts observed in docks area.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Shipping facilities, air-dromes, and marshalling yards at</p>

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Tunisia: Cape Serrat occupied by combined military and naval detachment of Allied forces. Enemy artillery shells our positions SW of Medjes el Bab. Axis infantry with tank support make 2 attacks W from Pichon during morning; both repulsed by our artillery. In S, enemy forces, in successful counterattack, secure control of Djebel Kreroura, driving us off the hill. U.S. troops make partially successful attack in Djebel Berda area.

Sixteen B-25's with fighter escort make successful raid on Saint Marie du Zit landing ground; hits scored on buildings, runway, and grounded planes. Twelve Spitfires destroy 14 JU-87's near Djebel Berda for loss of 1 Spitfire.

Axis aircraft attack Allied landing ground at Souk el Khemis; Spitfires intercept, shooting down 19 and damaging 7; 3 of our planes lost, 2 damaged. Enemy makes about 55 sorties with fighters and fighter bombers in Sedjenane - Medjes el Bab sector.

Tunisia: In the north, intermittent shelling in Toukabour area and S of Medjes el Bab road reported; small enemy force engaged by our artillery S of Goubellat. Contact with Axis troops maintained in Djebel Berda sector but strong artillery and infantry units encountered. Force attacking SSE toward Kebili road makes slight gains but withdraws in face of heavy enemy artillery fire supported by tanks. Axis attack on our positions in Djebel Chemsî area repulsed.

Three formations of 18 A-20's each attack La Fauconnerie airdrome with good results. Eighteen B-25's escorted by 36 P-40's and 24 Spitfires bomb El Djem airdrome, destroying 8 enemy aircraft on the ground; bursts observed also on truck convoy E of target; intense AA fire destroys 1 B-25. Our fighter planes intercept force of JU-88's near Gabes and enemy fighters heading for positions held by U.S. 2nd Corps; 5 enemy aircraft destroyed, 2 damaged for loss of 1 Kittyhawk. Force of Hurricanes attacks a water target successfully, starting several fires; of intercepting enemy planes, 5 destroyed, 1 probably, and 6 damaged for loss of 2 of our planes. Wellingtons and Halifaxes bomb Sfax, night of 4/5, starting fire in RR depot.

Burma: Japanese force in hills N of Indin blocks road to NW.

Total of 17 B-25's, in 2 attacks, bomb Myitnge bridge, scoring hits near N and S approaches. Yenangaung oil center bombed with excellent results by 12 RAF Blenheims.

India: Eighteen enemy heavy bombers escorted by 10 fighters bomb Dohazari airdrome; damage negligible. During the day, enemy fighters engage RAF 5 times in Bengal-West Burma area.

Burma: British positions near Myinbu attacked by enemy force from NW; British withdraw slightly.

Six B-24's carry out highly successful raid on Thilawa oil refinery S of Rangoon; hits scored on the refinery, buildings, and storage tanks, and large fire is visible for 50 mi. Eight B-25's bomb RR installations at Maymyo, scoring hits on rail sidings, main track and rolling stock. Another force of 9

New Ireland: Enemy shipping at Kavieng is target for pre-dawn attack by 8 B-17's; probable CL and a probable CA sunk by direct hits; 2 large explosions result from hits and near misses on a large DD; 1 direct hit and 2 near misses scored on another DD; other ships bombed with unobserved results. One of the force also bombs Kavieng airdrome.

New Britain: Wharf area at Gasmata and airdrome at C. Gloucester bombed by RAAF Catalina; large building destroyed at Gasmata.

New Guinea: Three A-20's bomb and strafe Kitchen Creek area, and 7 RAAF A-20's bomb and strafe villages near mouth of the Bitoi R. Small AK near Finschafen bombed by rcn B-24. Madang attacked by plane which bombed Gasmata.

At Timika (SW Dutch New Guinea), 6 RAAF Hudsons strafe barges, huts, and MT and bomb dump area.

Kei Is.: Runway and barges at Langgoer strafed by 2 RAAF Beaufighters; 1 enemy barge sunk.

Tanimbar Is.: Three Dutch B-25's and 1 rcn B-24, in 2 attacks, bomb Saumlakki, starting large fires in town and on waterfront.

Solomon Is.: Four RAAF Catalinas carry out extended night attack on Buka airdrome, starting 4 large fires, probably burning aircraft.

New Ireland: Japanese shipping near Kavieng again attacked before dawn by 8 B-17's; direct hits scored on 2 DD's, causing explosion followed by black smoke on 1 of them; a 6,000-ton AK suffers direct hit followed by large explosion; another AK is possibly hit. Town and airdrome bombed by same force.

New Britain: C. Gloucester airdrome bombed and strafed by single B-17.

New Guinea: In a coordinated attack by total of 12 B-25's, 6 RAAF A-20's, and 9 RAAF Beaufighters, Lae area heavily bombed and strafed; fires and heavy explosions result and buildings are damaged. In the Mubo area, 6 A-20's bomb and strafe enemy positions in vicinity of Kitchen Creek; 28 strafing runs made over the area. Single B-17 bombs Salamaua. Finschafen bombed at night by 1 RAAF Catalina.

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			<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p><u>Germany:</u> More than 500 RAF planes participate in night attack on enemy naval base at Kiel, dropping over 1,350 tons of bombs; thick clouds prevent observation of results; 12 RAF planes missing and 2 enemy planes destroyed.</p> <p><u>Holland:</u> Rotterdam shipbuilding yards bombed by 23 escorted Venturas, 2 of which are missing.</p> <p><u>North Sea:</u> RAF planes sink a 3,000-ton enemy vessel off Norway and probably sink 2 others.</p>		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Naples bombed in daylight raid by 91 B-17's, which score hits on a tanker, a large merchant ship, and a small ship; another vessel set on fire and another blown up. Docks and RR yards damaged; 25 grounded aircraft destroyed. Night of 4/5, Naples attacked by 11 B-24's, which score hits on oil storage facilities and mole; heavy AA fire damages all our planes; 1 missing.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> British SS sinks 2,500-ton enemy tanker off N coast of Sicily.</p>
5	<p><u>U.S.:</u> Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, places before Senate committees a United Nations post-war currency stabilization plan.</p> <p><u>U.S.-Jamaica:</u> Announcement is made of an agreement between the U.S. and Jamaica providing for importation of up to 10,000 agricultural workers from Jamaica to the U.S. to relieve farm-labor shortages.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Chungking issues statement regarding the Honan famine, saying it is "the greatest natural disaster that has befallen the people."</p>	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> U.S. planes raid Kiska 5 times: 3 attacks are carried out by 8 fighters each, another raid is made by force of 10 B-24's, 6 B-25's, and 4 P-38's, while 2 B-25's carry out 5th attack; hits scored in main camp area, on installations at North Head, on beach, and in hangar area; complete results again undetermined.</p> <p>Six B-24's raid Attu, scoring many hits on runway and on gun positions at N and S ends of runway.</p> <p><u>North Atlantic:</u> Allied east-bound convoy again attacked by enemy SS's at approximately 58-00 N, 34-00 W, with the following results: SS Waroonga (British cargo ship, 9,365 tons) and SS British Ardour (British cargo ship, 7,124 tons) sunk.</p>	<p><u>Belgium:</u> Sixty-five B-17's and 18 B-24's supported by RAF Spitfires raid aircraft repair works at Antwerp, hitting important shops and starting fires; enemy fighter opposition strong and 4 B-17's are shot down; 2 other B-17's severely damaged; enemy losses are 23 fighters destroyed, 8 probably destroyed, and 4 damaged.</p> <p><u>France:</u> Brest successfully attacked by 12 escorted Venturas; 1 enemy plane destroyed and 4 damaged for loss of 4 British bombers and 2 fighters.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> Following ships missing from convoy bound for British Isles: SS Souliotis (Greek cargo ship, 4,299 tons); SS Empire Porpoise (British cargo ship, 7,592 tons); SS Katango Hadgipatera</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Russians claim capture of several populated places in Kuban, but Germans appear to be holding their main positions. Enemy attacks S of Izyum and makes slight gains. Russians claim progress S of Byelyi; Berlin announces successful attack E of Orel. Local engagements reported S of Lake Ilmen and near Leningrad.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Palermo attacked at dusk by 21 B-24's, which drop 108,500 lbs. of bombs and 240 lbs. of incendiaries; numerous fires along shoreline and fires, smoke, and large explosion at quay observed. Thirty-four B-25's with escort of 15 P-38's attack Borizzo airdrome with fragmentation bombs, destroying many grounded planes. Enemy aircraft attack formation after bombing; 6 Axis planes shot down, 2 B-25's lost. Boca di Falco airdrome attacked by 18 B-17's; of 100-150 aircraft on ground, about 65 covered by bursts; 6 fires visible for 100 mi. started. Twenty B-17's escorted by 11 P-38's bomb Milo airdrome; 1 hangar and 30 grounded planes destroyed. Malta planes bomb</p>

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Transport concentrations behind enemy lines bombed by 27 B-25's; many fires started; heavy AA fire encountered. Italian fighters carry out offensive sweeps SW of Maknassy. In morning, JU-88's escorted by ME-210's attack positions in S battle area and near Maknassy; ME-109's and FW-190's follow with ground strafing. Enemy aircraft dive-bomb our positions on N front.</p> <p><u>Algeria:</u> Five JU-88's operate over Bone area in evening; 1 destroyed.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> Axis convoy of 1 medium merchant ship, 2 small merchant ships and naval escorts attacked by 16 B-25's with escort of 22 P-38's; medium and 1 small merchant ship set on fire despite strong defense by enemy fighters, of which 4 are destroyed.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>B-25's raids RR yards at Pyabwe, hitting tracks, warehouses, and nearby buildings; large fire started. RAF Beaufighters attack enemy shipping off Arakan coast.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UNCLASSIFIED</p>	
<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Patrols contact enemy N of Oued Zarga-Medjes el Bab road and in Jefna area.</p> <p>Allied planes carry out heavy aerial offensive on all fronts. El Aouina airdrome bombed by 23 B-17's; bursts cover field where about 30 aircraft are observed; 2 set on fire; other fires and explosions caused. Eighteen B-17's unsuccessfully bomb Sidi Ahmed airdrome. Wellingtons make successful night raid on Bizerta docks and shipping. Two Axis boats off Tunis attacked by 34 Spitfires, which leave 1 smoking; 3 ME-109's oppose raid; 1 destroyed and 2 damaged; 1 Spitfire destroyed and 2 damaged. Eighteen A-20's bomb La Fauconnerie airdrome and are engaged by 3 enemy formations; 1 probably destroyed, 4 damaged. Force of fighter bombers attacks grounded aircraft at Enfidaville. Eighteen A-20's with escort of 50 P-40's bomb El Djem airfield; 5 aerial engagements take place, during which 4 Axis planes are shot down and 2 damaged.</p> <p>Enemy planes make small-scale raid on Gabes in early morning and on El Hamma in late afternoon. Escorted Axis bombers also attack Thelepte airdrome in morning; other enemy aircraft make offensive sweeps in Maknassy-El Guettar sector. Allied fighter planes engage enemy aircraft over central front; 8 destroyed, 5 probably, 17 damaged for loss of 6 Spitfires and 1 medium bomber.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> British attack enemy position N of Indin, clearing road. Japanese infiltration into Indin itself halts attack.</p> <p>Eight B-25's raid Mandalay RR yards, hitting tracks, warehouses, buildings, and an AA battery at Fort Dufferin; large fire results. Prome RR yards unsuccessfully bombed by 5 B-24's. Twelve P-40's and 1 B-25 bomb and strafe enemy positions in N Burma in support of ground operations. Meiktila airdrome, Bongaung Gorge RR lines (S of Katha), and Central RR Station at Rangoon successfully bombed by RAF. Hurricanes intercept 20 enemy fighters, probably destroying or damaging 11; 1 Hurricane damaged.</p> <p>About 8 escorted enemy planes bomb Maungdaw,</p>	<p><u>New Britain-New Guinea:</u> B-17 bombs and strafes barges in Wide Bay and later bombs Finschafen. Another on rcn bombs Salamaua, hitting the runway. During a rcn flight, 1 B-17 attacks Ubili, Ulamoa (W of Ubili), C. Gloucester airdrome, huts in Saidor area, and airdrome and building area at Madang; an AA position hit at the last target.</p> <p>In Dutch New Guinea, 2 B-24's on rcn score near misses on enemy 4,000-ton AK in Sekar Bay, and an RAAF Hudson attacks Timika, starting large fire.</p>	5

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6	<p>(Cont'd) SS Vaalaren (Swedish cargo ship, 3,406 tons) and SS Sunoll (U.S. tanker, 9,005 tons) overdue and presumed sunk.</p> <p>North Atlantic: Enemy SS's attack Allied east-bound convoy for 3d successive day, sinking the SS Blitar (Dutch cargo ship, 7,065 tons) at 57-04 N, 27-23 W. Caribbean: SS John Sevier (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons) sunk by SS at 20-17 N, 73-52 W.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) (British cargo ship, 3,611 tons); SS Agla Marina (British cargo ship, 4,141 tons); SS Narjerv (Norwegian cargo ship, 5,582 tons); SS Campfire (U.S. cargo ship, 5,671 tons).</p> <p>France-Belgium: RAF Mosquitos and Typhoons make light raids on steel works at Caen, airfield at St. Omer, and RR center at Namur.</p>	<p>Russia: Germans report cessation of Soviet attacks in Kuban. Enemy attacks Russian positions S of Izyum and in Chuguyev area, and appears to be advancing slightly despite Soviet resistance. Moscow announces repulse of German attack on Volkhov front.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) installations at Porto Empedocle; bursts observed at power station, RR sidings, and factories. Mediterranean: Enemy convoy in Sicilian Straits attacked by 18 B-25's with escort of 23 P-38's; 2 merchant ships left in sinking condition.</p> <p>Sicily: Trapani docks and shipping heavily bombed by 18 B-17's; hits scored on 15-20 ships and large explosion observed. Of intercepting enemy planes, 3 destroyed and 1 damaged. Twenty B-24's bomb Messina, scoring direct hits on ferry building and slips; 1 intercepting enemy plane shot down. Palermo attacked at night by B-24's; bursts observed in barracks area. Malta-based aircraft attack industrial installations and RR communications at Ragusa. Italy: Heavy bombers attack Naples, night of 6/7; many fires started. Mediterranean: Axis convoy bombed by 22 B-17's; 1 ship left burning, 1 16,000-ton ship explodes. Enemy planes oppose attack; 15 destroyed and 3 damaged; intense AA fire damages 10 B-17's. Sixteen P-38's make low-level attack on convoy of 3 ships in Sicilian Channel; direct hits scored on 2, of which 1 is left burning, and near misses on 3d. Eighteen B-17's</p>

