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1	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Seven B-24's from Adak raid Kiska, dropping bombs on main camp area through complete overcast; no AA fire encountered.</p> <p><u>West Atlantic:</u> SS Bage (Brazilian cargo ship, 8,235 tons) sunk by SS at 11-29 S, 36-58 W.</p>	<p>.. ..</p>	<p><u>Rumania:</u> Force of 177 B-24's dispatched to knock vital Axis oil supplies at Ploesti and Campina; 165 planes reach target, dropping 181 1/4 tons of bombs from smokestack level; 6 refineries severely damaged or completely destroyed; oil tanks are left burning and entire target area is ablaze; boiler houses, fractionating columns, tank farms, power houses and RR installations destroyed or damaged; objectives are heavily defended and 23 bombers are shot down over target area; 21 more lost near target and en route home; 12 land in Cyprus, 5 in Malta, 3 in Sicily, and 8 in Turkey; many delayed action bombs dropped and these start more fires during 3 days following raid.</p> <p><u>Russia:</u> Enemy forces counterattack strongly on Mius front, SW of Voroshilovgrad, and claim capture of an important height but Russians deny that Axis troops made any gains. Red Army's N pincers on Orel is broadened as Moscow reports capture of Uspensky, Chernaya, and several other towns; S of the city, Verkhni, Gutorovo, Krasnikovo, and several others are seized. Russians report intensified rcn on Leningrad front, in Mga area.</p> <p><u>Finland:</u> Finns announce night raid</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Increased enemy artillery fire and offensive patrolling by units of 13th Corps take place on the Catania front; forces of 30th Corps secure a bridgehead at Sferro, on the Dittaino R. Area S and W of Centuripe occupied by 78th Div, although demolitions are delaying progress; Canadian forces advance in Regalbutto sector despite fierce resistance; street fighting is taking place in the town. American troops, moving along coast road in the N, occupy San Stefano; U.S. cruisers and DD's, in support of operations by 7th Army, bombard enemy positions along N coast.</p> <p>Allied planes hammer Axis positions near the Mt. Etna line: 12 Baltimores and 12 Bostons attack Paterno; A-36's damage RR station at Blancaville; Adrano bombed successfully by 24 B-2's; road transport between Adrano and Bronte attacked by P-40's; force of B-25's dispatched to attack Bronte finds target covered by clouds and attacks Randazzo. Ten Baltimores make unsuccessful raid on Randazzo; same target bombed by 12 Bostons, which score possible hits on bridges and station. St. Maria attacked by 24 Bostons and Baltimores; town covered by bombs. Eleven P-40's attack Messina and Milazzo, damaging docks; Milazzo also bombed by 24 escorted B-25's, which hit docks, quays, and warehouses; fighter bombers attack coastal targets at Agata, Milazzo, and Taormina.</p> <p>Axis aircraft make 40-min. raid on Palermo early in morning; an ammunition and an oil dump hit; fires started at docks; 2 AM's damaged; SS Uskide (British cargo ship, 2,708 tons) sunk.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Crotone bombarded in early morning by naval force of 2 British cruisers and 6 DD's; 2 fires started in harbor area; 2 patrol craft sunk.</p> <p>Naples docks bombed by 23 escorted B-17's; target well covered; of 15 Axis planes attempting interception, 5 destroyed. Forty-seven B-17's with P-38 escort attack Capodichino air-drome, dropping 112 1/2 tons of bombs in target area; aircraft on ground destroyed; 1 bomber lost and 12 damaged by AA fire. About 60 Axis planes attack Allied force; 8 of these shot down. Thirty Wellingtons make night raid on Naples RR yards; bombs hit across yards and on surrounding factories, causing 2 explosions, 4 large, and several smaller fires.</p>

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	<p>Burma: B-25's attack Katha, important navigation center on the Irrawaddy R., and Shweli bridge near the Burma-Yunnan border. Four B-25's carry out first attack on Katha with all bombs falling short. Five minutes later 9 B-25's, in a second attack, score direct hits on large river steamers, demolish rolling stock in N section of the town, and severely damage wharf area; many fires left burning. Three B-25's bomb Shweli bridge, scoring hits on the E approach and possibly damaging the anchorage. One B-25 attacks dispersal area at Monywa airdrome with unobserved results. Three B-25's bomb Hapin RR yards, destroying cars and tracks.</p> <p>RAF Hurricanes on offensive patrol in Kaladan Delta attack supply sampans near Myebon, sinking 8 and severely damaging others. Farther S, Beaufighters attack supply sampans on Ramree I. In the Shwebo district bombs again dropped on the Ye-U railhead of the line running N from Monywa; bursts seen on a large corrugated iron building, and after the bombing the railway station is machine-gunned.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Allied troops on New Georgia I. continue advance on Munda against weaker enemy resistance: 43d Div gains 1,200 yards on left flank and 500 on right, capturing considerable material, while 37th Div, N of 43d, advances 200 yards on left and 500 on right. Twenty-seventh Inf CT arrives on New Georgia I. to reinforce Allied forces there.</p> <p>Munda gun positions and dumps area are targets for 27 tons of bombs dropped by force of 18 SBD's and 18 TBF's with 28 fighters as escort; direct hits silence 1 gun position and cause an ammunition dump to explode. During attack on Japanese shipping at Kahili (Buin area) by formation of 18 TBF's and 11 SED's covered by 55 fighters, large AK or AP set on fire, an AO hit, and 8 barges sunk; returning planes engaged by 25-30 Zeros and 1 Zero destroyed for loss of 1 P-40. Comparison of photographs taken before and after attack reveals 2 less ships in area after raid. At approximately same time as raid on shipping, Kahili airdrome bombed by 20 B-24's covered by 32 fighters; 6 fires started in target area; an additional B-24, failing to reach Kahili, bombs Webster Cove, Kolomban-gara I. During night 2 PBY's raid Vila area.</p> <p>Allied positions at Rendova, New Georgia I., twice attacked by enemy bombers and fighters; no damage or casualties result; total of 3 hostile bombers destroyed by Allied fighters or AA fire. Force of about 250 Japanese reported to have landed on Gizo I. before dawn.</p> <p>New Britain: Two RAAF A-20's attack Gasmata, damaging 2 buildings with bomb hits and small boat with strafing. Night of 1/2 RAAF Catalina on rcn attacks DD and another warship 60 mi. S of Gasmata, scoring direct hits on the DD.</p> <p>New Guinea: Lae airdrome bombed by single B-24 on rcn. Three enemy bombers ineffectively raid Woodlark I.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Boela, Ceram, bombed before dawn by 1 RAAF PBV and strafed by another; small fires started among buildings.</p>	<p>U.S.: Office of Economic Warfare notifies 16,000 exporters that effective tomorrow all outstanding licenses for exports to Argentina issued before 1 May 1943 are revoked.</p> <p>Germany: A Stockholm newspaper discloses that Dr. Joseph Goebbels has ordered all non-essential residents to leave Berlin as soon as possible.</p> <p>Italy: The Italian Government of Marshall Pietro Badoglio voids the Nuremberg anti-Jewish laws in Italy and has ordered the release of 12,000 Italian Jews.</p> <p>Burma: Japan grants "independence" to occupied Burma and announces the withdrawal of the Japanese military administration. At the same time Japan transmits a "declaration of war" by Burma against the United States and Great Britain.</p> <p>China: Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is appointed Acting President of the National Government of China following the death of Lin Sen, President since 1932.</p> <p>China-France: China severs diplomatic relations with Vichy France.</p>	1

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		by Soviet aircraft on Kotka, reporting only slight damage.		
2	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Eight B-24's from Amchitka bomb North Head installations at Kiska through hole in overcast, using 28.3 tons of bombs; hits observed in target area; light AA fire from small arms encountered. Later, another mission from Amchitka, consisting of 9 B-25's and 8 P-38's, bombs and strafes coastal defenses at Little Kiska, scoring hits throughout target area; moderate automatic weapon fire opposes attack. U.S. BB's and DD's bombard main camp, SS base, North Head, and South Head from NE, while cruisers bombard Gertrude Cove, main camp, and Little Kiska from the S; an estimated 120 14-in., 200 8-in., 600 6-in., and 1,400 5-in. rounds fired; Japanese do not return the fire.</p>	<p>France: Merville airdrome attacked by 34 B-26's with escort of 9 squadrons of RAF Spitfires; results satisfactory; intense AA fire damages 15 planes but all return. Shortly after, force of 21 escorted B-26's bombs St. Omer airdrome with good results; 13 bombers damaged by AA fire.</p> <p>Germany: Force of 740 RAF bombers dispatched to Hamburg for night raid: 399 attack target, dropping 1,343 tons; clouds hamper observation of results but widespread fires observed; 124 aircraft drop 402 tons on targets in the vicinity; 187 make no attack; 30 bombers fail to return. Mosquitoes attack targets at Cuxhaven.</p> <p>Low Countries: Typhoon bombers attack enemy shipping in Dunkerque harbor; others bomb the airfield at Mardyck, where bursts are observed on the runway. Beaufighters attack enemy convoy off Dutch coast, sinking a medium-sized supply ship and damaging 3 escort vessels; 4 enemy planes shot down. Targets at Sylt attacked by Mosquitoes.</p>	<p>Russia: Germans report repulse of Soviet attacks in Kuban and claim successful attacks N of Kuibyshevo, although Moscow announces that these attacks are repulsed by Soviet troops. Violent fighting continues in Orel sector with Russians claiming gains both N and S of the city. Russians report patrol activity and artillery exchanges on Leningrad front. Air forces of both sides actively support ground operations. Moscow announces sinking of 2 enemy transports, totalling 11,000 tons in Gulf of Finland, but Axis announces heavy and unsuccessful attacks by Red Army in this sector.</p>	<p>Sicily: Situation in Catania sector remains virtually unchanged; patrolling activity takes place. Patrols of 152d Brig contact enemy troops S of the Spezia feature; 78th Div occupies Centuripe where heavy fighting continues; Canadian troops establish themselves in Regalbuto. U.S. 1st Div moves E from Cerami and defeats enemy counterattack W of Troina; Goums, approaching Fratello, reach Pozzo Olippa, NE of Capizzi; 3d Div, in coastal area, approaches Caronia. U.S. cruiser, Savannah, bombards roads and Axis gun positions in vicinity of Agata, destroying enemy vehicles. Allied planes continue to pound Axis communication centers: fighter bombers make 70 sorties against Adrano, 24 against Randazzo, and 24 against enemy gun positions. Adrano also bombed by 48 Bostons, 22 B-25's, and 12 Baltimores; considerable damage inflicted on roads and buildings. Twenty-four B-25's attack Randazzo, scoring hits on roads and buildings. Enemy gun positions SW of Paterno are target for 24 Baltimores. Messina and Milazzo attacked by P-40's with bombs; hits scored on docks. Force of 45 P-40's, on anti-shipping patrol, damages 2 barges, scores near misses on medium freighters in Straits of Messina, and destroys several seaplanes SE of C. Spartivento. Italy: Naples RR yards are target for night attack by 69 Wellingtons, which drop 94 tons of bombs; buildings hit and fires started; all aircraft return. Eleven Halifaxes and 2 B-24's make night raid on Reggio di Calabria RR yards and station; target area covered and RR station hit; 2 large, and 2 small fires started.</p>