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<p>Mediterranean: Sixteen B-25's with escort of 26 P-38's attack Axis convoy N of Cape Bon; direct hits and several near misses scored on all 3 merchant ships, 1 DD blown up, and 2 barges hit; intense AA fire encountered. Formation of about 50 JU-52's, heavily escorted, encountered just before Allied planes reach target; 18 of the transport planes and 12 of the escorts destroyed; 1 B-25 lost and 4 P-38's missing.</p> <p>Indian Ocean; SS Aloe (British cargo ship, 5,047 tons) torp. and sunk at 32-37 S, 37-50 E.</p> <p>Tunisia: Eighth Army launches early morning attack against Rommel's new defense positions along Wadi Akarit; resistance on Djebel Fatnassa and Djebel Roumana collapses. Enemy troops counterattack all day and are repulsed at Djebel Tebaga but achieve slight penetration at Djebel Roumana. By evening, gap in enemy defenses is consolidated and armored formations move forward. During night, Axis forces withdraw northward.</p> <p>U.S. troops attack S of Gafsa-Gabes road but are repulsed after suffering heavy losses. N of the road, other forces advance and patrols reach vicinity of Djebel Chemsu. Enemy artillery shells our Ousseltia positions during morning. In Sedjenane area, Axis forces continue their slow withdrawal.</p> <p>Light and fighter bombers make 5 attacks on enemy positions to rear of his counterattack. Enemy troop concentrations attacked by 18 A-20's with escort of 12 P-40's and by second mission of 18 Baltimores escorted by 12 P-40's; bursts observed throughout target area. Force of 27 fighters strafes MT, cars, personnel, and gun emplacements on S front; 12 B-25's bomb enemy installations in battle area scoring direct hits on buildings and oil tanks; intense AA fire damages 8 Allied planes. Force of 12 P-40's strafes Axis concentrations in same sector, damaging 32 MT. Other MT groups bombed by 17 B-25's which cause fires and explosions; intense AA fire encountered.</p> <p>El Djem airdrome successfully attacked by 18 B-25's. Escorted A-20's make 9 separate raids on La Fauconnerie airdrome throughout day; 9 B-25's escorted by 36 Spitfires attack the same target. Seventeen B-25's with escort of 22 Spitfires bomb Enfidaville airdrome. Night of 6/7, 15 Wellingtons make successful raid on targets at Tunis and Djebel Djelloud RR yards;</p>	<p>(Cont'd) causing minor damage and casualties.</p> <p>India: Formation of 9 enemy heavy bombers escorted by 12 fighters raids Argatala airdrome in SE Bengal, inflicting slight damage and casualties.</p> <p>Burma: Japanese counterattack forces British to withdraw from Indin to Kyaukpandu. Enemy suffers heavy casualties during the operation. Other British units in Thitkadó area also withdraw to Kyaukpandu, leaving Mayu Peninsula from Indin S in control of enemy.</p> <p>Six B-24's bomb Pazundaung bridge, destroying tracks at S approach. RR yards at Rangoon raided by 5 B-24's; tracks and rolling stock destroyed as result of direct hits in yards; fire started W of target. Two B-25's bomb Ngamy (21-50 N, 95-30 W), scoring 3 hits in city; another attacks enemy positions in N Burma with unobserved results. RAF continues to attack enemy ground targets.</p>	<p>Solomon Is: Six SBD's covered by 6 P-38's set out to attack enemy surface force in vicinity of Ferguson Passage; failing to locate the ships, the formation drops 5 half-ton bombs on Vila, starting 1 fire; 1 SED lands in water. Beaufort on rcn sights and attacks a large enemy DD 30 mi. W of Mutupina Pt., Bougainville. Catalinas harass enemy positions at Vila, night of 6/7.</p> <p>Three Japanese planes raid Guadalcanal, causing slight damage but no casualties.</p> <p>New Britain: Single B-17's on rcn strafe buildings at C. Gloucester, bomb Gasmata airdrome, and bomb and strafe camouflaged boat off Gasmata.</p> <p>New Guinea: Seven B-25's and 6 RAAF A-20's carry out coordinated attack on Salamaua, silencing AA positions and starting fires, 1 possibly on a fuel dump. B-17 on rcn bombs same target, destroying a building on the waterfront, and another strafes buildings at Finschafen, setting 2 on fire.</p> <p>Aroe Is.: Enemy installations at Kenari and Wokam bombed by single RAAF Hudson on rcn.</p> <p>Tanimbar Is.: RAAF Hudson on rcn bombs huts and tents at Saumlakki Bay.</p>	<p>6</p>

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7	<p><u>Bolivia:</u> Bolivia declares war on the Axis.</p> <p><u>Cuba-Russia:</u> Maxim M. Litvinoff, first Soviet Minister to Cuba, arrives at Havana to present his credentials to the Cuban Government.</p> <p><u>Great Britain:</u> British White Paper, by John Maynard Keynes, announcing a post-war currency stabilization plan, is published.</p> <p><u>Greece:</u> It is announced that the German-controlled Logothetopoulos Government has resigned and that Joannis Rhallys has formed a new puppet government, personally assuming the posts of Premier and temporary Minister of National Defense and Food Supply. Rhallys has exhibited pro-Italian leanings.</p>	<p><u>England:</u> Thirteen enemy planes operate over S and SE coast, causing some damage; 2 shot down.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviets report capture of several positions S of Izyum. Germans claim gains in central Donets area, despite Russian resistance. Soviets claim repulse of enemy attacks in Sievsk area and on Volkhov front.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>score near misses on Axis DD escorting a convoy, and are heavily attacked by enemy planes; 4 of these destroyed, 5 probably, and 5 damaged.</p> <p><u>Sicily:</u> Palermo harbor attacked during daylight by 21 B-24's; hits scored along quays and in vicinity of seaplane station.</p>	
8	<p><u>U.S.:</u> President Roosevelt issues hold-the-line Executive Order designed to check inflation.</p> <p>Herbert H. Lehman, U.S. Director of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation, arrives in London</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> Force of 392 RAF planes dispatched at night to raid Duisburg under difficult weather conditions. 800 tons of bombs dropped with unobserved results. 21 RAF planes missing and 1 crashes.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Enemy reports repulse of isolated Soviet attacks in Kuban area and central Donets sector. Artillery duels W of Rostov reported. Russians claim that enemy attack S of Bala-</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Seven B-24's bomb Messina harbor; hits scored near seaplane station and on quays.</p>	

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<p>(cont'd)</p> <p>many fires started. Gabes attacked twice after dusk by flights of JU-88's.</p> <p>Tunisia: In S, the retreating enemy forces are followed by mobile units; one short armored engagement takes place and enemy withdraws. We reach area 5 mi. SW of Cekhira. Forward patrols contact U.S. patrols E of El Guettar. In N, British launch attack near Oued Zarga and push Axis troops back from Beja-Medjes el Bab road; Djebel Chouach captured in afternoon.</p> <p>Bad weather greatly reduces air operations but light and fighter bombers, on heaviest scale yet, attack Rommel's retreating forces, especially concentrations on Cekhira-Sfax roads. Enemy aircraft intercept; total of 5 destroyed, 1 probably, and 3 damaged. Hurricanes attack tank concentration at Cekhira; 2 set on fire; intense AA fire encountered. Night of 7/8, Wellingtons and Albacores bomb Sfax and MT converging on town; 130 vehicles destroyed and 200 damaged. La Fauconnerie landing ground attacked twice by Allied aircraft. In N, fighters intercept about 20 JU-87's; 9 destroyed, 5 probably, 2 damaged with no loss to us.</p>	<p>Burma: British units withdraw to Hparabyin. Ywataung marshalling yards suffer 2 attacks by 9 B-25's each; 1st formation scores many hits on main tracks, engine sheds, and rolling stock; 2d group damages yards with additional hits. Four P-40's and 1 B-25 attack enemy positions N of Shingbuiyang in cooperation with ground operations. Enemy Hq at Toungoo is target for attack by 6 B-24's; explosion and fires result and buildings heavily damaged; smoke visible for 25 mi. RAF Blenheims successfully bomb Shwebo and RR installations at Wuntho.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: During early morning, 2 B-17's attack Kahili, Ballale, and 2 enemy DD's at 07-00 S, 157-40 E; several near misses scored on the DD's. Force of 14 SBD's and 4 TBF's covered by 11 fighters attacks Vila; AA positions hit and a large fire started. Rekata Bay raided by 6 SBD's and 6 TBF's escorted by 12 fighters; 1 4-engine flying boat and shore positions hit.</p> <p>Fifty enemy bombers escorted by 48 fighters raid Tulagi and shipping at Koli Pt., sinking the following vessels: USS Aaron Ward (DD), USS Kanawha (tanker), HMNZS Moa (corvette), and a small fuel oil boat; 67 Allied fighters intercept the attack, destroying 34 enemy planes; another enemy plane crashes in water off Vella Lavella; we lose 7 fighters. A short while later, 7 enemy planes attack 2 Allied AK's off Guadalcanal, causing slight damage but no casualties; 3 of the 7 shot down.</p> <p>New Ireland: B-17 on rcn sights and strafes enemy DD and 2 medium AK's about 20 mi. NW of Kavieng; an escorting enemy floatplane is damaged.</p> <p>New Britain: C. Gloucester airdrome bombed and strafed by rcn B-17.</p> <p>New Guinea: Enemy positions along the coast from Mur to Singor bombed and strafed by 6 B-25's; 3 villages set on fire. Allied rcn bombers, operating singly, bomb shipping in Wewak Harbor, attack Finschafen twice, and bomb Salamaua Isthmus; 1 building destroyed at the last target.</p> <p>In Dutch New Guinea, 4 B-24's bomb Babo, causing explosions and fires; another bombs Fakfak.</p> <p>Aroe Is.: Dobo attacked by RAAF Hudson on rcn.</p> <p>Tanimbar Is.: Single RAAF Hudson on rcn attacks Saumlakki.</p>	7
<p>Tunisia: Rommel's forces continue withdrawal northward, but antitank screen holds spur of Mezzouna; small armored engagements take place S of these positions, in direction of Cekhira. Troops in central sector are clearing Axis units from pass at Djebel Chemsî. Enemy abandons Maison des Eaux, Djebel el Halfa, and Pichon; British and U.S. forces attack</p>	<p>India: Formation of 27 heavy enemy bombers escorted by 10-12 fighters raids Dohazari airdrome, causing slight damage but no casualties.</p> <p>Burma: W. of Mayu Hills, enemy</p>	<p>Solomons Is.: Twelve TBF's set out to bomb Kahili airdrome, but only 5 reach and attack the target; 15 minutes later, 2 B-17's attack searchlight and AA positions at Kahili; bad weather prevents observation of results.</p> <p>New Ireland: The new enemy airdromes at Panapai (near Kavieng) is target for rcn B-24. In the evening, 2 B-17's bomb Kavieng airdrome.</p>	8

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	<p>(Cont'd) to study relief needs of Axis-occupied countries.</p> <p><u>U.S. -Iran:</u> Reciprocal trade agreement between the U.S. and Iran is signed in Washington. The agreement is to be effective for 3 years.</p> <p><u>England:</u> Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden reports to House of Commons on his visit to the U.S. and Canada.</p>			<p>(Cont'd) kleya (in middle Donets area) is frustrated, and report sinking of 2,500-ton Axis transport in Bar-ents Sea.</p>	
9	<p><u>Germany:</u> Duis-burg raided, for 2d successive night, by approximately 100 RAF planes; in spite of cloudy weather, some fires observed; 9 British planes missing and another crashes.</p> <p><u>North Sea:</u> RAF Hampdens attack enemy shipping off Norway; 8,000-ton tanker blown up and another vessel hit; 2 Hampdens fail to return.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviets report artillery and mortar duels W of Rostov, and claim slight gains S of Izyum. Germans report mopping up operations in cen-tral Donets; Russians claim re-pulse of enemy attack S of Bala-kleya.</p>	...

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<p>(cont'd)</p> <p>in this area and occupy Fondouk and Pichon. Fighting continues in hills to E of these towns. In N, British troops progress in Sedjenane sector; enemy abandons Sidi Naceur and, during night, is cleared from Toukabour village.</p> <p>Air operations hampered by weather conditions. Medium and fighter bombers attack enemy MT retreating in Mahares-Mezzouna area. During night, 15 Wellingtons attack troops and transport at Enfidaville with good results. Wellingtons, Albacores, and Halifaxes attack road targets from Sfax to Sousse, night of 8/9; Hurricanes strafe Sfax-Mahares road.</p> <p>East Atlantic: SS Castillo Montealegre (Spanish cargo ship, 3,972 tons) torp. and presumed sunk at 09-46 N, 16-50 W.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> British Eighth Army, advancing N, occupies Graiba and Mahares; slight enemy resistance encountered SW of latter. Axis rear guard contacted 2 mi. beyond the town during night. New Zealand units move N of Sfax-Sbeitla road to point about 5 mi. S and SW of Bou Thadi.</p> <p>Attack in Pichon area resumed on a broad front; Allied forces make slight gains on W slopes of Djebel Ousselat against enemy resistance. Axis troops oppose attempts to advance in Fondouk Gap, on Djebel Rhorab, and on high ground N and S of Fondouk. By late afternoon, enemy is driven from Djebel Rhorab, enabling our armor to pass through to E. Enemy vehicles and MT which have been advancing W are engaged 3 mi. E of Fondouk and forced to withdraw. Allies occupy Argoub el Negrila. Farther N, enemy evacuates Chouach and makes unsuccessful counterattack.</p> <p>Inclement weather again reduces air activity but heavy bombers attack road targets from Sousse to Sfax and in</p>	<p>(cont'd)</p> <p>attempt to block road between Kyaukpandu and Gyindaw fails and British withdraw in direction of Maungdaw.</p> <p>One B-25 and 4 P-40's attack enemy supply dump 12 mi. SE of Shingbwiyang, completely destroying it. Meiktila air-drome bombed by 9 B-25's; poor visibility hampers observation of results, but hits observed on landing strip and in dispersal areas; 18 enemy planes fall in attempt to intercept. Six RAF Blenheims bomb Shwebo airdrome; bursts observed on runways and in dispersal areas.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Nine P-40's strafe enemy installations at Fort Bayard, starting fire in warehouse area.</p> <p><u>India:</u> Fifteen enemy fighters approaching Chittagong are intercepted by 13 Hurricanes and turned back; 2 Hurricanes lost. Nine Japanese bombers escorted by 9 fighters unsuccessfully attack Allied shipping on Naaf R.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> British withdraw from Hparabyin.</p> <p>RAF fighters damage road and river transport N of Taungup, and bombers attack targets in battle area.</p>	<p>(cont'd)</p> <p>New Britain: Enemy sawmill at Ulamoa (near Ubili) bombed and surrounding area strafed by B-24 on rcn.</p> <p>New Guinea: Rcn B-24 bombs and strafes Finschafen.</p> <p>Convoy of 12 enemy barges and an escort vessel sighted near Kaukenau; RAAF Hudson bombs and strafes the convoy, scoring 2 direct hits and 3 near misses; escort vessel and 3 barges set on fire and the remaining barges damaged. Single RAAF Hudson drops bombs near runway at Timika.</p> <p>Tanimbar Is.: Saumlakki jetty area attacked by 1 RAAF Hudson on rcn.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> In the early morning, 13 B-25's with fighter escort and 10 RAAF Beaufighters make coordinated bombing and strafing attack on Madang; 6 aircraft destroyed on the ground, 3 loaded barges destroyed, AA position silenced, and large fuel fire started near wharf; buildings at Alexishafen also set on fire by strafing. In the Mubo area, 6 A-20's strafe enemy positions and drop bombs near Kitchen Creek. One B-17 bombs Bogia and strafes barges in the harbor.</p> <p>Enemy-occupied village near Timika bombed and strafed by 2 RAAF Hudsons; supplies on beach set on fire.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Dobo, Aroe Is., and Saumlakki, Tanimbar Is., attacked by single RAAF Hudsons.</p> <p>Enemy floatplane drops 1 bomb on Allied vessel 120 mi. W of Wessel I.</p>	<p>9</p>

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10	...	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Japanese positions at Kiska attacked by 8 P-40's and 6 P-38's, respectively; bombs dropped on main camp, runway, and North Head, with unobserved results. Catalina, while on search mission, sights and attacks 2 enemy DD's at 54-27 N, 169-42 E; no hits scored on the vessels.</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> Frankfurt attacked at night by about 500 RAF planes; 1,022 tons of bombs dropped; weather obscures results; 18 RAF bombers missing. Soviet planes raid Koenigsberg at night, according to Moscow; large fires and explosions reported. <u>East Atlantic:</u> Inward-bound Axis blockade runner, Silvaplane (4,800 tons), intercepted by fast British mine layer 220 mi. W of Cape Finisterre; Silvaplane is scuttled by her crew. British planes attack another blockade runner escorted by 4 DD's 120 mi. SW of St. Nazaire; hit scored on the blockade runner and 1 DD damaged; 2 British planes missing. British trawler, Boy Billy (5 tons) sunk by mine at 50-55 N, 00-59 E.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Artillery exchanges in Bala-kleya area and W of Rostov reported; only rcn and patrol engagements take place on remainder of front.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Six RAF Liberators bomb dock and warehouse area of Palermo; hits scored on warehouses and power station. <u>Sardinia:</u> Italian naval base at La Maddalena heavily bombed by 84 B-17's; CA Trieste sunk and CA Gorizia severely damaged; 3 small and 1 large merchant ship left burning. Munition depot, hangar, and submarine base well covered with bombs; 5 fires started in dock area. Night of 10/11, 11 Wellingtons attack Decimomannu airdrome and 10 bomb Monserratto airdrome; many hits scored on both fields and near misses on munition dump at latter. <u>Italy:</u> Thirteen B-24's raid Naples, scoring near misses on ship; enemy planes intercept and 2 are damaged. <u>Lampedusa I.:</u> Malta-based fighter bombers make effective raid on Lampedusa airdrome.</p>