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		<p style="text-align: center;">CONFIDENTIAL</p> <p>Solomon Is.: On New Georgia I., 43d Div advancing on Munda continues to make progress, the left flank penetrating to E end of airfield and the right occupying NE slopes of Bibolo Hill; 37th Div makes gains along entire front against stiffening enemy resistance. Enogai forces engaged in cutting off means of escape of Japanese northward from Munda.</p> <p>Formation of 12 B-25's and 6 B-17's, with 21 F4U's and 8 P-40's as escort, bombs E and W shores of Bairoko Harbor, causing large explosion and starting several fires. Four B-25's escorted by 16 F4U's strafe burned out hulk off Kolombangara I. Japanese supply areas along W side of Webster Cove, Kolombangara I., are targets for 12 B-25's and 8 B-24's escorted by 32 fighters; about 140 bombs dropped and fires started. At night PBY bombs Vila bivouac area.</p> <p>New Britain: Five RAAF Beaufighters strafe Gasmata airdrome; 1 AA position silenced and 2 others damaged. Same target attacked by 6 RAAF A-20's and 18 RAAF P-40's; P-40's also attack targets along coast, sinking 2 barges and damaging others and scoring hits on 3 jetties; 1 P-40 makes forced landing in enemy territory. Night of 2/3 RAAF PBY attacks 2 vessels in Dampier Strait, scoring direct hit on 1.</p> <p>New Guinea: Japanese supply dumps at Hansa Bay attacked by 6 B-17's, which start 2 large fires. Twenty-five B-25's covered by 14 P-38's attack coastal villages and small shipping along Huon Peninsula from Lae to Saidor; 1 picket boat and 1 launch destroyed and more than 20 barges destroyed or damaged; P-40's shoot down 11 of 14 intercepting enemy planes and probably destroy another; B-25's destroy 1 intercepting plane. Finschhafen airdrome bombed during morning by B-24 on rcn. Eleven B-24's attacking Lae destroy 2 barges and cause explosions and large fires from hits on a fuel dump and in jetty areas. Japanese positions in Salamaua area are targets for 8 B-17's and 17 B-24's, which drop 84 tons of bombs; extensive damage results. Nine A-20's raid 2 villages S of Salamaua and barges off coast. Allied artillery shells Sala-</p>	<p>North Africa: The Allied-controlled Algiers radio broadcasts a strong warning to the Italian people that they must force the Badoglio Government to capitulate or else bear the brunt of Allied warfare.</p> <p>Rumania: Ploesti, with its 9,200,000 ton capacity and actual production of 5,000,000-5,500,000, supplied the Axis with 25-27% of its oil requirements.</p> <p>Russia: Foreign Commissar Viacheslav Molotov announces that a Russian ship has been seized by the Japanese.</p>	2

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3	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Early in the morning, 2 U.S. DD's, using 100 rounds each, bombard Gertrude Cove and main camp area at Kiska; 1 DD receives light return fire. Kiska bombed by 1 mission from Adak and 3 from Kiska: total of 5 B-25's, 7 P-40's, and 12 P-38's participates in the attacks, bombing main camp, runway, seaplane hangar area, North Head, oil storage installations, power plant, and radio station; hits or near misses scored on all targets; Little Kiska strafed by 3 of the planes and North Head by 1; light AA fire and small arms fire encountered.</p>	<p><u>France:</u> Buildings and barracks at the airfields at Guipaves (near Brest) attacked by escorted Whirlwind bombers; 2 enemy fighters destroyed.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Germans report violent fighting on Mius front and claim to have frustrated Soviet attempts to establish a bridgehead N of Kuybyshevo. Russians report patrol activity and local fighting in Belgorod area. Soviet offensive in Orei sector continues; Red Army makes gains E and SE of the city, capturing Domnino, Pilatovka, and Stish. Moscow reports artillery exchanges in Mga area; Germans announce collapse of Soviet attacks S of Lake Ladoga.</p> <p><u>Finland:</u> Finns report night attack on Kotka by several waves of Soviet planes, which cause some damage and start fires.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Patrols on Catania front report area S of Bottaceto Ditch clear of enemy; to the left, other patrol units advance in Simeto R. area; 51st Div occupies Spezia feature. Forces of 38th Brig and 1st Canadian Div advance E and N of Centuripe. Determined resistance opposes 1st Div at Troina, but enemy SW of the town, under heavy pressure, slowly withdraws; U.S. troops capture high ground N and W of town. U.S. troops in coastal sector occupy Caronia.</p> <p>U.S. DD's on patrol S of Lipari Is. sink heavily armed enemy lighter and sink 1 of 2 escorting E-boats. British SS sinks 12,000-ton enemy transport off Brindisi.</p> <p>Enemy positions and roads around Adrano attacked during day by total of 96 B-25's, 58 Bostons, 36 A-20's, and 36 Baltimores; bridge damaged, 80 MT destroyed, and 100 damaged; 127 tons of bombs dropped in 19 missions; 1 Allied plane fails to return. P-40's, on bombing and strafing missions, damage or destroy large numbers of enemy vehicles, set 2 ammunition dumps afire, and strafe Axis AA positions. Shipping at Messina and Milazzo also attacked; hits scored on merchant ship and near misses on barges.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> RR yards at Marina di Catanzaro are target for night attack by 49 Wellingtons; main station, yards, and bridge hit; fires started near repair sheds and power station; 1 bomber missing. Fifty-three Wellingtons make successful night raid on RR yards at Paola, scoring many hits in target area.</p>

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<p>Mozambique Channel: SS City of Oran (British cargo ship, 7,323 tons) sunk by SS at 13-31 S, 41-12 E.</p>	<p>Burma: U.S. heavy bombers attack Japanese base at Thanbyuzayat; RR building supplies, rolling stock, and trackage reported destroyed. Other B-24's bomb the runway at Pagoda Pt. landing field and strafe nearby buildings. B-25's carry out attacks in central Burma: at Wetlet, rolling stock, tracks, supply dumps are hit, and fires are left burning; at Moksogyon, RR installations are damaged; at Kinu, hits are reported among rolling stock and one storage area with 2 large explosions and many fires observed; 3 B-25's attack Thazi RR station and Meiktila Dam with damage to the rolling stock and station and misses to the E of the dam which start large fires. From these operations 1 of our aircraft fails to return.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>maua, destroying planes on airdrome and damaging heavy guns and Francisco R. bridge.</p> <p>Keaukwa in Timoeka area, Dutch New Guinea, bombed and strafed by 2 RAAF Hudsons.</p> <p>Solomon Is.: Driving along S coast of New Georgia I., left flank of 43d Div reaches point opposite center of Munda airfield; strong Japanese resistance checks advance of right flank on W slope of Bibolo Hill. Thirty-seventh Div, despite strong enemy resistance, makes slight gains all along the front.</p> <p>Single PBV bombs Vila beach night of 3/4. Two enemy barges sunk by Allied PT's NW of Munda during night.</p> <p>New Britain: Nine B-25's attack concentration of 20 barges at Borgen Bay, destroying 10 of them and damaging the others; fires and explosions indicate destruction of ammunition cargo. During the night RAAF PBV bombs Gasmata airdrome and buildings.</p> <p>New Guinea: Total of 14 B-17's and 9 B-24's bomb and strafe Bogadjim and nearby construction camps and trails; buildings destroyed at Bogadjim and fires started on camps and trails; 2 of 3 intercepting enemy fighters destroyed; 1 B-17 lost. Continuing attacks on hostile shipping, 8-B-25's destroy several barges and a launch in Finschhafen area. Salamaua Isthmus area bombed and strafed by 9 B-25's, which cause a probable ammunition dump to explode.</p> <p>Monokwari, Dutch New Guinea, bombed by 2 B-24's.</p> <p>Tanimbar Is.: One of the B-24's which raided Manokwari bombs enemy stores at Larat I.</p>	<p>Germany: It is reported from an informant doing work for the Swedish General Staff that the Germans are beginning to remove all copper parts from completed aircraft and are replacing them with aluminum.</p> <p>Italy: Important railroad stations in Rome have been closed to traffic as a result of the bombing of Rome, it is reported today.</p> <p>Spain-U.S.: The U.S. charge d'affaires at Tangiers submits a memorandum to Jose Castillo, Spanish Consul-General and Minister to Tangier, listing various non-neutral acts of the Spanish Government since Allied landings in North Africa.</p>	<p>3</p>

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4	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Shortly after midnight 3/4, PBV bombs main camp and SS base at Kiska, starting large fires. Later total of 133 planes (B-24's, B-25's, A-24's, P-38's, and P-40's) participates in 18 attacks on Kiska, dropping 153 tons of bombs on North Head, South Head, runway, main camp, SS base, and Little Kiska and strafing installations; fires and explosions observed in all target areas; AA fire sporadic.</p> <p>Photographs of Kiska taken on August 2 and 4 indicate that many buildings have been removed, since revetments are undamaged and there is no evidence that the buildings were demolished by bombing or strafing.</p>	<p><u>France:</u> Thirty-six B-26's with Spitfire escort attack Ateliers and Chantiers shipyard at Le Trait; 40 tons of bombs dropped, damaging docks and workshops; slight AA fire encountered but all planes return.</p> <p><u>Germany:</u> Objectives in the Ruhr and Rhineland attacked during night by Mosquitoes.</p> <p><u>North Sea:</u> British light naval forces engage a group of Axis armed trawlers off Texel; several hits believed scored on enemy ships; 1 Allied vessel damaged slightly.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviet forces, in strong attacks, improve their positions on Mius front and launch an offensive in Belgorod area, claiming repulse of all enemy counterattacks and improvement of Red Army positions. Pressure on Orel continues and Russians are fighting in the streets of the city by the end of the day; Moscow announces capture of about 80 inhabited places in this sector. Local fighting continues on Leningrad front. Ground activity is actively supported by the opposing air forces.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Forces of 13th Corps on Catania front advance; enemy is contacted in outskirts of the city; during night 17th Brig captures Misterbianco, NW of Catania. Thirteenth Brig crosses Simeto R. at La Rotondella and Ponte la Barca. Units of 30th Corps advance N and E of Centuripe. First Div launches heavy attack against Troina in late afternoon but enemy offers such strong resistance that allied troops are unable to achieve a break-through. Forces on coastal road drive ahead, forcing Axis troops to withdraw to point about 2 mi. W of San Fratello. Force of U.S. cruisers and DD's bombards Axis positions day and night in support of ground operations. British naval units successfully bombard coast road and RR at Taormina.