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Sousse. Sfax attacked successfully by 22 P-40's. Fighter bombers continuously attack retreating enemy forces and equipment. Twenty-four Spitfires intercept 16 JU-88's near Kairouan; 8 destroyed, 3 probably, 1 damaged for loss of 1 Spitfire. Spitfires and Hurribombers attack targets near Enfidaville and in N Tunisia.</p> <p>East Atlantic: SS Bamako (French cargo ship, 2,357 tons) sunk by SS at 14-57 N, 17-15 W.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Sfax occupied in early morning and forward troops move 8 mi. NW of town; New Zealand units reach La Hencha, N of Sfax. Armored car patrols advance along whole southern front in afternoon. In central sector, U.S. forces continue clearing up Maknassy and Gafsa battle areas. Enemy withdrawal continues with rear guards covering Kairouan and Sousse. Infantry units occupy Djebel Cherichera and S half of Djebel Ousselat. Enemy armor opposes our advance in Kairouan area. In N, Axis withdraws from positions in Djebel Ang area after slight resistance.</p> <p>Escorted light and fighter bombers continuously attack enemy MT in Sousse, Kairouan, and Enfidaville areas, causing many fires and explosions and much disorganization; more than 50 MT destroyed or damaged. Ten B-26's attack roads and enemy concentrations at Enfidaville; barracks area, supply dumps, and gun emplacements well covered. Fifty-nine Bileys make night raid on Axis MT near Enfidaville with good results. Eighteen B-25's with P-38 escort, on sweep over Sicilian Straits, encounter 25 JU-52's with fighter escort; in the ensuing combat, 20 transport planes and 5 fighters destroyed. Second formation, 50 escorted JU-52's, engaged by 21 P-38's which shoot down 20 transports, 7 escorting aircraft, and damage 10. Spitfires and Hurricanes carry out sweeps over N sector, scoring many hits on Axis troops and MT; 5 ME-109's destroyed, 1 probably, and 6 damaged.</p> <p>Enemy fighter bombers strafe our MT in Oued Zarga area, and oppose Allied low-level operations in Medjes el Bab and Pont du Fahs sectors.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Catalina raids Munda at night, starting a fire.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Arawe bombed by 1 B-17 on rcn.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Wewak heavily attacked by total of 10 B-17's and 7 B-24's with following results: 1,000-ton AK hit and destroyed, another AK damaged by near miss, a 3d ship is set on fire by strafing; large explosion and fire results from hit on ammunition dump, 3 searchlights extinguished, fires started in camp and town areas at Wewak and at seaplane base at Kairiru I. (N of Wewak); intercepting enemy plane destroyed; 1 B-24 missing. Single B-24 bombs Alexishafen airdrome. Nine B-25's bomb and strafe coastal villages, destroying MG battery and starting fires. During strafing attack on Madang area by RAAF Beaufighters, a power barge is sunk.</p> <p>Two enemy DD's sighted in afternoon off S coast of New Britain, moving W towards Finschafen, and shadowed throughout the evening. During night of 10/11, 6 B-17's, 12 RAAF Beauforts, and 1 B-24 set out to bomb the vessels, but fail to locate them; alternate targets, Lae and Finschafen, bombed and strafed; fuel dump set on fire and 2 buildings destroyed at Lae.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Enemy-occupied villages in Viqueque area, Timor, bombed and strafed by 6 RAAF Hudsons; large fires, believed to be burning fuel dumps, observed. RAAF Hudson on rcn bombs Dobo, Aroe Is.; another bombs village on the Tanimbar Is.</p>	<p>10</p>

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11	<p>U.S.: Dr. Evatt, Australian Minister for External Affairs, visits President Roosevelt to report "the general views and positive suggestions of the Australian Government in relation to the prosecution of the war against Japan."</p> <p><u>Germany-Italy:</u> Meeting between Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini from April 7-10 is announced by Berlin.</p> <p><u>Italy-Turkey:</u> German radio announces that a trade agreement between Turkey and Italy has been signed.</p> <p><u>N. Africa:</u> French National Committee meets in London to consider Gen. Georges Catroux's report on his discussions with Gen. Giraud.</p>	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Sixteen P-40's and 8 P-38's, in 3 attacks, bomb main camp area at Kiska; hits in target area start fires; 2 of the planes also strafe Little Kiska. A 4th attack on Kiska is made by 3 B-25's and 4 P-40's with unobserved results.</p> <p><u>North Atlantic:</u> SS Lancastrian Prince (British cargo ship, 1,914 tons) sunk by SS at 50-18 N, 42-48 W. SS Ingerfire (Norwegian cargo ship, 3,835 tons) sunk by SS at 51-48 N, 42-30 W. HMS Beverly (DD) torp. and sunk 450 mi. S of Greenland.</p>	<p><u>Low Countries:</u> Light attacks on diesel works at Hengelo and RR work shops at Malines are carried out by RAF Mosquitos, 2 of which are missing.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Frode (Norwegian cargo ship, 750 tons) sunk by mine at 50-44 N, 00-15 E.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviets report stubborn fighting S of Bala-kleya where Germans launched strong attack; Russians claim repulse of enemy. S of Byelyi, Soviet troops are reported to have made slight gains. Enemy announces heavy air attacks throughout the day on Red Army positions.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Eighteen B-17's bomb Marsala, sinking small freighter; 10 Axis planes intercept; 1 destroyed and 3 damaged. Trapani attacked by 18 B-17's, which score direct hits on 3 merchant ships; fires started in dock areas. Malta-based fighter bombers make successful raid on Biscari airdrome, and strafe road and rail traffic.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Twenty-two B-24's drop 108,000 lbs. of bombs on Naples, scoring hits on mole and ship-building works; many incendiaries dropped in the town. Enemy planes oppose attack; 3 destroyed and 5 probably; 1 B-24 shot down.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> RAF Wellington sinks 4,000-ton enemy ship off Palermo; Albacores score hits on 2,000-ton vessel off Marsala and leave it in sinking condition.</p>

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<p>Tunisia: In S, armored car patrols advance in coastal area. British armored units advance to outskirts of Kairouan which Axis left in flames; several tank skirmishes culminate in sharp encounter S of town; 10 of 23 Axis tanks destroyed and enemy cleared from Kairouan during morning. By night, all Axis forces are pushed N of a line from Enfidaville - Djebibina - N slope of Djebel Bou Hadjar. Some Allied units move N of Kairouan to Sbikha. On N front, steady progress continues; Axis retreat continues to approximate line from which they launched offensive in February.</p> <p>Truck concentrations S of Enfidaville heavily attacked by 35 P-40's; much damage inflicted. Wellingtons make night raid on troops, MT, and aircraft in Enfidaville, Zaghouan, and Bou Fichta areas; hits scored on landing grounds and crossroads; many fires started at Enfidaville. Airdrome at Oudna bombed by 11 B-26's with escort of 38 Spitfires; many hits scored on grounded aircraft. Eighteen B-25's attack Saint Marie du Zit airdrome, covering field and planes with bombs. During night, 14 Bisleys bomb same target, scoring many hits. Total of 79 Wellingtons, Baltimores, Halifaxes, and Albacores bomb the airdrome again, night of 11/12; 19 fires started, 1 building blown up; 1 of our planes lost. Waves of A-20's, Hurribombers, Spitfires, and P-40's attack enemy retreating N of Kairouan; much destruction and confusion among trucks and personnel results.</p> <p>Harbor at Tunis bombed by 18 B-17's with escort of 22 Spitfires; several hits and many near misses scored on large merchant ship; dock area covered with bombs and several Axis planes destroyed. Twelve Spitfires attack 18 JU-87's with escort of 12 ME-109's in Tunis-Tebourba area; 1 probably destroyed and 1 damaged. Seventeen P-38's, on sweep over Sicilian Straits, attack 21 JU-52's with escort of 13 fighters; all the transports and 5 escorting planes destroyed, 7 fighters probably destroyed, and 1 damaged for loss of 3 P-38's. Another formation of 19 P-38's, in encounter with 25-30 JU-52's, destroys 5.</p> <p>Mediterranean: SS Runo (British cargo ship, 1,858 tons) sunk by SS at 32-15 N, 23-55 E.</p> <p>East Atlantic: SS Empire Whimbrel (British cargo ship, 5,983 tons) torp. and sunk at 02-10 N, 15-55 W. SS James W. Denver (U.S. cargo ship, 7,100 tons) torp. and sunk at 31 N, 23 W.</p>	<p>Burma-India: British position at Gyindaw shelled by enemy artillery on 10th and 11th, but little damage results.</p> <p>Six Blenheims bomb Bongyaung RR lines, scoring hits on target.</p> <p>Five enemy heavy bombers and 11 fighters bomb Maungdaw; Maungdaw is raided for 2d time and shipping at Cox's Bazaar attacked, probably by same flight.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Three B-24's bomb runway and AA positions at Kahili. Munda airdrome and AA positions bombed by 12 TBF's; fires and explosions result. Force of 7 P-38's and 8 F4U's strafe Rekata Bay, probably silencing 4 gun positions. Airdromes at Kahili and Ballale attacked by 6 B-17's after another lights up the target with flares; 2 B-17's are missing. Catalina makes a harassing night raid on Munda.</p> <p>New Ireland: B-17 on rcn is intercepted over Kavieng by 10 enemy fighters, 3 of which are destroyed and 3 damaged.</p> <p>New Guinea: Single B-24 bombs Madang dock area, and 2 others, operating singly, bomb buildings at Finschhafen; fires result on both targets.</p> <p>Two RAAF Catalinas attack Babo and Kaimana, and another raids Timika; an 800-ton vessel and 4 floatplanes are damaged at Kaimana and explosions and fires result at Babo and Timika.</p> <p>Allied shipping at Port Harvey (S of Oro Bay) attacked by 45 enemy dive bombers and fighters; 2,000-ton AK is beached after 2 hits and a corvette and a small supply ship suffer 1 hit each; about 50 intercepting P-38's and P-40's shoot down 5 dive bombers and 12 fighters and probably destroy another dive bomber and 5 fighters; 1 P-38 crash lands.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Baucau airdrome (Portuguese Timor) considerably damaged in attack by 5 Dutch B-25's.</p> <p>South Pacific: Enemy SS's attack convoy off C. Howe, New South Wales, sinking the SS Recina (Yugoslavian cargo ship, 4,732 tons).</p>	11

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12	<p><u>Japan:</u> U.S. Government protests to the Japanese Government the trial and execution of American aviators.</p> <p><u>Germany:</u> French prisoners in Germany are to become civilian laborers in German industries, Vichy announces.</p> <p><u>Poland:</u> Polish Government announces in London the execution of 51 persons by the Nazis, due to the discovery of a printing press in the building in which they lived in Warsaw.</p>	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Kiska and Little Kiska are targets for 3 Allied raids, 5 of which are made by fighters and the 6th by 2 B-25's; results for the most part unobserved; heavy MG fire damages 1 P-40.</p> <p><u>North Atlantic:</u> East-bound convoy attacked by enemy SS's with the following results: SS Ulysses (Dutch cargo ship, 2,666 tons) and SS Pacific Grove (British cargo ship, 7,177 tons) sunk at 55-36 N, 28-00 W; SS Fresno City (British cargo ship, 7,261 tons) presumed sunk in same position.</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> Moscow reports a highly successful night raid on Koenigsberg carried out by Soviet planes, 2 of which are reported missing.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Enemy reports unsuccessful Red Army attacks in Kuban sector. Soviets claim repulse of Axis thrusts in Balakleya area. Germans launch strong attacks on Volkhov and make slight gains, but Soviets claim enemy is finally hurled back to original positions: Berlin announces repulse of Russian attacks S of Lake Ladoga.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Eighteen B-17's drop over 70,000 lbs. of bombs on Trapani, scoring hits on large tanker and among concentration of about 25 barges; fire and smoke rises to 1,500'. Pozzallo attacked by 8 Spitfires from Malta; direct hits scored on factory and sidings. Four RAF bombers attack Palermo, damaging docks and area around customs house; 2 others bomb Messina; hits scored on RR tracks.</p> <p><u>Sardinia:</u> Night of 12/13, 4 Beaufighters intrude over Sardinia; hangars and dispersal area at Alghero airdrome attacked; 1 JU-52 destroyed off coast. Six Beaufighters intercept 12 torpedo bombers, forcing them to jettison their bombs and destroying 2.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Cosenza and Crotona attacked by 13 B-24's which drop bombs in RR yards and adjacent buildings. Naples and Pizzo attacked by 7 B-24's; clouds prevent observation of results at former, but harbor installations at latter hit.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> Convoy in Sicilian Straits attacked by 26 B-17's with escort of 26 P-38's; probable hit scored on 1 merchant ship and near miss on another; of intercepting Axis aircraft, 1 destroyed, 6 probably, and 5 damaged.</p>

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Eighth Army forces occupy Sousse. In central sector, armored brigade moves to Sbkha; no resistance encountered; French contacted in Djebel Bou Dabouss area. Clearing of Western Dorsale continues. In N, British forces advancing NE from Beja attack enemy positions SW of Sidi Nsir, meeting machine gun and mortar fire from N and NE. Djebel Bou Dabouss, Djebel Touila, Djebel Belloute, and Karachoum occupied with little opposition.</p> <p>Enfidaville roads attacked successfully at dusk by medium bombers. Oudna airdrome bombed by 18 B-25's with escort of 36 Spitfires; target well covered; of intercepting Axis aircraft, 2 are destroyed and 2 probably destroyed. Night of 12/13, force of Baltimores and Bostons attacks Saint Marie du Zit airdrome; 1 fire and 1 large explosion observed. Bisleys make raid on Megrine airdrome, causing fires and explosions. Same target attacked by Wellingtons which drop all bombs in target area. One Wellington, unable to locate the airdrome, bombs docks at Tunis. Roads near Tunis strafed by 8 Hurricanes.</p> <p>Our advance units attacked by Axis dive bombers and fighter bombers during morning and afternoon.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Four P-40's, carrying out 2 attacks on ammunition and supply dump at Walabum (NW Burma), totally destroy the village. Magwe airdrome raided by 9 B-25's; hits scored on runway, revetments, AA positions, and small buildings. Two P-40 K's strafe enemy convoy of 25-30 trucks on road between Teng-chung and Lashio, probably damaging 15. RAF continues to support ground operations.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Six TBF's escorted by 23 fighters bomb and strafe Vila and nearby Ringi Cove, starting 2 fires. At night, 2 B-24's bomb Kahili airdrome.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Total of 10 B-17's attack airdromes At Rabaul, Gasmata, Ubili, and Talasea at dawn, starting fires, 1 at Vunakanau visible for 50 mi., and destroying an AA battery at Lakurai; enemy AK and SS also attacked in St. George's Channel and the SS is reported sunk; 3 intercepting enemy planes shot down. B-24 bombs 3 small AK's and strafes 20 fishing boats about 70 mi. NW of Rabaul.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Rcn bomber sights and attacks enemy convoy in Hansa Bay, damaging 2 AK's with direct hit and near misses; both vessels left smoking. At dusk, 6 B-24's attack the convoy, probably destroying a 10,000-ton AK with 3 direct hits and hitting an 8,000-ton AK; both ships left burning; 6 of 15 intercepting fighters destroyed. A night attack on the same shipping and on enemy installations in the area is carried out by 5 B-17's; near miss scored on a DD and a 3,000-ton AK possibly hit.</p> <p>B-24 on rcn bombs Madang, starting fires along waterfront. Another B-24 on rcn is intercepted at Wewak by 12 enemy fighters, of which 6 are shot down and another probably destroyed.</p> <p>Enemy shipping at Humbolt Bay and Kaimana attacked by 1 B-24.</p> <p>Force of about 50 enemy medium bombers and 50 fighters executes 106th raid on Port Moresby, destroying 3 grounded aircraft and damaging 9 others setting petrol dump on fire, and causing a few casualties; intercepting Allied fighters and AA fire destroy 26 enemy planes and probably destroy 11 more; 2 of our fighters destroyed and 5 damaged; Allied fighter patrol intercepts the flight near C. Ward Hunt, destroying 3 bombers and 1 fighter. Single enemy bomber ineffectively raids Morobe during afternoon.</p> <p><u>Aroe Is.:</u> Two small vessels near Dobo strafed by B-24.</p> <p><u>Kei Is.:</u> B-24 bombs town area of Tjeal.</p>	<p>12</p>