</p> <p>Blancaville bombed by 36 Bostons and 12 Baltimores; buildings hit and large explosion caused; road NE of the town also attacked. Twelve Bostons and 24 Baltimores attack supply dumps in rear of enemy, causing fires and explosions. Road E of Adrano successfully bombed by 24 Bostons; troops and roads S of Bronte attacked by 24 B-25's; all bombs fall in target area. Kittyhawks and P-40's strafe roads in Etna area, destroying 70 MT and damaging 100; incendiaries dropped on Bronte, Milazzo, and Riposto, resulting in fires; Axis gun positions strafed. Force of 173 Mustangs bombs and strafes enemy MT and communications. Troina bombed by 72 A-36's in 2 waves. Messina docks and RR yards attacked during night by 54 Wellingtons; yards, ferry terminal, warehouses, town, and docks hit.</p> <p>Palermo is target for early morning raid by about 30 Axis planes; USS Shubrick, DD, damaged and some casualties inflicted; intercepting Beau-fighters shoot down 4 JU-88's.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Submarine base at Naples is target for 231 tons of bombs dropped by 77 B-17's; entire target area covered; 50 Axis planes attempt to intercept; 3 of these shot down and 9 probably. Two Allied bombers fail to return and 23 are damaged. Forty-seven B-25's with escort of 10 P-38's attack RR bridge at Paola; bombing is inaccurate. Catanzaro attacked by 47 B-26's escorted by 47 P-38's; hits scored on RR and oil tanks start large fire; of 25-30 Axis planes encountered, 8 destroyed and 3 probably; 1 escort plane lost and 2 damaged. Forty-one Wellingtons drop 78 tons of bombs on Battipaglia RR yards during night; transformer hit; 1 fire, visible 50 mi., causes large ex-</p>

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<p><u>Mediterranean:</u> SS Thorshovdi (Norwegian tanker, 9,944 tons) sunk at Gibraltar by human torpedo.</p> <p><u>Mozambique Channel:</u> SS Mangkalahat (Dutch cargo ship, 8,457 tons) torp. and sunk at 25-06 S, 34-14 E.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> A formation of RAF Blenheims bombs Mawlaik on the upper Chindwin R. about 30 miles N of Kalewa, scoring direct hits on buildings and starting fires. Bombs also dropped on Kalemyo where bursts are seen near a group of buildings, and on Apuk in Thenpakoku district. Machine gun attacks made on Japanese troop positions in the Kalemyo area.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Allied northern flank on New Georgia I. pushes to W shore, 600 yards N of Gurasai (NW of Munda airfield) against strong enemy resistance, thus encircling Munda garrison. Left flank of 43d Div continues to advance along coast S of Munda airfield, while right flank, supported by tanks, seizes E slope of Goldie's Hill (Kokengolo). Heavy casualties inflicted on Japanese.</p> <p>Preceding encirclement of enemy garrison at Munda in afternoon, Gurasai-Kindu area heavily bombed by 24 TBF's, 25 SBD's, and 12 B-25's, covered by 62 fighters; large fires started in target area; 9 B-25's silence intense small arms fire with strafing. In a surprise attack on Japanese seaplane base at Shortland Harbor, 16 F4U's destroy 7 floatplanes, set 2 barges on fire, and sink a small boat; docks and supply dumps on Poporang I. successfully strafed. PBV's on night patrol bomb Vila with unobserved results. During night Allied PT's sink 100-ft. enemy vessel off Kolombangara.</p> <p>Two groups of enemy fighters, consisting of 4-6 and 10-12 planes, intercepted over Rendova by 7 F4U's, 8 F4F's and 10 P-40's; in running fights 12 Zeros destroyed; another, afire, lands at Vila; 2 F4F's destroyed.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> B-24 on rcn drops 4 500-lb. bombs on C. Gloucester air-drome, causing heavy explosion and 4 fires in revetment area. Nine B-25's carry out sweep against enemy barge hideouts along both sides of Vitiaz Strait.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Japanese supply dumps along S bank of Francisco R. attacked by B-24 on rcn and fires started.</p> <p><u>Tanimbar Is.:</u> Airdrome on Selaru I. bombed and strafed by 3 Dutch B-25's, which also attack nearby villages.</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> The Appalachian Joint Wage Conference of northern mine operators announces that it will stand by the National War Labor Board's June 18 decision refusing underground travel pay regardless of the United Mine Workers' proposed contract with the Illinois Coal Operators' Association.</p> <p><u>U.S.-Spain:</u> The American Embassy in Spain has been informed by the Vice-Secretary of Public Education, Jose Royo Lopez, that he has been ordered by Generalissimo Francisco Franco to give United Nations news as much coverage as Axis news, it is reported today.</p> <p><u>France:</u> In an attempt to prevent sabotage and popular uprisings, Vichy Chief of Government, Pierre Laval, issues an edict prohibiting public meetings and assemblies.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> By royal decree the formal dissolution of the Fascist Party in Italy is accomplished.</p> <p><u>South Africa:</u> Today it becomes certain that General Jar Christiaan Smuts and his pro-war government have won a clear majority and a strong vote of confidence in the South African elections of 7 July. The pro-war parties won 107 seats to 43 for</p>	4

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5	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Early in the morning, single DD bombards main camp at Kiska, while another shells Gertrude Cove; 50 rounds fired on each target; no return fire received.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Fighting continues on Mius front but no significant changes are reported. Red Army offensive in Belgorod area is successful and the city is occupied, despite stubborn opposition. Soviet forces gain possession of Orel, overcoming fierce enemy resistance, and advance NW, S, and SW of the city; 30 inhabited localities are reported occupied by the Russians. Soviet Air Force bombs and dive-bombs the retreating enemy and during night makes severe attacks on Kharkov, Bryansk, and Karachev, causing explosions and fires; much damage results.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>plosion. <u>Aegean:</u> Three Beaufighters, on anti-shiping patrol, attack an 80-ton caique S of Ikaria I.; vessel left sinking.</p> <p><u>Sicily:</u> British 13th Corps breaks deadlock on E coast; Catania surrenders to 151st Brig at 1015 hours; forward elements advance up coast toward Aci Castello; farther inland, Paterno falls to 13th Brig. NW of Paterno, troops of 30th Corps cross Simeto R. in vicinity of Tenuta Petalunga and report contact with enemy. U.S. troops advancing on Troina are held back by determined opposition; very bitter fighting takes place. Allied artillery pounds Centuripe-Adrano road during night. Combined U.S. naval and military forces occupy Ustica I. (40 mi. NW of Palermo).</p> <p>Allied planes continue to pound Axis centers around Mt. Etna: B-25's, in 4 missions, attack Francaville; buildings blown up, roads straddled, and several fires started; Adrano road junction bombed by 12 A-20's while B-25's bomb Troina; roads through town straddled and fires started; Biancaville is target for 24 B-25's. Sixty-nine B-17's with P-40 escort drop 207 tons of bombs on road and RR objectives in Messina area with excellent results; during night Messina ferry terminal and RR yards are target for another 100 tons, dropped by 61 Wellingtons, 2 of which fail to return. Kittybombers and P-40's with Spitfire escort, on anti-shiping patrol, attack Milazzo harbor; hits scored on 9 barges, 7 of which are destroyed; 2 small merchant ships blown up and near misses scored on 5 barges and 4 Siebel ferries.</p> <p>Sardinia: Guspini switching station attacked by 4 B-25's escorted by 44 P-40's; hits scored from low level with 75-mm shells.</p>

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<p>Mediterranean: SS El Mansourah (Egyptian cargo ship, 140 tons) sunk by aircraft 60 mi. from Cyprus.</p>	<p>UNCLASSIFIED</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Munda falls to Allied forces during afternoon, after 12 days of bitter fighting. Known enemy dead number 1,671; 28 Japanese captured. Following capture of Munda, Allied ground activity consists of mopping up of small enemy parties to the N and rebuilding of the airfield.</p> <p>Weather prevents attack on Kahili by 19 B-24's covered by 50 fighters; 9 of the returning B-24's, unescorted, bomb Rekata Bay, where intense AA fire is encountered. Seven B-25's escorted by 16 F4U's bomb and strafe enemy barges off N coast of Gizo I., setting 1 on fire; on return flight, barges and shore installations at Webster Cove, Kolombangara I., strafed. During night single PBY destroys enemy barge loaded with troops in Wilson Strait (off Vella Lavella), while another bombs barges near Gizo I. In the Shortland I. area, 16 F4U's escorting P-38 on rcn intercepted by 30 Zeros; 8 Zeros destroyed in combat for loss of 1 F4U; 2 enemy floatplanes destroyed on water.</p> <p>New Ireland-New Britain: B-24 on rcn attacks small enemy AK 40 mi. NW of New Hanover I., scoring near miss and strafing it. Enemy-occupied village in Witu Is. bombed by another B-24 on rcn.</p> <p>New Guinea: Buildings at Finschhafen destroyed during bombing and strafing attack by rcn B-24. Nine B-25's attack Bogadjim and Saidor, bombing the former and strafing both. Japanese small shipping along coast in vicinity of Alexishafen attacked by 12 B-25's; 1 motor boat destroyed. In coastal sweep from Wald Bay to Madang, 12 B-25's destroy at least 6 barges; bridge and supply dump also bombed and Madang airfield strafed; 1 B-25 destroyed by AA fire.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Timor: Lautem is target for 6 Dutch B-25's, which cause explosions and fires.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>the opposition. The 7 July election was the first opportunity the people of the Union of South Africa have had to express their opinion regarding the conduct of the war.</p> <p>U.S.: Petroleum Administrator Harold Ickes testifies before a Congressional Committee that the increase in overland oil shipment to the East has increased in two years from 100,000 barrels a day to 1,400,000 barrels. This increase, Ickes asserts, has whipped the oil transportation problem.</p> <p>Sweden: The Swedish Government cancels the facilities accorded to Germany in July 1940 for movement of troops and war materiel through Sweden to Norway and Finland.</p> <p>Switzerland: It is reported that Italian Fascist Parties in Switzerland have been dissolved.</p> <p>Italy: The Italian Government of Marshall Pietro Badoglio decrees that all newspapers and magazines must obtain government licenses for publication.</p>	<p>5</p>