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13	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Enemy base at Kiska attacked 12 times by total of 15 B-24's, 14 B-25's, and 48 fighters; 63 tons of bombs dropped on North Head, main camp, runway, Little Kiska, and floatplanes along beach; many fires result, including probable oil fires; AA fire damages 1 P-38 and 1 B-25, but they return to base; another P-38 crashes.</p>	<p><u>France:</u> RAF planes make light attacks on airfields at Brest, Caen, and St. Omer and on RR centers at Abbeville and Caen; 2 enemy planes destroyed and 3 damaged; 3 Spitfires lost.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> During early morning, British light naval forces attack enemy shipping off Dutch coast, setting a trawler and a small ship on fire. At night, Axis E-boats attack west-bound coastal convoy off Lizard, England, sinking the Norwegian DD, Eskdale, and the SS Stanlake (British cargo ship, 1,742 tons).</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviets announce continuous but unsuccessful enemy attacks on Leningrad front. Germans again report constant and heavy air attacks on Russian positions along entire front.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Catania harbor bombed by 15 B-24's; clouds prevent observation of results. Twenty-seven B-17's start fires among parked aircraft at Milo airdrome; 15 enemy planes intercepted; 4 destroyed, 2 probably, and 2 damaged; 2 B-24's shot down by AA fire and enemy aircraft. Castelvetrano airdrome bombed by 23 B-17's, which destroy over 25 grounded planes and start several fires; 1 bomber lost to AA fire. Malta-based fighter bombers attack shipping at Porto Empedocle.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Over 200 RAF planes make successful night attack on Spezia.</p> <p><u>Pantelleria I.:</u> Malta-based fighter bombers make successful attack on Pantelleria airdromes.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> Five P-38's attack Italian CA Gorizia and 2 merchant ships, scoring direct hit and 2 near misses on the first.</p>
14	<p><u>Germany:</u> Berlin reports a meeting between Hitler and Rumanian Premier Marshal Ion Antonescu on April 12 and 13.</p>	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Kiska suffers 10 air attacks, 8 of which are made by total of 47 Allied fighters and 2, by total of 9 B-24's and 6 B-25's; another bomber formation turns back because of weather; bombs dropped on runway, main camp, submarine base, North Head, Gertrude Cove, and Little Kiska; many hits scored, starting fires, strafing attacks damage 4 beached enemy</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> About 450 RAF planes carry out night raid on Stuttgart, dropping 860 tons of bombs; bombing well concentrated and results believed good; 23 British planes fail to return.</p> <p>Soviet planes effectively raid Danzig and Koenigsberg at night, according to Moscow.</p> <p><u>Belgium:</u> Bruges successfully bombed by RAF Whirlwinds</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Red Army troops launch new attack in Kuban and make slight gains. Soviets claim repulse of enemy attack S of Izyum and on Volkhov front, and report artillery exchanges in Sievsk area. Germans announce that Luftwaffe is continuing severe attacks against Russian lines.</p>	<p><u>Sardinia:</u> Elmas airdrome bombed by 23 B-17's with escort of 24 P-38's; bursts cover field, starting many fires; bursts also observed among 10-15 sea-planes on water. Heavy interception by Axis aircraft encountered; 11 destroyed. Twenty-three B-17's attack Monserrato airdrome, starting fires among hangars; enemy planes engaged in combat;</p>

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Forward patrols contact enemy positions along a line from Enfidaville to Djebel Chirich area. Axis forces counterattack in Beja-Mateur sector and regain positions on high ground dominating Sidi Nsir station. Eastern Dorsale S from Karachoum reported cleared of enemy; our advance continues and reaches Djebel Sefsouf, contact with enemy being maintained.</p> <p>Six Lec-45's raid La Sebala air drome, starting several fires. Same target and roads S of Tunis bombed by force of Bisleys and Hurricanes; large fires observed. Bostons and Baltimores make night attack on landing ground at St. Marie du Zit. Force of 52 Wellingtons and 3 Albacores bombs Korba landing ground, scoring direct hits on grounded aircraft; 1 Wellington shot down.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Six P-40's bomb bridge at Shadzup (25 mi. N of Kamaing), destroying it, attack Nanyaseik (10 mi. N of Kamaing), starting about 10 fires, and strafe trucks. Myitnge bridge unsuccessfully attacked by 9 B-25's. Force of B-25's raids Monywa air-drome, scoring 6 hits on runway; all bombs fall on air-drome.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Eleven TBF's escorted by 21 fighters attack Munda, scoring bomb hits on runway and dispersal areas and strafing camp area; fires result from hits on an ammunition dump; 1 F4U missing. Eight Allied fighters set enemy barge afire at Bambatana, Choiseul I.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Enemy schooner in Wide Bay bombed by B-24 on rcn.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Three A-20's bomb and strafe enemy positions in Mubo area. B-17 on rcn bombs Finschafen runway.</p> <p><u>Kei Is.:</u> Enemy villages bombed and strafed by RAAF Hudson on rcn; explosions result.</p>	13
<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Forward units maintain contact with enemy in Enfidaville position. In N, Axis forces counterattack in morning and regain Djebel Ang; this feature, Djebel Mitour, and S slopes of Djebel Tanngouche later abandoned. Djebel Sefsouf occupied by Allied troops.</p> <p>El Aouina airdrome attacked by 20 B-17's with escort of Spitfires; hits scored on hangars, center of field, and buildings; about 20 Axis aircraft intercepted; several are destroyed with no loss to our planes. Total of 138 Bisleys, Wellingtons, Bostons, Baltimores, and Mitchells raid La Sebala, Korba, and St. Marie du Zit landing grounds, scoring hits on fields and dispersed aircraft, and starting many fires.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> British units withdraw from Gyindaw area to Lambaguna area; other units withdraw to Kindaung area.</p> <p>P-40's bomb airdromes at Manywet and Myitkyina, dropping 6 half-ton bombs on each; all bombs hit runways. RAF operates against enemy communications and ground targets. At night, RAF Liberators bomb Magwe airdrome,</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Six TBF's escorted by 16 fighters bomb and strafe enemy installations and barges in Viru Harbor, starting 3 fires.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Allied rcn planes attack airdromes at Gasmata and C. Gloucester and buildings at Ubili and Arawe.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Enemy barges at Finschafen attacked by RAAF Catalina on rcn. B-17's and B-24's attack enemy shipping at Hansa Bay, scoring 3 direct hits on a 4,000-ton AK which is left on fire and sinking; barges on shore and AA positions also bombed.</p> <p>Timika bombed by 2 RAAF Hudsons; fire results, possibly on fuel dump. Three Dutch B-25's attack 2 small AK's in Kaimana Bay.</p> <p>About 36 enemy medium bombers and 10-25 dive bombers, escorted by 30</p>	14

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		(Cont'd) planes and silence an AA position; 2 B-24's, 1 B-25, and 1 P-38 dam- aged by AA fire.	(Cont'd) <u>England:</u> At night, about 30 enemy planes raiding Essex and North Kent con- siderably damage Chelmsford; 4 enemy planes de- stroyed and another damaged.		(Cont'd) 2 of these destroy- ed, 4 probably, and 3 damaged. Decimomannu, Elmas, and Villacidro air- dromes bombed during night by 24 Wellingtons; particularly large fires started at Decimomannu. <u>Mediterranean:</u> 2,000-ton enemy merchant ship sunk at 43-32 N, 07-12 E.
15	<u>Bulgaria:</u> Sotir Janev, pro-Nazi president of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Parliament, is assassinated in Sofia. <u>Belgium:</u> German radio announces the death of Paul Colin, president of the pro-Nazi Association of Belgian Journalists, from bullet wounds received on April 14.	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Allied planes attack Kiska 13 times, 11 raids being made by fighters and 2 by bombers; total of 23 B-24's, 18 B-25's, 44 P-40's, and 25 P-38's parti- cipate in the attacks, dropping over 90 tons of bombs; hits scored on main camp, radar area, submarine base, Little Kiska, AA batteries, 6 or 7 beached planes, and on small vessel, which explodes; buildings destroyed and damaged and large fires started; AA fire destroys 1 B-24 and damages 2 B-24's and 2 B-25's.	<u>France:</u> RAF makes minor raids on airfields near Havre and on enemy shipping off French and Dutch coast. During sweeps over N France, P-47's engage the enemy for the first time, destroying 3 FW- 190's and damaging another for loss of 2 P-47's. <u>North Sea:</u> British DD attacks enemy E-boats off Lowes- toft, sinking 2 and damaging 2 others.	<u>Russia:</u> Germans report repulse of heavy Soviet attacks in Kuban area. Russians announce local engagements S of Balakleya and heavy enemy attacks on Leningrad front. Air activity on both sides is increased.	<u>Sicily:</u> Fourteen B-24's bomb Palermo, scoring hits on oil quay, warship docks, sea- plane station, and oil storage depot; many fires started. Catania harbor attacked by 13 B- 24's; fires started in vicinity of gas works, port, RR station, and power station; near misses scored on tanker. RAF bombers raid Messina; bombs hit near power station and RR lines.
16	<u>Spain:</u> Foreign Minister Gen. Count Francisco Gomez de Jordana, in a speech at Barcelona, offers	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Ten raids (9 fighter and 1 bomber) on Kiska are carried out by total of 5 B-24's, 12 B-25's,	<u>France:</u> Fifty- nine B-17's bomb submarine base at Lorient, scoring many hits on RR	<u>Russia:</u> Fighting continues in Kuban bridgehead; situ- ation fundamentally unchanged. Local	<u>Mediterranean:</u> British DD's sink 2 Axis DD's near Marittimo I.; 1 British DD, Packen- ham, so badly dam- aged that it had to be sunk. <u>Sicily:</u> Eight B-24's attack Catania Harbor; hits scored on tanker and in

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Principal enemy air activity carried out over Medjez el Bab area, but 9 escorted JU-87's attack Allied positions in area S of Enfidaville.</p> <p>East Atlantic: French cruiser sinks 7,100-ton German blockade runner SW of Freetown.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>scoring hits on runway and in dispersal areas.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>fighters, carry out 24th raid on Milne Bay, sinking the SS Van Heemskerck (Dutch cargo ship, 2,996 tons) and hitting 2 other vessels; intercepting fighters and AA fire destroy 11 bombers and 5 fighters, probably destroy 7 bombers and 1 fighter, damage at least 6 aircraft; 2 Allied fighters lost.</p> <p>Kei Is.: Toeal bombed by RAAF Hudson on rcn.</p> <p>Babar Is.: Six B-24's bomb enemy 500-ton torpedo boat near Babar Is., scoring near misses.</p>	
<p>Tunisia: Patrol activity along Enfidaville positions continues. In N, confused fighting takes place on Djebel Ang and Djebel Tannougche; enemy attack in morning is repulsed but later attack is successful and Djebel Ang and portions of Djebel Tannougche are occupied by Axis forces. Allied troops counterattack and regain the positions by evening. U.S. troops begin movement N to Beja area.</p> <p>Kittybombers and P-40's attack Axis MT N of Enfidaville and on Tunis - Hammamet road, inflicting severe damage. Enemy planes encountered; 2 destroyed, 1 damaged with no loss to us. Ten B-25's bomb landing ground at St. Marie du Zit; flashes in target area and large explosion near gasoline dump observed. Wellingtons make night raid on same target; 5 fires started. Wellingtons also attack Korba landing ground, night of 15/16. Hurribombers and 24 Spitfires attack MT and tanks at Oum el Abouab, causing large explosion.</p> <p>Algeria: Bone attacked at dusk by 15 JU-88's; no damage results; 1 enemy plane shot down, 4 damaged.</p>	<p>Burma: Prome is target for force of B-24's, which drops all bombs in target area; several buildings destroyed and large fires started. RR yards at Ywataung and Mandalay raided by 9 and 10 B-25's, respectively; at Ywataung, numerous hits destroy rolling stock, supply dumps and trackage; explosion and large fires result at Mandalay, where smoke is visible for 50 mi. Eight B-24's bomb Thilawa oil refinery S of Rangoon, but clouds prevent accurate observation of results. Two P-40's successfully attack RR objectives at Naba. RAF bombers successfully raid Magwe airdrome at night; enemy troop transport and small shipping are targets for other RAF planes.</p> <p>RAF motor convoy on Mayu Peninsula strafed by 9 enemy fighters.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Six TBF's escorted by 15 fighters attack enemy airfield at Munda. Later, 5 SBD's and 14 fighters bomb Vila, destroying a large building, believed to be a power plant. Two TBF's escorted by 19 fighters attack and sink an 80-foot enemy vessel in Rekata Bay.</p> <p>New Ireland: About 10 enemy fighters intercept B-17 on rcn at Kavieng; 3 enemy planes damaged in combat.</p> <p>New Britain: Three B-17's, from force of 5, bomb Lakunai airdrome, Rabaul, before dawn; weather prevents accurate observation of results, but fires are noted; the remaining 2 B-17's bomb Gasmata.</p> <p>New Guinea: Enemy positions N of Mubo bombed and strafed by 3 A-20's. Single B-17 bombs Lae. Rcn reveals 9 enemy vessels at Wewak; these are attacked at night by 5 B-17's with the following results: 8,000-ton AK sunk, probable gun boat hit and beached, 6-8,000-ton vessel left listing and settling, and an 8,000-ton AK damaged and possibly sunk; town area also bombed.</p> <p>N.E.I.: One RAAF Hudson attacks enemy floatplane beached near Dobo, Aroe Is., and another bombs wrecked ship off Jamdena I., Tanimbar Is., scoring 5 near misses. Ossu (Portuguese Timor) raided by 3 RAAF Hudsons; explosions result and buildings destroyed.</p>	15
<p>Tunisia: Little enemy activity in Enfidaville positions. Axis forces recapture Djebel Sefsouf.</p> <p>Force of B-25's with escort of P-40's and Spitfires attacks Mateur</p>	<p>Burma: On the Arakan coast, British unit moves to position 8 mi N of Maungdaw, while</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Enemy installations at Kahili and Ballale attacked by 11 TBF's, 9 B-24's, and 5 B-17's; a large and 5 small fires started at Kahili and 3 at Ballale; shipping in the area also</p>	16

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17	<p>(Cont'd) the services of Spain in negotiating a world peace. France: French coastal towns ordered evacuated include Cherbourg, Dieppe, Le Havre, and St. Malo, Vichy radio announces. Cherbourg is to be evacuated by May 1 and Dieppe by May 3. Several thousand persons, according to the Paris radio, have already left St. Nazaire.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) 29 P-38's, and 32 P-40's; hits scored on runway, in main camp area, and on installations at North Head and Reynard Cove; further damage caused by strafing; large fires result. Eight B-24's set out to attack Attu, but overcast prevents all but 2 from bombing; hits scored on installations in W arm of Holtz Bay.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) bridge, power plant, and other installations; 9 enemy planes destroyed, 4 probably destroyed, and 2 damaged; 1 B-17 lost. Nineteen B-24's make diversionary attack on installations at Brest, hitting power station and dock area; GAF losses are 2 planes destroyed, 3 probably destroyed, 1 damaged; 3 B-24's destroyed and another crashes on return. B-24 force escorted by RAF Spitfires, 2 of which are lost. Germany: Mannheim-Ludwigshafen heavily raided at night by 201 RAF planes; large and well concentrated fires started in the center of the city and several large explosions result; 18 RAF planes missing and another crashes. Czechoslovakia: Force of 242 RAF planes drops over 500 tons of bombs on Skoda works at Pilsen at night, scoring direct hits on target; large explosion and many fires result; 37 British planes missing; 1 enemy plane destroyed. England: Four Axis planes over coast during day and 13 at night, causing slight damage in SE England; 2 enemy planes crash and 2 make forced landing.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) engagements reported S of Balakaleya and artillery exchanges in Chuguyev area.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) vicinity of oil storage depot and RR result in fires and explosions. Tanker again attacked by 7 B-24's; hit scored in center of ship and on mole. Palermo heavily bombed by 21 B-17's escorted by 10 P-38's; probable hits and near misses scored on merchant ship at drydock and on 3 other vessels. Power station and warehouse area damaged.</p>
		<p>Alibutian Is. Enemy installations at Kiska attacked 8 times by Allied fighters and once by</p>	<p>Germany: Force of 100 B-17's successfully bombs Focke-Wulf air-plane factory at</p>	<p>Russia: Germans report frustration of continued Soviet attacks in Kuban area and Soviets</p>	<p>Sicily: Catania bombed by 6 RAF Liberators which score direct hits on tanker and</p>