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6	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Two U.S. DD's bombard Kiska during early morning, expending 50 rounds each; hits observed in target area; enemy does not return fire.</p> <p><u>West Atlantic:</u> SS Fort Halkett (British cargo ship, 7,133 tons) sunk by SS at 09-30 S, 26-50 W.</p>		<p><u>Russia:</u> Fighting continues on Mius front and SW of Voroshilovgrad; Germans claim repulse of all Soviet attacks in these areas but Red Army troops claim to have improved their positions. Soviet forces driving SW from Belgorod toward Kharkov capture Zolochov, Kasachya Lopan; N of Belgorod, Tomarovka is occupied. In drive toward Bryansk, Soviets make further gains; Moscow announces capture of Kromy, Studenka, Bobrovka, and Siver against strong opposition. Germans report unsuccessful attacks by Russians S of Lake Ladoga.</p> <p>Enemy reports low level attacks on Soviet forces and equipment; Soviet Air Force makes night raids on RR junctions of Kharkov and Bryansk, starting numerous fires and several explosions.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Units of 30th Corps continue advance up E coast; 17th Brig patrols N of Misterbianco; 15th Brig captures Camporotondo and Belpasso. S. Maria and Biancaville captured by 154th Brig which has moved NE from Simeto R. Some units of 30th Corps reach outskirts of Adrano by mid-afternoon, and city is captured during night; 11th Brig then moves N on road to Bronte; Canadian troops occupy area W of Adrano. Farther N, U.S. forces, after bitter fighting, capture Troina, an important road junction guarding the western approaches to the Etna line. Forces on N coast road fail to gain against determined resistance. Naval units continue bombardment of Axis positions in this area while other ships bombard Taormina.</p> <p>Road junction E of Adrano bombed by 24 B-25's; 23 B-25's attack road N of Biancaville while 24 more bomb intersections at Bronte and the town, causing fires. Road junctions at Gesso and Badjassa are targets for 48 escorted B-25's and 26 escorted B-26's, respectively; roads successfully blocked. Light bombers carry out sorties against Troina, Bronte, Cesaro, Randazzo, and Adrano. Fifty-two B-17's attack road junctions at Messina, covering target area with bombs. Shipping targets in Messina area attacked by 59 P-40's; 6 barges, a Siebel ferry, and a small merchant ship hit; near misses scored on several other small craft. Beaches between C. Peloro and Messina are target for 39 Wellingtons which drop 62 tons of bombs in night raid; beaches and sheds hit; large fires started at Paradiso and Agata and a smaller one at Pace; several other fires started along coast road N of Messina; 3 aircraft fail to return.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Fifty-one Wellingtons attack Naples docks and RR yards during night; explosions and 3 or 4 fires result; 2 planes fail to return. RR sidings at San Giovanni attacked by 15 RAF Halifaxes and Liberators; many hits scored and several fires started.</p>

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<p>Tunisia: Bizerta is target for night attack by over 30 Axis aircraft; 1 cargo ship in harbor damaged; near misses scored on shore signal station; Ferryville anchorage also attacked; 3 planes shot down by AA fire and several damaged.</p> <p>East Atlantic: SS Fernhill (Norwegian cargo ship, 4,116 tons) torp. and sunk at 07-07 N, 19-48 W.</p>	<p>Burma: RAF Beaufighters attack small boats on the Irrawaddy R., damaging 40.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Mopping up operations in Munda area continued by Allied ground forces.</p> <p>During afternoon Rekata Bay bivouac and supply areas are targets for 65 tons of bombs dropped by force of 17 B-24's, 7 B-17's, 13 TBF's, 25 SBD's, 24 B-25's and 35 F4U's; extensive damage results and AA positions silenced.</p> <p>Shortly before midnight Japanese naval force, consisting of 4 ships (at least 1 cruiser and 3 DD's or larger vessels), attacked with torpedoes and gunfire by 6 U.S. DD's in Vella Gulf; during engagement lasting about an hour, 3 hostile ships, including the cruiser, sunk and the 4th believed sunk; no damage sustained by U.S. vessels.</p> <p>New Guinea: RAAF Hudson on rcn attacks Keaukwa, Dutch New Guinea, while another bombs a 400-ton AK and 3 power barges off the coast; AK damaged and left stationary.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Laha airdrome on Ambon bombed at night by 6 B-24's, but weather prevents observation of results.</p> <p>Arafura Sea: SS Macuma (British cargo ship, 2,526 tons) sunk by aircraft off N coast of Australia.</p>	<p>U.S.: War Manpower Commission instructs local draft boards not to call fathers with children born before 15 September 1942 until other eligible men are taken.</p> <p>Germany-Sweden: Because of the recent cancellation of transit privileges, an armed clash breaks out between Swedes and Germans.</p> <p>France: The French Committee of National Liberation names Vice Admiral Georges d'Amboise commander of French naval forces in Great Britain.</p>	<p>6</p>

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7			<p><u>Russia:</u> Germans report renewed Soviet attacks in Kuban area and claim repulse of them. Red Army forces advancing SW from Belgorod capture Graivoron, Boriskova, Dolbino, and Tolokonnoye; troops moving toward Bryansk report capture of more than 100 populated places in Orel sector. Enemy again reports Soviet attacks S of Lake Ladoga and claims that they fail to breach German defenses. Aircraft of both sides continue to support ground operations; Moscow announces night raids on Karachev, Lubotin, Merefa, Osnova, and several enemy airdromes, claiming that fires are started and explosions caused.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> On the E coast, 151st Brig captures Aci Castello while other units of 50th Div occupy Tremestieri and Mascalucia. Fifteenth Brig advancing NE from Belpasso and Camporotondo, reaches Nicolosi after encountering heavy opposition in hills W of the town; 13th Brig captures Pedara, E of Nicolosi, during night. Blancaville-Adrano area is cleared of the enemy by the 51st Div; units of 78th Div, advancing on Bronte, reach point halfway between Adrano and their objective. Ninth Div replaces 1st Div in Troina area. American 7th Army forces make night landings behind enemy line at Torrenova, E of Agata, engaging Axis reinforcements moving W.</p> <p>Naval forces continue bombardment of Axis troops and positions on N coast while DD force shells Taormina during night.