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>and RR lines; town, tracks, and marshalling yards well covered. Thirteen escorted Wellingtons make night raid on Bizerte, scoring hits on docks, town, power station, and in warehouse area; fires visible for 40 mi. started. Enemy planes oppose attack of which about 15 are destroyed and several damaged. Two Hurricanes and 20 Spitfires on sweep over Bizerte area engage enemy formation, destroying 1 Axis plane, probably destroying another, and damaging 3. Oudna airdrome bombed twice: first attack, by 18 B-25's, results in hits on aircraft parked on field; second raid carried out by 12 B-26's escorted by 34 Spitfires which destroy 6-8 trucks and RR station. Force of ME-109's intercepts; 1 destroyed. Six A-20's with escort of 23 Spitfires successfully attack 25 Axis MT and troop concentration in battle area. Night of 16/17, 25 Bisleys bomb LaSebala airdrome, scoring hits on dispersal areas. Wellingtons make night raid on St. Marie du Zit W landing ground, causing 3 fires and a large explosion. Souk el Arba landing ground attacked in late afternoon by 11 Axis planes.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> Eighteen P-38's bomb beached merchant ship, medium merchant ship, and barge near Cape Zebit; all ships hit and barge blown up for loss of one P-38. Night of 16/17, 4 Albacores attack large enemy merchant vessel and 4-6,000-ton tanker; tanker damaged.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Ground situation remains static.</p> <p>Ferryville docks area bombed by 16 B-17's escorted by 36 Spitfires; barracks and workshops damaged; intense, accurate AA fire damages 6</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Japanese continue their northward advance in the Mayu hills.</p> <p>Nine B-25's attack Thazi RR junction, scoring 30 hits on target; warehouses near police station set on fire. Maymyo RR yards effectively bombed by 9 B-25's; large portion of tracks and rolling stock destroyed. Eight B-24's unsuccessfully raid Bassein jetty area. P-40's operate against RR bridges in NW Burma: formation of 8 scores direct hit on approach and 2 near misses on bridge 5 mi. S of Mogaung; similar force attacks same bridge, turning it sideways, and completely destroys another bridge 10 mi. NE of Pinbaw. RAF Blenheims and Hurricanes attack enemy positions in Mayu area.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> Ten B-25's attack RR installations at Myitnge, destroying target with direct hits and</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>attacked and near misses scored on an AO and an AK. At night, 2 enemy planes bomb Guadalcanal, setting small fuel dump on fire and inflicting minor casualties; 1 enemy plane believed destroyed by AA fire.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Single Allied rcn planes bomb airdrome at Gasmata and airstrip near Ubili.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Five B-24's set out before dawn to attack convoy which had left Wewak Harbor about midnight, but are unable to locate the vessels; as alternate targets wharf area at Wewak and airdromes at Madang and Boram are bombed. Two other B-24's drop bombs in runway area at Wewak, and another bombs Lae runway.</p> <p>In Dutch New Guinea, 2 B-24's bomb Kaimana, possibly hitting an ammunition dump; 3 large fires visible for 60 mi. result.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> RAAF Beaufighter strafes barges and fishing boats off W coast of the Arce Is. Baucau, Timor, bombed by 3 Dutch B-25's.</p>	
		<p><u>Solomons Is.:</u> Twelve SED's and 13 F4F's drop bombs on runway and in dispersal areas at Munda. During the evening, 8 TBF's attack enemy shipping in the Shortland I. area, scoring 5 hits on a 10,000-ton AK, which is left in a</p>	17

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		(Cont'd) bombers; 31 P-38's and 14 P-40's, during the 8 attacks, heavily bomb main camp, submarine base, North Head, and Reynard Cove installations, scoring many hits; strafing attacks also made on gun positions, Reynard Cove installations, and 3 beached aircraft; 4 fighters sustain minor damage from AA fire. Four B-25's bomb North Head and submarine base; results unobserved. Seven B-24's attack Attu, scoring hits on runway, in Chicago camp area, and on gun positions at Holtz Bay; AA fire slightly damages 1 B-24.	(Cont'd) Bremen, destroying or seriously damaging at least 5 of the 7 major structures of the factory; intense AA fire and large force of fighters oppose the attack; 16 U.S. planes destroyed, 1 by AA fire and the others by fighters; GAF losses are 63 destroyed, 15 probably destroyed, 17 damaged. Three formations of 32, 25, and 19 P-47's carry out diversions, sweeping area around Blankenburg. <u>France-Belgium:</u> Abbeville, Caen, and Zeebrugge effectively raided by total of 34 escorted Venturas; plane losses are 5 destroyed, 2 damaged; 3 RAF planes lost and 1 damaged. At night, 30 RAF planes attack power stations between Le Mans and Chartres; direct hits scored on 3. <u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Dynamo (British cargo ship, 809 tons) sunk by mine 14 mi. E of Clacton, England. U-boats attack east-bound Allied convoy, sinking the SS Fort Rampart (British cargo ship, 7,100 tons) at 47-22 N, 21-58 W.	(Cont'd) claim repulse of enemy counterattacks. Enemy reports strong Russian attacks on upper Donets and claims they are repulsed. Moscow announces sinking of 12,000-ton enemy transport in Barents Sea.	(Cont'd) harbor area. Fifteen B-24's attack same target; hits on motor vessel cause fires and explosions; enemy planes attempt interception without success. Palermo suffers heavy damage in raid by 44 B-17's escorted by 36 P-38's; direct hits scored on 6 ships and near misses on 1. Piers, power house, dock area hit; 3 large fires, 1 explosion result. Intense, accurate AA fire damages 14 B-17's; 40 planes intercept, of which 7 are destroyed, 3 probably, 4 damaged. Twenty more attack later; 4 destroyed, 5 probably, 4 damaged; 1 of our escort lost. Escorted Spitfires from Malta bomb Biscari air-drome and sea-plane base at Syracuse.
18	Germany: Adm. Nicholas Horthy, Regent of Hungary, concludes a 2-day conference with Hitler.	Aleutian Is.: Total of 37 P-40's and 22 P-38's, in 9 attacks on Kiska, hit runway, main camp, submarine base, installations at North Head, Reynard Cove, and Trout Lagoon; many fires started, some near beached aircraft, AA position	Belgium: Force of RAF Typhoons raids airfields at Poix and Courtrai, scoring 14 hits on hangars and buildings at the latter. <u>North Sea:</u> Fifteen escorted RAF Beaufighters attack enemy convoy off Texel, hitting an 8,000-ton vessel which is left	Russia: German counterattacks continue to hold up Soviet advance in Kuban; Luftwaffe repeatedly attacks Russian positions S of Novorossisk. Local engagements and patrol operations only reported for remainder of front.	Sicily: Catania suffers 4 attacks by U.S. and RAF Liberators; clouds prevent clear observation of results but direct hit on motor vessel results in fires and explosion after last raid. Escorted Spitfires from Malta bomb

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>of our planes. Eighteen B-25's with escort of 36 P-40's cover Mateur marshalling yards with bombs; enemy aircraft intercept; 1 probably destroyed, 1 P-40 missing. Night of 17/18, Tunis docks and marshalling yards attacked by 19 Wellingtons which drop 30 tons of bombs in target area; fires and large explosion result; 2 Wellingtons missing. Kittyhawks with Spitfire cover make 3 sweeps in Gulf of Tunis area; of enemy planes engaged, 7 destroyed and 3 damaged for loss of 4 Allied planes. Force of 20 A-20's with Spitfire escort attacks concentrations at Ksir Tyr and Grich el Oued successfully. La Marsa, Korba, and St. Marie du Zit landing grounds bombed during night by Bisleys and Wellingtons. Souk el Arba airfield attacked by 10-12 Axis JU-88's.</p> <p>Algeria: About 15 JU-88's bomb Algiers at dusk.</p> <p>Indian Ocean: SS Sembilan (Dutch cargo ship, 6,566 tons) torp. and sunk at 31-30 S, 33-30 E.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>starting large oil fire; 7 others bomb Myitnge RR bridge, scoring direct hits on bridge and S approach. Pazundaung RR bridge is attacked by 6 B-24's which score several possible near misses on S approach; enemy planes make unsuccessful attempt to intercept. Formation of P-40's damages tracks N of RR bridge at Namti; another force damages bridge at Namti with 3 near misses; a 3d flight scores hit on each approach to bridge at Kamaing and starts 2 large fires at Nanyaseik; machine gun positions silenced at Kamaing and Nanyaseik. RAF makes numerous sorties, chiefly over Mayu Peninsula.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>sinking condition, hitting a 2d AK, and scoring near misses on another. Eight B-24's and 6 B-17's bomb runway, dispersal area, and supply dumps at Kahili; resulting fires are visible for 30 mi.</p> <p>New Ireland: B-17 on rcn sights and attacks 5,000-ton AK 90 mi. SW of Kavieng.</p> <p>New Britain: Gasmata airfield bombed by 2 single rcn planes.</p> <p>New Guinea: B-24 on rcn bombs village on Humbolt Bay and a 1,000-ton AK in Bogia Harbor. Timika strip bombed by 2 RAAF Hudsons.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Taberfane, Aroe Is., bombed by single RAAF Hudson. Another attacks villages in the Kei Is. Four B-24's bomb jetty and town at Ambon, causing numerous explosions and large fires; 10-12 enemy planes intercept, of which 4 are destroyed and another damaged.</p>	
<p>Tunisia: Patrolling activity only reported along Enfidaville line and in N. Force of P-40's intercepts escorted convoy of about 100 JU-52's heading NE; 51 of the transports destroyed, 1 probably, and 11 damaged; 15 escort planes destroyed, 7 damaged; 9 of our fighters lost. Landing grounds SE of Tunis attacked by 22 Wellingtons and Halifaxes, night of 18/19. Hurricane strafes remaining JU-52 force landed in Cape Bon area; 3 set on fire. La Marsa landing ground attacked first by 11 Leo-45's, which start 2 large</p>	<p>Burma: RAF attacks enemy troops, villages, and small shipping in battle area.</p> <p>China: P-40's on offensive rcn strafe village, reported filled with enemy supplies, 12 mi. SE of Tengchung.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Force of P-38's over Kahili area encounters formation of enemy bombers escorted by Zeros; in ensuing engagement 3 enemy bombers and 3 Zeros are shot down; 1 P-38 fails to return. Four B-24's carry out night raid on Munda, bombing runway and revetments; large explosion occurs. Japanese planes raid Guadalcanal at night, setting an ammunition dump on fire and causing slight casualties; Allied fighter shoots down 1 enemy bomber.</p> <p>New Ireland: B-24 on rcn sights and</p>	18

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18 C'd		(Cont'd) silenced, and a building believed destroyed at Reynard Cove; AA fire damages 2 of our fighters.	(Cont'd) listing and on fire, setting 2 mine sweepers on fire, and hitting 2 other vessels.		(Cont'd) Ragusa. Marshalling yards at Palermo and Boca di Falco airdrome heavily bombed by 78 B-17's with escort of 20 P-38's; yards and roundhouse damaged and hits scored on airfield and buildings, resulting in 8 fires and large explosion. Attack opposed by 15-20 Axis planes which shoot down 1 bomber; 17 B-17's damaged by AA fire. Sardinia: Eighteen B-25's with P-38 escort bomb Alghero airdrome and shipping at Porto Torres; hangars, aircraft, and gas storage dump at former damaged; many fires started. At Porto Torres, 1 merchant ship is left sinking and another on fire; 2 large fires started in RR yards and big explosion on dock observed. Beaufighters attack hangars at Decimomannu airdrome with cannon fire, destroying MT. Four Albacores attack jetty at Porto Farino. Italy: Spezia naval base bombed by 157 RAF planes which drop 416 tons of bombs; heavy damage inflicted on town and docks; 1,600-ton Italian DD sunk; moderate AA fire encountered; 2 planes missing.

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>fires, and then by force of Bisleys. Both attacks carried out during night. Bisleys bomb beach near Reyville; hits scored on ship near Meline.</p> <p>Enemy fighter bombers make 2 attacks, one in morning and one in afternoon, on Allied positions S of Enfidaville. Fighter bombers make 3 attacks on Souk el Khemis.</p> <p>Algeria: Algiers attacked by 20-30 JU-88's; HMS Torbay damaged. Beaufighters and Spitfires intercept, destroying 5 and damaging several enemy planes.</p> <p>East Atlantic: SS Empire Bruce (British cargo ship, 7,459 tons) sunk by SS at 06-40 N, 13-17 W.</p> <p>Indian Ocean: SS Manaar (British cargo ship, 8,007 tons) sunk by SS at 31-15 S, 33-10 E. SS Corbis (British cargo ship, 8,132 tons) torp. and sunk at 34-56 S, 34-03 E.</p>		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>bombs a 10,000-ton transport in Kavieng Harbor; 2 enemy fighters unsuccessfully attempt interception; same B-24, on return trip, shoots down twin-engine enemy fighter over Vitiiaz Strait.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Single RAAF Catalina bombs dispersal areas at C. Gloucester</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Finschafen waterfront and runway bombed by an RAAF Catalina and a B-24, respectively. Three enemy-occupied villages in Saidor area strafed by B-24 on rcn. One of the villages is also bombed and strafed by another B-24 and huts are demolished.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Single RAAF Hudson attacks enemy village in the Aroe Is. Penfoei airdrome at Koepang, Timor, is target for coordinated night attack by 9 Dutch B-25's and 12 RAAF Hudsons; large fires started in target area, 1 visible for 30 mi.</p>	<p>18 C'd.</p>

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19	<p><u>Bermuda:</u> Bermuda conference on the refugee problem opens.</p> <p><u>Greece:</u> U.S. State Department announces that food supplies sent to Greece are not being diverted to the enemy, in reply to reports that 40% of the material is falling into enemy hands.</p> <p><u>Germany:</u> Hitler confers with Vidkun Quisling, Norwegian Premier.</p> <p><u>Germany-Turkey:</u> Germany and Turkey have signed a new commercial agreement, an Ankara communique announces. Chrome is believed to be the item chiefly desired by Germany.</p> <p><u>Sweden:</u> Swedish Government asks Berlin for an explanation for a German merchantman firing on a Swedish submarine on April 16.</p> <p><u>N. Africa:</u> Gen. Giraud's memorandum to Gen. de Gaulle, dated April 1, is made public. The memorandum proposes the formation of a "French Council of Overseas Territories."</p> <p><u>Arabia:</u> Extension of lend-lease to Saudi Arabia is announced.</p>	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Kiska heavily raided by 11 flights of Allied planes, totaling 14 B-24's, 14 B-25's, 32 P-40's, and 23 P-38's; bombs dropped on North Head, main camp, submarine base, radar installations, runway, and 4 beached ships; beached ship at Trout Lagoon hit and left burning fiercely and 2 other ships hit; the 4 ships and other targets strafed; 1 B-24 and 3 fighters damaged by AA fire.</p>		<p><u>Russia:</u> Fierce fighting continues in Novorossisk area; Germans claim repulse of Soviet attacks by strong counter-attacks, and bomb Red Army positions and supply bases in Black Sea coastal area. Soviets report repulse of Nazi thrust S of Bala-kleya.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Malta-based fighters make successful attack on industrial targets at Cassabile.</p> <p><u>Lampedusa I.:</u> Fighter planes from Malta attack coastal targets on Lampedusa.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> 7,500-ton Axis ship carrying troops and 6,100-ton merchant ship torp. and sunk off Bastia.</p>
20	<p><u>Mexico:</u> President Roosevelt and President Manuel Avila Camacho confer in Monterrey, Mexico.</p> <p><u>Japan:</u> Premier Hideki Tojo makes extensive changes in his cabinet.</p>	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Ten attacks on Kiska are carried out by total of 14 B-24's, 12 B-25's, 10 P-38's, and 32 P-40's; bombs dropped on main camp, runway area, submarine base, North Head, Gertrude Cove,</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> Over 300 RAF planes make night raid on Stettin, dropping 782 tons of bombs; very large fires started in docks area and fires observed still burning the next day; 21 of the attacking planes fall</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> In Kuban, enemy defenses continue to hold against heavy Soviet pressure. Germans announce strong air support for their ground forces. Russians claim slight gains as result of attack</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Five RAF Liberators drop 30,000 lbs. of bombs on Naples, scoring hits on quays and in town area; 2 fires started near oil installations. Malta-based planes attack industrial</p>

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Axis forces counterattack strongly, penetrating Allied positions SW of Djebel Mansour, but are repulsed.</p> <p>Tunis Harbor bombed by 18 B-17's; bombs cover main basin and cause some damage in town; 14 bombers damaged by AA fire. Fifty-eight Bisleys make night raid on Sidi Ahmed airdrome. Night of 19/20, Wellingtons attack Creteville and Soliman landing grounds; large fires started; 3 Wellingtons lost. La Sebala landing ground attacked by 24 A-20's and 12 B-25's with escort of 36 Spitfires which score hits on dispersal areas and runways. Sixteen Hurrbombers escorted by 24 Spitfires bomb 24 Axis tanks in Heidous area; hit scored in target area and large fires observed. Force of 72 B-25's and Baltimore's makes effective raid on Korba airdrome. Kittybombers and Spitfires over Gulf of Tunis encounter 20 Axis transport planes; 12 JU-52's and 4 escorts shot down, 4 transports and 5 escorts probably destroyed, and 1 damaged for loss of 8 Allied planes.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> Enemy merchant ship of 1500 tons sunk off Marittimo I. British SS sinks 3,000-ton Axis tanker in same area.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Eight P-40's attack RR bridge 10 mi. NW of Myitkyina, hitting bridge, causeway and piers; approach span goes down and center span turns sideways. A similar force bombs bridge at Namti, destroying S approach and severely damaging 1 span. Central RR station at Rangoon attacked by 2 groups of B-24's, totaling 13 planes; many hits scored on station, buildings to the S, and near rice mills on E bank of Pazundaung Creek during 1st attack; an explosion and 2 very large fires visible for 90 mi. result from 2d raid. Three B-24's bomb Thilawa oil refinery S of Rangoon. RAF continues to operate against enemy troops and supply lines and bombs Toungoo airdrome at night.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Seven B-17's bomb Kieta, Bougainville I. Enemy airfield at Kahili heavily bombed by 10 TBF's. Another force of 7 TBF's attacks enemy shipping in Tonolei Harbor, Bougainville I.; direct hit scored on an AK and near misses on another.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Airdromes at Gasmata and C. Gloucester bombed by single rcn planes.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> RAAF Catalina on rcn attacks Finschafen, bombing buildings and strafing runway; fire results from direct hit among buildings; same plane attacks buildings at Wald Bay and small vessel off coast. Lae airdrome attacked by B-24 on rcn; hits scored on runway.</p> <p>Single B-24 attacks buildings at Hollandia.</p> <p><u>Tanimbar Is.:</u> Dutch B-25 bombs small vessel off Jamdena I.</p>	19
<p><u>Tunisia:</u> British troops attack enemy positions in coastal area and occupy Enfidaville before noon; patrols advance toward Bou Ficha. Four Axis counterattacks repulsed during day; severe fighting continues around Takrouna and Djebel Garci. Farther N, strong Axis armored forces attack British positions S of Medjes el Bab during night, cross Goubellat road, and penetrate to point about 1 mi. SE of Medjes el Bab.</p>	<p><u>India:</u> Eighteen enemy bombers and 24 fighters raid Imphal; 4 RAF fighters intercept, probably destroying 2 of the planes and damaging 2 others; 2 British planes lost.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> Eight B-25's attack Thazi</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Eight TBF's and 12 SBD's bomb enemy installations at Munda, silencing AA positions and starting a large fire. Numa Numa (E coast of Bougainville) heavily bombed by 5 B-24's, but bad weather prevents observation of results.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Six B-17's carry out pre-dawn attack on enemy shipping at Wewak; direct hits on a 6,000-ton vessel cause it to explode and burn fiercely and a smaller vessel is also hit.</p>	20

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		<p>(Cont'd) Little Kiska, and beached ships; many hits observed, some near beached vessels; various areas also strafed; 2 B-25's damaged by MG fire. <u>North Atlantic:</u> SS Amerika (British cargo ship, 10,218 tons) sunk by SS at 57-30 N, 42-50 W, during attack on east-bound Allied convoy.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) to return. Rostock bombed at night by approximately 80 RAF planes; Heinkel works hidden by smoke screen, but many fires observed; 9 RAF planes missing. Night raid on Berlin is carried out by 11 Mosquitos, 1 of which is missing; 8 tons of bombs dropped and fires result, 1 of them large. <u>France-Belgium:</u> Enemy installations at Zeebrugge and Boulogne and shipping at Cherbourg attacked by total of 33 escorted Venturas; airfield at Tricqueville raided by 8 escorted Typhoons. <u>England:</u> Spitfires destroy single JU-88 which crosses E coast.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) on Kalinin front.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) installations at Porto Empedocle and road and rail traffic throughout Sicily.</p>
21	<p><u>Japan:</u> President Roosevelt, in a press release, announces the execution of American aviators by the Japanese Government. <u>N. Africa:</u> Gen. de Gaulle's reply to Gen. Giraud's memorandum of April 1 made public.</p>	<p><u>North Atlantic:</u> U-boats attack west-bound convoy, sinking the SS Scebell (Norwegian cargo ship, 3,025 tons) at 56-07 N, 44-26 W. Following ships of another west-bound convoy sunk by enemy SS's: SS Ashantian (British cargo ship, 4,917 tons) sunk at 55-46 N, 15-14 W; SS Wanshead (British</p>	<p><u>France:</u> Abbeville is target for 10 escorted Venturas; 1 GAF plane destroyed, another damaged; 3 Venturas and 2 Spitfires missing. <u>Scotland:</u> At night, single enemy plane raids Aberdeen, starting 13 fires and causing some casualties.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Heavy but indecisive fighting continues in Kuban area. Nazis report that their light naval forces sank 3 Soviet barges loaded with ammunition.</p>	

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Sidi Ahmed airdrome bombed by B-17's, which cover entire area with bombs; large fires and explosions observed. Fighter sweeps support operation; of enemy planes encounter encountered, 13 are destroyed. Fifteen B-25's with escort of 15 Spitfires attack Mabtouha airdrome, 25 B-25's escorted by 16 Spitfires bomb La Sebala, and 12 B-25's escorted by 26 Spitfires attack field near Protville; majority of landing grounds well covered with bombs and 1 intercepting Axis plane shot down. P-40's attack Korba area and barge off La Goulette. La Marsa landing ground bombed by 23 B-17's escorted by 36 Spitfires, which cover landing ground and dispersal areas. Enemy aircraft oppose attack; 5 destroyed, 4 probably, and 1 damaged; 6 Allied bombers damaged by AA fire. Twenty-four bomb-carrying P-40's escorted by 12 P-40's make successful raid on Axis landing ground in St. Cyprien area, and similar formation attacks landing ground SE of Bizerte. Landing grounds in Deplenne, Protville, Kelibia areas bombed by groups of escorted A-20's; dispersed aircraft hit at all fields. Night of 20/21, 16 Bisleys attack traffic in N battle area, La Sebala landing ground, and Mateur RR; large fires and explosions caused.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> Force of enemy E-boats engaged by PT's NE of Cape Guardia; hits scored on several E-boats, resulting in fires and explosion on 1. 1,200-ton enemy merchant ship sunk off Marittimo I.</p> <p>Allied convoy attacked by Axis U-boats; following ships sunk at approximately 36-00 N, 01-25 W: SS Michigan (U.S. cargo ship, 5,594 tons); SS Sidi-Bel-Abbes (French cargo ship, 4,392 tons).</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>RR yards, hitting tracks; interception attempted by 18 enemy fighters, 2 of which are damaged. RAF operations in battle areas and against small shipping continue.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Same force bombs runways at Wewak, Boram, and Nubia. B-17 on rcn strafes villages in Saidor area.</p> <p>In Dutch New Guinea, 3 B-24's raid Kaimana, starting fires in town and dispersal areas; on return trip the force attacks Kenari I., Aroe Is.</p> <p>Single enemy plane ineffectively raids Morobe.</p>	
<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Enemy units which penetrated SE of Medjes el Bab are forced to withdraw, having suffered heavy casualties. Confused and bitter fighting continues around Takrouna; 2 major Axis counterattacks repulsed by massed artillery fire. Fighting begins in area of Oued el Kebir Reservoir.</p> <p>Inclement weather hampers heavy and medium bomber operations. Twenty-five enemy planes engaged in Tunis-Djedeida area; 1 destroyed, 1 damaged. Four other contacts with Axis fighters reported; 5 destroyed, 3 probably, 2 damaged for loss of 2</p>	<p><u>India:</u> Force of 27 enemy bombers escorted by 16 fighters bombs Imphal, causing considerable damage and casualties; RAF fighters intercept, probably destroying 1 enemy fighter; British comq. reports 2 enemy planes destroyed by AA fire.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> During early morning, 4 B-24's, failing to</p>	<p><u>Gilbert Is.:</u> Large force of Allied bombers raids Nauru I., inflicting heavy damage on enemy installations; heavy AA fire and enemy planes oppose attack; our planes shoot down 5, possibly 7, enemy fighters without damage to themselves.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Allied rcn plane bombs C. Alexander, Choiseul I., scoring near misses on radio station. Force of P-38's strafes the same target, hitting the radio station and leaving stores buildings smoking. At night, 8 B-17's, 3 B-24's, and 7 TBF's raid Poporang I. (SE Shortland Is.), starting fires, 2 of which are visible for 40 mi. Two of the</p>	21

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		(Cont'd) cargo ship, 5,486 tons) sunk at 54-40 N, 47-25 W.		
22	<u>Germany:</u> Force of 200 Soviet planes carries out night raid on Insterburg, leaving entire city in flames, Moscow announces; 1 Russian plane reported lost.	<u>Russia:</u> Artillery exchanges W of Rostov reported; violent fighting con- tinues in Kuban. Soviets claim slight gains S of Byelyi. German planes raid naval base of Poti, on Black Sea coast. <u>Sicily:</u> Seaplane base and industrial targets at Syracuse attacked by 12 es- corted Spitfires carrying bombs. Eleven Spitfires from Malta bomb military camp near Pozzallo. <u>Sardinia:</u> Eighteen B-26's escorted by 36 P-40's bomb Carloforte harbor, scoring hits on piers, port facil- ities and shipping; fires started. <u>Mediterranean:</u> 5,700-ton enemy merchant ship torp. and sunk at 42-03 N, 09-48 E.

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Spitfires. Two enemy landing grounds in N, positions at Djebel Mansour, and landing ground at Longstop Hill attacked by total of 35 A-20's with Spitfire escort and 10 Hurribombers escorted by Spitfires. Gun batteries and emplacements in Pont du Fahs area attacked by total of 11 A-20's.</p> <p>Algeria: Djidjelli bombed in early morning by Axis planes, which destroy 1 and damage several of our aircraft. Seven enemy planes attack Phillippeville unsuccessfully.</p> <p>Indian Ocean: SS John Drayton (U.S. cargo ship, 7,177 tons) torp. and sunk at 31-30 S, 33-40 E.</p> <p>Tunisia: British First Army launches attack E from Bou Arada - Goubellat line and forces enemy to withdraw SW of Sebket el Kourzia; Axis counterattacks regain about 2 mi. of this territory. We occupy Goubellat without opposition and high ground around Argoub Serriah, NE of Bou Arada. Enemy is forced to withdraw from Chassert Teffaha, in Heidous sector. Eighth Army holds its gains in Enfidaville area, despite fierce Axis counterattacks.</p> <p>Flight of P-40's and Spitfires intercepts large force of heavily escorted ME-323's over Gulf of Tunis; all 21 of the transports and 10 escorting planes destroyed. Twelve B-25's bomb Mabtouha and 12 Utique landing ground; targets well-covered and many bursts observed among dispersed aircraft. La Marsa landing ground attacked, night of 22/23, by 5 Leo-45's.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>reach Bangkok, bomb secondary target, Rangoon, with unobserved results. Maymyo RR yards attacked by 8 B-25's; bombs miss target due to poor visibility, but destroy tracks and buildings to the SW. In NW Burma, 4 P-40's bomb and strafe Kamaing and Hpunginzup; several fires result at Kamaing. Nine B-25's attack Myitnge bridge; bombs fail to hit bridge, but start fires among nearby buildings and hit RR tracks. RAF Blenheims raid RR station at Naba.</p> <p>Thailand: Nine B-24's set out in early morning to bomb Bangkok, but only 1 reaches target; 6 500-lb. bombs dropped near Memorial Bridge, 1 possibly hitting the bridge. Another force of 7 B-24's attempts to raid Bangkok, but fails to locate target.</p> <p>Burma: Mahl-wagon RR yards at Rangoon attacked by 2 formations of Allied planes, night of 22/23; 1st flight of 7 B-24's scores many hits on target, starting 3 fires visible for 25 mi., 1 extending over area of 3 city blocks; 2d formation of 9 B-24's scores 18 hits on warehouses and buildings, starting 5 large fires. Two B-24's, unable to locate Rangoon target, bomb Thilawa oil refinery S of the city; 5 hits</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>TBF's score possible hits on an enemy AK near Buin.</p> <p>New Britain: Ubili and Gasmata are targets for B-17 on rcn; large building destroyed at Ubili, and hits on Gasmata runway destroy a grounded plane. B-17 on rcn is intercepted by 4 enemy fighters 46 mi. NW of Rabaul; 1 hostile plane shot down.</p> <p>New Guinea: Two B-17's on rcn attack villages in Saidor area. Kaimana and Timika (Dutch New Guinea) bombed by 3 Dutch B-25's and 1 RAAF Hudson on rcn, respectively.</p> <p>Single enemy plane bombs and strafes Morobe.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Enemy installations at Dobo, Aroe Is., bombed by RAAF Hudson on rcn and strafed by 3 RAAF Beaufighters. Another RAAF Hudson on rcn raids villages near Langgoer, Kei Is. Three Dutch B-25's bomb Laga, Timor, causing large fire, probably on fuel dump.</p> <p>Ellice Is.: Five enemy bombers raid Funafuti at night; minor casualties result and small fires started.</p> <p>Solomon Is.: TBF's drop bombs on runway and AA positions at Munda and F4F's, an hour later, strafe the area, setting 3 grounded planes on fire. The F4U's later attack Vila, setting a truck on runway on fire. Three B-24's carry out harassing attack on Kahili, dropping bombs across N end of runway and in area SW of runway.</p> <p>New Guinea: B-17 on rcn attacks Nubia, bombing AA positions. In Nassau Bay area, 4 B-25's and 4 A-20's bomb and strafe Lababia I., Duali, and other villages; extensive damage results.</p> <p>N.E.I.: RAAF Hudson on rcn bombs Dobo, Aroe Is., scoring hit in supply dump area. Enemy positions in Tanimbar Is. bombed and strafed by another RAAF Hudson on rcn.</p>	<p>22</p>

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			Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
23	<p><u>Finland:</u> At the request of the U.S. State Department, the entire American Legation in Helsinki, with the exception of 1 diplomatic officer and 2 assistants, leave for Stockholm.</p> <p><u>Sweden:</u> Germany gives an unsatisfactory reply to the Swedish protest of April 19.</p>	<p>.....</p>	<p><u>England:</u> Six GAF planes over England at night.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviets report repulse of German counter-attacks in Kuban; artillery exchanges and patrol operations reported for entire front.</p>	<p><u>Sardinia:</u> Arbatax harbor bombed by 18 B-26's escorted by 21 P-38's; 3 near misses scored on ships in harbor; 1 bomber lost.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> Nineteen B-17's escorted by 27 P-38's attack 2 large enemy vessels off Sicily; direct hits scored on 1 which is left in flames.</p>
24	<p>.....</p>	<p><u>Azorian Is.:</u> In spite of bad weather 2 P-38's over Kiska bomb North Head and strafe enemy</p>	<p><u>England:</u> RAF Mosquito destroys 1 of 3 enemy planes over England at night.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Fighting in Kuban bridgehead subsides. Rcn and patrol activity reported in other sectors.</p>	<p><u>Italy:</u> Naples raided by 5 RAF bombers; bursts observed near RR station, steel works and shipyard.</p>

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Thirty-three Bisleys successfully raid Tebourba, Djedeida, Massicault, Cyprien, Mateur during night. Spitfires, P-39's, and P-40's carry out fighter sweeps in Tebourba - La Sebala areas; of enemy planes encountered, 7 destroyed, 52 probably, and 3 damaged. Kittyhawks successfully attack army targets and gun positions near Enfidaville. Total of 54 A-20's, in various missions, attack enemy near Grich el Oued, Ksar Tyr, Longstop Hill, Pont du Fahs, Massicault.</p> <p>ME-109's and FW-190's make continuous, low-level attacks on our tanks SE of Medjez el Bab and around Pont Du Fahs. Night of 22/23, 8-10 enemy planes bomb and strafe Allied ground forces in Monastir-Kairouan-El Djem area.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> Heavy artillery of Eighth Army forces some enemy withdrawal. British forces continue to advance in Sebket el Kourzia sector; 40-50 Axis tanks engaged and 18 destroyed. Enemy positions in Medjes el Bab attacked and objectives taken; strong counterattack forces us to retire slightly but another attack by Allied troops regains the positions. Grich el Oued, NE of Medjes el Bab, is occupied by our forces, and Longstop Hill is stormed in afternoon; enemy is driven from all but NE slopes. U.S. troops attack along Sedjenane - Mateur road and gain several miles.</p> <p>Seventeen B-25's attack motor vehicles and RR tracks at Mateur; 11 B-26's with escort of 28 P-40's score hits on trucks and installations on Mateur-Beja road, RR and bivouac areas. Wellingtons make night raid on Bizerte shipping installations; haze and cloud prevents observation of results; 3 Wellingtons damaged. RAF heavy bombers attack Soliman S landing ground. Thirty-six B-25's attack Soliman S landing ground; bursts observed in target area; 1 of our planes shot down by AA fire. Medium, light, and fighter bombers carry out many sorties against army targets and road movements in battle area; of enemy planes engaged in combat, 10 destroyed, 1 probably, and 3 damaged.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>scored on target. RAF bombs Meiktila and Kangaung airdromes.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> Nine B-25's attack Mandalay, hitting RR tracks and warehouses and demolishing large buildings NW of warehouses. Bridge at Shadzup is target for 5 P-40's, which damage road on both sides of bridge. Twelve B-25's bomb Kanbalu, destroying engine sheds, tracks, and rolling stock.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Three P-40's on offensive rcn strafe trucks near Lungling, destroying 5; 1 P-40, damaged by AA fire, fails to return.</p>	<p>CLASSIFIED</p> <p><u>Ellice Is.:</u> Six enemy bombers raid Funafuti during the early morning, shortly after the raid reported yesterday; some damage results to Allied installations and 2 B-24's are destroyed on the ground.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> During the early morning, 12 SBD's escorted by 14 F4U's bomb and strafe enemy positions at Rekata Bay.</p> <p><u>New Ireland:</u> B-24 on rcn sights and attacks 3 medium AK's and 2 smaller vessels 50 mi. SE of Kavieng; 7,000-ton AK set on fire and left in sinking condition as result of direct hit and near miss.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Ubili area strafed by rcn B-17.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Villages in Saidor area bombed and strafed by single B-17. Three B-24's, operating singly, bomb Finschhafen town, airdrome, and area 3 mi. W of the town; buildings are demolished and hits scored on the runway. Four RAAF Beaufighters carry out 18 strafing passes over enemy positions along Salamaua-Komiatum track. One RAAF Beaufort bombs and strafes wrecked vessel near Lae and strafes Salamaua Peninsula; hit and near miss scored on the ship.</p> <p><u>Dona (Morobe area)</u> bombed and strafed at night by single enemy plane.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Single RAAF Hudsons bomb Dobo, Aroe Is., and dump area at Toeal, Kei Is.</p>	<p>23</p>
<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Allied attack is pursued on all fronts, meeting determined, but unsuccessful, enemy resistance. Fighting continues for Djebel Ahmera and in Takrouna sector, where Axis</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> On Arakan front, enemy attempts to infiltrate into British positions</p>	<p><u>Gilbert Is.:</u> Allied planes drop 50 500-lb. bombs on Tarawa I.; damage unreported; AA fire and enemy fighters oppose attack.</p> <p><u>Solomons Is.:</u> Enemy installations at</p>	<p>24</p>

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		<p>(Cont'd) personnel in Mutt Cove area. West Atlantic: SS Santa Catalina (U.S. cargo ship, 6,507 tons) pre- sumed sunk by SS at 30-42 N, 70- 58 W.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) North Sea: Axis shipping off Norway attacked by RAF Hampdens; 2 medium-sized vessels hit.</p>			<p>(Cont'd) Mediterranean: Malta-based planes sink large Axis merchant ship at 38-27 N, 12-05 E.</p>
25	<p>Russia-Poland: Russia suspends diplomatic re- lations with Poland as a result of controversy re- garding the dis- covery of the bodies of 10,000 Polish officers near Smolensk.</p>	<p>Aleutian Is.: Enemy installations at Kiska attacked 10 times by total of 3 B-24's, 12 B-25's, 23 P-38's, and 24 P-40's; an 11th mission of 6 B-24's finds target obscur- ed and returns with bombs; hits observed on runway and in radar area, but clouds obscure other results; Little Kiska and North Head strafed. Five B-24's raid Attu, hitting runway and AA batteries in Holtz Bay.</p>	<p>.....</p>	<p>Russia: Soviets report slight gains in Kuban area; Germans claim re- pulse of Russian attacks in this sec- tor. Germans at- tack unsuccessfully W of Rostov.</p>	<p>Sicily: Fighter bombers from Malta attack indus- trial installations at Marzamemi. Sardinia: Elmas, Villacidro, and Decimomannu bombed by 24 Wellingtons, night of 25/26; ammu- nition dump be- lieved blown up at latter. Shipping at Porto Ponte Romagni attacked by escorted B-26's; no hits on shipping but factory near Tiget damaged. Mediterranean: Twelve P-38's at- tack convoy of 7</p>	

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>units withdraw slightly NW; stiff counterattacks against our positions here repulsed. Enemy cleared from hills NE of Takrouna. E of Medjes el Bab, Axis troops counterattack strongly in evening but are driven back. Night of 24/25, enemy withdraws from Djebel Mansour, Djebel Bou Kril, and Djebel Sefsouf. American forces astride Sedjenane road are advancing. Hurribombers attack Pon du Fahs, starting 1 fire. Fighter planes carry out many sweeps over battle area; guns MT, and troops successfully attacked. In aerial combat, 5 enemy aircraft destroyed, 4 damaged; 1 Spitfire destroyed, 9 missing, and 2 damaged. Our positions in Medjes el Bab sector attacked by 4 JU-88's in afternoon.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>fail. Nine B-25's escorted by 11 P-40's bomb lead and zinc mines at Namtu (30 mi. NW of Lashio); some hits scored on smelter processing plant and storage sheds, but heavy haze hampers observation of results; P-40's strafe target area. Nine RAF Blenheims escorted by 22 fighters raid Meiktila airdrome. China: Thirteen P-40's intercept about 25 enemy planes near Lingling airdrome; during ensuing engagement 5 enemy planes are destroyed and 4 probably destroyed.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Munda bombed by 12 SBD's, 12 TBF's, and 16 F4F's; hit on an AA position results in explosion and fire, and 2 buildings destroyed. New Britain: C. Gloucester runway bombed by single B-24. New Guinea: B-24 sights and unsuccessfully attacks enemy convoy 300 mi. NNW of Wewak. Twelve enemy fighters intercept another B-24 on rcn over Wewak; 5 enemy planes destroyed during a 30-minute engagement. Single B-24's bomb and strafe villages in Saidor area and Lae airfield. Enemy positions NE of Mubo attacked by 4 A-20's. N.E.I.: Dobo, Aroe Is., bombed by 1 RAAF Hudson, which also attacks schooner at mouth of Maikoor R. Four RAAF Hudsons, in 2 attacks, bomb and strafe 2 small enemy vessels off Kei Is.; direct hits sink larger vessel and near misses damage the other. Three other RAAF Hudsons attack enemy shipping off Babar Is., sinking 1 small vessel and damaging another. Seven Dutch B-25's attack Dilli airdrome, Timor, before dawn, starting fire visible for 25 mi. Kendari airdrome (SE Celebes) attacked at dusk by 9 B-24's; workshops area extensively damaged by bomb hits, which result in explosions and large fires visible for 75 mi.; 5 grounded enemy planes destroyed; of 15-20 enemy fighters intercepting, 5 are shot down, another is probably destroyed. South Pacific: SS Kowarra (British cargo ship, 2,125 tons) sunk by SS at 24-26 S, 153-44 E.</p>	
<p>Tunisia: In Enfidaville sector, British troops capture Terhouna feature. In afternoon, a sharp engagement takes place and enemy is cleared from strong points at Djebel Garci and Takrouna. Axis forces counterattack NE of Sebket el Kourzia but are repulsed, with heavy losses; armored engagements continue throughout the day; 16 enemy tanks destroyed. First Army advances in Medjes el Bab area, capturing Heidous and Djebel Tanngouche. U.S. troops advance in N coastal area, securing positions on slopes of Djebel Sidi Neftah and NW of Djebel el Ang. Soliman landing ground attacked by 36 Baltimores, which start 10 fires. Enemy positions along Razor Back Ridge, NW of Enfidaville, suffer much damage as result of 144 light and medium bomber sorties. Fighter bombers score many near misses on</p>	<p>Burma: On Arakan front, Japanese attack British positions covering Buthedaung. Force of 9 B-25's attacks RR installations at Maymyo, hitting machine shops and RR tracks, slit trenches and other installations also strafed. Ywataung RR yards bombed by another force of B-25's, which drops bombs across RR spur and on main tracks N of target. AA fire damages 1 of our planes, forcing it to land at Imphal.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Force of F4U's strafes Ringi Cove (W of Vila) during early morning. Same group later encounters formation of 10 enemy bombers escorted by 20 Zeros 95 mi. NW of Lunga Pt., Guadalcanal; during ensuing engagement, 5 Zeros are destroyed for loss of 2 U.S. planes. New Guinea: Four B-17's bomb Wewak during early morning and strafe Madang and Saidor areas on return; fires started along edge of runway at Wewak. Single B-24's bomb Madang runway and waterfront at Finschafen; large fire results at the former. Three B-25's bomb and strafe enemy positions NE of Mubo. Timika (Dutch New Guinea) raided by 2 RAAF Hudsons on rcn. N.E.I.: In the Aroe Is., RAAF Hudson attacks Dobo, and RAAF Beaufighter strafes an enemy-occupied village on Trangan Is.; enemy planes attempt to intercept each attack, but are driven off;</p>	25

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26	<p><u>French Antilles:</u> U.S. terminates in- formal relations with the French Antilles, in a note to Admiral Georges Robert.</p>	<p><u>Aleutian Is.: Kiska</u> is target for 14 at- tacks by total of 11 B-24's, 6 B-25's, 21 P-38's, and 36 P-40's; a 15th mission of 5 B-25's is unable to attack because of complete overcast; hits scored in runway area, on North Head main camp, near radar installations; AA fire damages 4 B-24's. U.S. surface force bombards enemy installations at Chicagof Harbor and Holtz Bay, Attu, scoring some hits.</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> Force of 501 RAF planes makes night raid on Duisburg, drop- ping 1,450 tons of bombs; smoke from many fires covers the whole target; 17 British planes missing.</p>	<p><u>Russia: Soviets</u> report artillery exchanges in Kuban Valley and repulse of enemy attack in Sievsk area. Ger- mans claim sinking of Soviet ship and damaging of several others off Caucasian coast. Russians report sinking of enemy transport and trawler in Barents Sea.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) Siebel ferries; 1 blown up, 2 left burning, 2 others damaged.</p> <p><u>Sicily:</u> Augusta harbor attacked by 12 escorted Spit- fires which score hits on submarine base and oil in- stallations. <u>Italy:</u> Bari air- drome, N of Taranto bombed by 62 B- 24's; entire target area covered; many fires and ex- plosions caused among hangars; several buildings and many grounded aircraft destroyed; RR N of field hit and oil tanks set on fire. Nineteen B-17's attack Grosseto airdrome, NW of Rome; direct hits on build- ings observed but clouds hinder ob- servation of results; 1 bomber shot down by AA fire. RAF bombers at- tack same target during night, start- ing many fires SE of airdrome. <u>Sardinia:</u> Villacidro airdrome bombed by 19 B- 17's with escort of 19 P-38's; field covered with hits and 5 fires started in barracks area.</p>

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>shipping off Cape Bon, and, in aerial combat, destroy 2 enemy planes and damage 1. Twelve B-25's make night raid on Mateur, and 12 more attack Tebourba, scoring hits on RR, marshalling yards, and roads.</p> <p>British PT boats sink petrol-carrying liner in Gulf of Tunis.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Rouennais (French cargo ship, 3,777 tons) torp. and sunk at 34-02 N, 07-27 W.</p> <p><u>South Atlantic:</u> SS Doryssa (British tanker, 8,078 tons) torp. and sunk at 37-03 S, 24-03 E.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> S of Jefna road, enemy units engaged on high ground around Kef Maksour and forced to withdraw slightly, although resistance is still stubborn. Between coast and Jefna road, enemy troops cleared from Djebel Ainehouna and pushed E of a N-S line through Djebel Meftah. French troops advance to point about 6 mi. from Garat Achkel. Axis driven back from Sidi Nsir Station.</p> <p>Longstop Hill completely cleared of enemy. Farther S, heavy armored fighting continues around Djebel Bou Kournine. French troops advance slightly toward Pont du Fahs, enemy withdrawing N from Dorsale toward the town. British Eighth Army progresses slowly, against stiff opposition, in Enfidaville sector.</p> <p>Allied air activity lends strong support to ground forces, inflicting severe damage on objectives in battle areas. Thirty-one bombers attack Soliman S landing ground; fires and explosions observed. Same target attacked by large force of night bombers; 3 fires started; 20 ME-109's intercepted, of which 5 are destroyed, 1 probably, and 1 damaged. Night of 26/27, escorted light bombers make 2 raids on Axis positions NW of Enfidaville and 2 more on those near Bou Ficha.</p> <p>Escorted fighter bombers attack 2 motor vessels off Cape Bon, scoring hits on both; 1 explodes.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Levies report enemy attack at Sarengkhyet (15 mi. N of Sumpabum).</p> <p>Eleven B-25's attack enemy airdrome at Heho, scoring hits on hangar, grounded aircraft, revetments, and AA position. Thilawa oil refinery effectively bombed by 7 B-24's; hits scored near distillation plant and among storage tanks; smoke from flames of an exploding tank visible for 40 mi.</p> <p>Six B-24's raid warehouses near central RR station at Rangoon, causing heavy damage in target area and destroying buildings N of target; large fire started 800 yards W of the RR station; AA fire damages 1 B-24.</p> <p>Enemy fighters intercept formation, slightly damaging 2 of our planes; 1 enemy fighter damaged. Eight B-25's attack Kangaung airdrome, scoring 24 hits in revetments and on runway; 3 enemy planes unsuccessfully attack formation. Same force drops bombs on Pakokku airdrome with unobserved results.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>1 of the hostile planes is damaged. Toeal (Kei Is.) attacked by another RAAF Hudson.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Three B-24's attack Kahili during early morning, starting 5 small fires.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> B-17 attacks Gasmata, destroying wireless tower and damaging a building; same plane strafes Arawe and Ubili.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> In support of ground forces, 7 RAAF A-20's bomb and strafe enemy positions in Mubo area. Finschafen runway is target for 1 B-24; explosion and fires result and a building is hit.</p> <p><u>South Pacific:</u> SS Limerick (British cargo ship, 8,724 tons) sunk by SS at 28-51 S, 153-54 E.</p>	26

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			Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
27	<p><u>Bolivia:</u> Bolivia announces its adherence to the declaration of the United Nations.</p>	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Four P-38's bomb main camp and North Head at Kiska. Kiska also attacked by single P-40, flown by RCAF pilot. Results of both attacks unobserved.</p>	<p><u>North Sea:</u> Escorted Whirlwinds attack enemy convoy in English Channel, setting fire to a 1,500-ton vessel and damaging 6 small vessels. Two British DD's also attack shipping in the Channel; 2 Axis ships and a trawler sunk. Beaufighters torp. a 4,000-ton ship off Norway.</p>	<p>... ..</p>	<p><u>Lampedusa I.:</u> Airdrome bombed successfully by 12 escorted Spitfires.</p>

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Sharp artillery engagements take place in coastal sector during day. Enemy continues slow withdrawal and U.S. troops advance along Sedjenane-Mateur road towards Djebel Azag and Djebel Ajred. In Sidi Nsir sector, enemy is pushed farther E. British forces S of Medjerda R. continue to advance, and succeed in gaining a foothold on slopes of Djebel Bou Aoukaz. Sidi Abdullah, N of Ksar Tyr, occupied by British after heavy fighting. Farther S, in Sebket el Kourzia sector, heavy fighting continues for Djebel Bou Kournine which is strongly defended with an anti-tank screen. W and S of Pont du Fahs, Axis retreat continues. French troops in this area are straightening the line between Pont du Fahs and Enfidaville by slow, but steady, progress.</p> <p>Hurribombers attack enemy concentrations and MT in Medjes el Bab-Tebourba and Pont du Fahs areas. Eighty-four P-40's and 11 Spitfires carry out 3 missions: tanks on Pont du Fahs-Tunis road, concentrations near Bir Meherba, and hill in Sebket el Kourzia sector heavily bombed. Total of 36 A-20's and 12 B-25's with Spitfire escort make 4 attacks on enemy concentrations near Ksar Tyr, dropping 67,270 lbs. of bombs and inflicting considerable damage. Enemy concentrations in Tebourba sector bombed by 12 A-20's and 12 B-25's escorted by Spitfires. Targets in Massicault area also heavily attacked. Axis positions E of Heidous raided by 33 Hurribombers and 6 Spitfires. Eleven B-25's bomb 5 ships in harbor on S side of Zembra I; bombs fall among shore installations.</p> <p><u>Algeria:</u> Bone bombed by 30 JU-88's, of which 3 are destroyed and 1 damaged by fighters and AA fire. Axis aircraft also operate over Philippeville, but no damage results.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> SS Merope (Dutch cargo ship, 1,162 tons) presumed sunk at 36-55 N, 03-53 E.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p><u>China:</u> Twelve Japanese medium bombers and 15 fighters carry out bombing and strafing attack on Yunnanyi, destroying 5 P-40's and 1 C-47 and damaging other Allied planes; many casualties inflicted, chiefly among coolie laborers.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> Four P-40's, in support of ground forces, successfully attack enemy position near Sarengkyet (NW Burma).</p> <p>Force of 7 B-25's bombs RR installations at Thazi, hitting engine sheds, warehouses, track, and locomotives; 1 B-25 sustains slight damage as result of interception by 3 enemy fighters; 1 enemy plane probably destroyed.</p> <p>Diamond I (SW of Rangoon) attacked by 6 B-24's, which score many hits on target.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Twelve B-24's bomb Kahili, Ballale, and Vila during early morning, starting fires at Ballale and Vila; 1 enemy fighter attempting interception at Kahili is driven off. Five B-17's later attack Kahili, but poor visibility prevents observation of results.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Three A-20's, supporting ground operations, bomb and strafe enemy positions in Mubo area. Three B-24's bomb Lae airdrome, and 6 RAAF Beaufighters strafe concealed enemy barges in Labu Lagoon (5 mi. SW of Lae). B-17 on rcn strafes vessel near Wewak, Marienberg Village, barge at Alexishafen, and building area at Finschhafen. Finschhafen again attacked by RAAF Catalina; large explosions result in dump area.</p> <p>Nabiré, NW Dutch New Guinea, bombed by B-24 on rcn.</p> <p>Single enemy plane drops 4 bombs on Morobe; no damage results.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> B-24 on rcn sights and attacks 2 enemy AK's 50 mi NW of Aroe Is.; hit and near miss scored on one of the vessels and 2 near misses on the other. Enemy-occupied villages in Aroe and Kei islands attacked by RAAF Beaufighter and RAAF Hudson, respectively. Three Dutch B-25's bomb village on Timor; 3 enemy fighters unsuccessfully attempt to intercept.</p> <p><u>South Pacific:</u> SS Lydia M. Child (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons) sunk by SS at 33-08 S, 153-24 E.</p>	27

1948 Apr.	POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, PSYCHOLOGICAL	EUROPEAN THEATER			
		NORTH AND LATIN AMERICAN THEATERS	Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
28	<p>Germany: Berlin radio announces a conference between Hitler and Dr. Ante Pavelitch of Croatia on April 27.</p> <p>China: Cable of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is made public, declaring that Chinese in coastal areas of China, where U.S. fliers landed after the Tokyo raid, were slain.</p>	...	<p>North Sea: RAF continues to attack enemy shipping, sinking a mine sweeper and damaging another off Brittany.</p>	<p>Russia: Nazis report repulse of numerous Russian attacks in Kuban sector.</p>	<p>Sicily: Messina bombed by 29 B-24's; large fires started at RR sidings and power station; hits scored on ship and ferry buildings. Enemy planes oppose attack; 4 of these destroyed for loss of 1 B-24. Malta-based planes attack Syracuse, scoring hits on power house jetty; bursts also observed on E-boat base.</p> <p>Italy: Twenty-two B-24's bomb Naples scoring hits on moles and adjacent area; of intercepting enemy aircraft, 1 ME-109 shot down.</p> <p>Mediterranean: Night of 28/29, British DD attacks E-boat force at 37-46 N, 11-33 E; 1 cut in half and 2 others hit, of which 1 believed sunk.</p>
29	<p>U.S.: President Roosevelt orders United Mine Workers to end the soft coal strikes.</p> <p>Bermuda: Bermuda conference to consider the refugee problem adjourns.</p> <p>Holland: Germany publishes a decree ordering all former soldiers of the Dutch Army placed in concentration camps.</p>	<p>North Atlantic: SS McKeesport (U. S. cargo ship, 6,198 tons) sunk by SS at 61-22 N, 35-09 W.</p>	<p>North Sea: Enemy convoy off Texel attacked by escorted Beaufighters; 2 large ships set on fire, 2 mine sweepers and a trawler damaged; 1 Beaufighter missing.</p>	<p>Russia: Germans report unsuccessful Soviet attacks in Kuban bridgehead; Russians claim repulse of enemy attacks W of Rostov and N of Chuguyev. Berlin announces failure of Soviet attacks SE of Lenin-grad.</p>	<p>Sardinia: RR bridge at Cagliari unsuccessfully attacked by 3 P-38's.</p> <p>Mediterranean: British DD's sink 2,000-ton enemy ship off S coast of Sicily, night of 29/30.</p>

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Axis retreat in coastal-Jefna sector continues; counterattacks against our positions in Sidi Nsir sector repulsed by artillery fire. British units capture Djebel Bou Aoukaz but enemy, in strong counterattack, recaptures it. In evening, Axis forces counterattack at Sidi Abdullah and we withdraw to Sidi Salem. Enemy cleared from high ground N of Longstop Hill and N of Heidous, but determined resistance continues 3-4 mi. NNE of town. Axis opposition in Pont du Fahs area stiffening; 2 counterattacks during night broken up by our artillery. W slopes of Djebel Kournine secured by British troops.</p> <p>Force of P-40's attacks enemy shipping; of 4 Tunis-bound motor vessels, 1 is blown up and 2 set on fire; a 3,000-ton ship off Kelibia set on fire; 5 enemy aircraft destroyed and 4 damaged in aerial combat. Enemy convoy attacked by 18 B-25's with escort of 19 P-38's; 1 ship set on fire and 2 hits scored on another. Enemy planes intercepted; 7 destroyed, 1 damaged. Over 100 Allied planes make constant attacks on enemy positions, troops, and MT concentrations throughout the battle area. El Aouina airdrome bombed by 19 Wellingtons, night of 28/29; field well covered and bursts observed among hangars. Hit also scored on ship near Zembra I.; vessel explodes. Seventeen B-26's escorted by 22 P-40's attack landing ground at Mabtouha, covering target with bombs.</p> <p>Enemy air activity increases and many offensive sorties carried out against Allied positions.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Japanese attempts to penetrate British positions on Arakan front, April 26-28, repulsed.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Formation of about 21 Japanese medium bombers escorted by same number of Zeros attacks Kunming airdrome; little damage results to airfield, but heavy casualties inflicted, chiefly on Chinese; 9 P-40's intercept about 100 mi. SW of Kunming, destroying 11 Zeros and probably destroying and damaging others without loss to themselves.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Japanese patrol of 1 officer and 8 men, attempting to escape from Guadalcanal, discovered and wiped out by U.S. troops at Beaufort Bay (SW coast). Single B-24's bomb Kahili and Vila.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> B-17 bombs buildings at Finschafen, probably destroying 1. Another B-17 bombs a village and strafes coast in Saidor area.</p> <p><u>Aroe Is.:</u> Four Dutch B-25's attack 2 enemy vessels 90 mi. NW of Dobo; explosions result from hit and near miss on larger vessel and fires started on smaller one from 2 near misses and strafing; AA fire destroys 1 B-25.</p>	28
<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Axis offers strong resistance at Djebel Tahent. Enemy counterattacks N of Medjerda R. and gains ground on Ali Ben Aouane and at Sidi Ahmed. S of the river, other attacks force Allied troops to withdraw from hill in Grich el Oued area. Farther S, severe fighting continues around Sidi Abdullah. Enemy infiltration in Enfidaville sector gains some ground.</p> <p>Twelve P-38's attack 2 Siebel ferries and 3 small boats, scoring hits on 1 ferry and near miss on another; of intercepting enemy planes, 1 is destroyed and 2 damaged. Fifteen B-25's with escort of 22 P-38's, on shipping sweep, are intercepted by 13 Axis aircraft; 1 destroyed and 2 of our escort lost. Enemy planes attack formation of 19 P-38's; 5 Axis planes destroyed and 4 of ours. Beached ship on coast near Ras el Djebel attacked by 12 B-26's which score hits and near</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Nine B-25's, bombing Myitnge bridge, score direct hit on bridge and probably damage supports with near misses on both sides; AA fire slightly damages 1 B-25. A similar force attacks Myitnge RR yards, hitting machine shops, rolling stock, engine sheds, and laborers' quarters W of target. Nine B-24's attack 2 enemy vessels at Sule Pagoda wharves, Rangoon, without hitting the ships; many hits</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Enemy installations at Numa Numa (NE Bougainville) bombed and strafed by single B-24. At night, 6 B-24's attack Kieta, Bougainville, starting 4 fires, 2 of which are visible for 50 mi. During early morning, 2 B-17's bomb Kahili runway. Later, force of 6 SBD's and 6 TBF's escorted by 16 F4F's attacks Munda, hitting runway and revetment areas and an AA position. Six TBF's, 8 SBD's, and 4 F4U's escorted by 16 fighters raid Gatere (SW Kolombangara I.); barge pier and an AA position destroyed. A similar force attacks Pelpeli (2 mi. NW of Gatere), starting a fire.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Single B-24's bomb Madang, villages in Saidor area, and dump area at Finschafen; large explosion results at Finschafen, and houses are destroyed and fires started at Madang.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Enemy lugger off Jamdena I. left sinking as result of attack by RAAF</p>	29

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			Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
30	<p><u>U.S.:</u> Coal miners reject order to cease striking.</p> <p><u>Germany:</u> Meeting between Hitler and Pierre Laval on April 29 is announced.</p> <p><u>Turkey:</u> Allied and Axis fliers interned in Turkey are released. Twenty-three U.S. fliers are liberated, most of whom were forced down in Turkey after bombing Rumanian oil fields on June 12, 1942.</p>	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Two attacks on Kiska are carried out by 2 P-38's and 8 P-38's, respectively; first flight raids Gertrude Cove area with unobserved results; second mission bombs submarine base, hangar North Head, and ship beached off North Head; hits observed on North Head gun positions.</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> Essen raided at night by about 300 RAF planes, of which 12 are missing; 793 tons of bombs dropped, but clouds prevent observation of results.</p> <p>Twelve RAF planes make simultaneous attack on Bocholt (N of Duisburg) with unreported results; 1 of this force missing.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Port Victor (British cargo ship, 12,411 tons) sunk by SS at 47-49 N, 22-02 W.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviets attack strongly in Kuban area, making slight, but costly gains. Both sides supported by increased air activity. Local engagements reported W of Rostov and S of Balakleya.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Messina ferry slip bombed by 21 B-24's; hits scored on terminal and power station, resulting in fires and explosions. Enemy planes engaged over target; 2 ME-109's damaged and 1 B-24 shot down.</p>

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>misses. Thirty-six P-40's score hits on 2 small motor vessels in Gulf of Hammamet; 1 left burning. Enemy concentrations and town of Ksar Tyr attacked by 9 Hurribombers and 23 Spitfires; 4 tanks set on fire; smoke and flames observed in town. Fifty-four light bomber and 18 medium bomber sorties in area N of Takrouna start several fires. Night of 29/30, Wellingtons attack Sidi Ahmed airdrome, covering target and starting large fire.</p> <p>East Atlantic: SS Nanking (Swedish cargo ship, 5,931 tons) torp. and sunk off Liberia.</p> <p>Tunisia: Fierce fighting takes place around Sidi Abdullah; Allied troops withdraw to area of Sidi Medien, SE of Medjes el Bab. Axis counterattacks strongly in Sidi Nsir sector and N of Medjerda R. Eighth Army attacks around Enfidaville and regains positions lost by Axis infiltration preceding day.</p> <p>Enemy air activity devoted to protecting shipping in Gulf of Tunis-Cape Bon area but Allied planes, on shipping sweeps, sink 2 DD's, 1 Siebel ferry, 2 merchant ships, 2 E-boats, and 1 F-boat; a CL damaged and left on fire. Twelve B-25's with escort of 12 Spitfires attack Axis concentrations N of Grich el Oued; large fire observed. Force of B-25's makes successful raid on junction on Tunis-Medjes el Bab road.</p> <p>East Atlantic; Allied coastal convoy attacked by Axis SS's and following ships sunk at 07-15 N, 13-49 W: SS Nagina (British cargo ship, 6,551 tons); SS Corabella (British cargo ship, 5,682 tons); SS Bandar Shahpur (British cargo ship, 5,236 tons); SS Kota Tjandi (Dutch cargo ship, 7,295 tons).</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>scored on docks where an explosion results.</p> <p>China: Lingling city and airdrome bombed by force of 9 enemy bombers escorted by 14 fighters; hits scored at head of runway; no casualties result.</p> <p>Burma: Japanese withdraw southward from Sarengkyet to point about 10 mi. N of Sumprabum. Goktelk viaduct attacked by 7 B-24's and 8 B-25's, respectively; hits scored on N end of viaduct, on N approach, and on RR tracks near tunnel. Nine B-25's attack storage buildings at Mandalay, completely destroying the target with 48 direct hits. Mohnyin successfully raided by 1 B-25 and 4 P-40's. Six P-40's attack enemy camp 3 mi. S of Weshi, burning 4 large barracks. Maymyo RR yards raided by 4 B-25's; hits believed scored. In NW Burma, 1 B-25 and 4 P-40's attack Hopin, starting 12 fires. Enemy supply dumps at Kwitu raided by 4 P-40's; 3 fires result, 1 of them a gasoline or oil fire. Six P-40's bomb and strafe Shaduzup, Kamaing, and Lalawng Ga.</p> <p>Enemy shipping at Sule Pagoda wharves and airdrome at Pagoda Pt. attacked by 6 B-24's; 2 hits scored on airdrome; 1 of 3 intercepting enemy fighters is damaged.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Hudson; same plane raids enemy village in Kei Is., setting buildings on fire. Six B-24's bomb Halong seaplane base at Ambon; large explosion and fires result among hangars and barracks; 2 of 15 intercepting enemy fighters probably destroyed and another damaged. Four Dutch B-25's attack Koe-pang, Timor, starting fires.</p> <p>South Pacific: SS Wollongbar (British cargo ship, 2,239 tons) sunk by SS off Port Macquarie, Australia.</p> <p>Solomon Is.: Five B-17's bomb enemy positions at Kahili, starting large fire. Enemy installations at Vila bombed and strafed by 9 SBD's, 9 TBF's, and 4 P-39's covered by 28 F4F's. During the evening, 4 F4U's strafe bivouac area at Rekata Bay.</p> <p>New Britain: B-24 on rcn bombs C. Gloucester airdrome and a small enemy AK in Steffen Strait; another bombs Gasmata airdrome, scoring 2 hits on runway.</p> <p>New Guinea: Enemy positions in Mubo area bombed and strafed at low level by 6 RAAF A-20's. B-24 bombs building area at Lae.</p> <p>South Pacific: SS P.A. Hearst (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons) sunk by SS at 20-07 S, 177-23 W.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>ASSIGNED</p>