</p> <p>Randazzo is target for total of 141 B-25's which, in several missions, drop 155 tons of bombs, damaging roads and buildings and starting large fires. Same target attacked by 24 Bostons, 70 A-20's, and 48 Baltimores, which drop 70 tons of bombs; many hits scored on buildings; 7 planes damaged by intense, accurate AA fire. Seventy-four P-40's make anti-shipping sorties in Messina area; 4 small vessels sunk and barges, a medium freighter, and an LCT are damaged; hits also scored on docks, warehouses, jetty, and buildings in Messina; enemy supplies along the shore damaged.</p> <p>Night of 7/8 149 tons of bombs dropped by 78 Wellingtons on beaches between Messina and Scaletta; bombs burst across beaches and coastal road; large fire causes frequent explosions, possibly an ammunition dump, E of Scaletta; buildings also set on fire.</p> <p>Italy: RR bridges at Catanzaro and Angitola bombed by 36 and 70 escorted B-26's, respectively; hits scored on first target; 1 bomber damaged by AA fire. Seventy-one B-25's escorted by 46 P-38's drop over 102 tons of bombs on Crotona airdrome with excellent results; buildings damaged, explosions and fires caused. Four escorted B-25's attack small shipping in Gulf of Euphemla; direct hits scored on 1 barge and near misses on others; enemy planes intercept and 3 are shot down; 1 P-38 lost. Enemy concentrations between Palmi and Bag-nara Calabria are target for 21 Wellingtons; bombs burst across coastal road and in town; 3 Wellingtons missing. Milan is target for night raid by 73 Lancasters from English bases; 191</p>

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<p><u>Mediterranean:</u> SS Contractor (British cargo ship, 6,005 tons) sunk by SS off Bone.</p> <p><u>Indian Ocean:</u> SS Umvuma (British cargo ship, 4,419 tons) torped and sunk at 20-00 S, 57-00 E.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> British Mohawk attacks on Japanese troop positions in the Kalemyo area coincide with the attack of a company of Gurkhas on Japanese positions W of Kalemyo. A strong counterattack by the enemy causes the British to retreat with following casualties: 1 dead, 29 wounded, 30 missing.</p> <p>Fifteen B-25's attack targets in Mandalay, Ywataung, and Thazi areas: 9 B-25's bomb shipping in the Mandalay area and RR yards at Ywataung, little damage resulting; moderate AA fire encountered and 1 B-25 slightly damaged; 6 B-25's bomb Thazi Dam, rail tracks at Aungtha, and bridge between Samon and Thabyedaung; hits or near misses are reported at Thazi Dam; 10 cars and a truck strafed at Henza.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Despite rainy weather and difficult terrain, Allied troops on New Georgia I. advance on Zieta Village, approximately 4 1/4 mi. NNW of Munda Pt.</p> <p>Bairoko Harbor heavily attacked by formation of 6 B-17's, 10 B-24's, 24 B-25's, 10 TBF's, and 3 SBD's escorted by 38 F4U's and 7 P-40's; 45 tons of bombs dropped on both sides of harbor, and area also strafed; AA positions silenced and fires started; 1 SBD lost.</p> <p>Force of 30-60 Japanese dive bombers and fighters raids Allied positions at Rendova, causing a few casualties at a field hospital; 12 intercepting Allied fighters destroy 3 Zeros and AA fire, 3 dive bombers.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Nine B-25's carrying out coastal sweep against enemy barges in vicinity of C. Gloucester intercepted by 3 Japanese fighters, 1 of which is destroyed.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Ground activity limited to artillery exchanges; Allied batteries successfully shelling enemy positions in Salamaua area. Since August 1, 62 Japanese have been killed in Bobdubi area.</p> <p>Twenty-three B-24's drop 92 tons of bombs on enemy installations in Salamaua area, causing extensive damage with direct hits on airdrome, AA positions, and buildings. Salamaua bombed later by single B-24 on rcn. Finschhafen and barges in vicinity strafed by 2 Allied rcn planes operating singly.</p> <p>In Dutch New Guinea, RAAF Hudson on rcn bombs a small enemy AK and barges near Keaukwa.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Timor: Penfoei, Lautem, and C. Chater airdromes bombed during early morning by 7 RAAF Hudsons, 1 Dutch B-25, and 2 Dutch B-25's, respectively; fires and explosions caused at all targets.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p>7</p>

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8	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> U.S. DD's continue early morning bombardment of Kiska, 1 shelling main camp area and another Gertrude Cove; 50 rounds fired on each target and bursts observed at the former; no return fire received.</p>	<p><u>France:</u> Forty A-20's carry out successful day-light raid on submarine stores at Rennes; concentration of bombs observed around main section of depot; intense AA fire encountered; 2 planes fail to return.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviet forces attack NE of Novorossisk, claiming slight advance although Germans report the attack as unsuccessful. Red Army troops advancing NW of Kharkov occupy Bogodukhov and several other towns; units pushing toward the Bryansk defense ring make gains W and SW of Orel, occupying Naryshkino, Bedlakhin, Klimenovo, Krasnye, and several other populated places. Berlin announces heavy Soviet attacks, with strong tank support, SW of Vyazma as Red Army drives toward Smolensk. Local fighting S of Lake Ladoga is reported.</p> <p>Soviet Air Force makes night attacks on RR installations in Kharkov area, at Umekhin, Posek, Lyubotin, Merefa, and Osnova; several trains and ammunition dumps blown up and fires started.</p> <p>Moscow announces sinking of 3,000-ton enemy transport in the Black Sea; Berlin announces sinking of 2 small</p>	<p>tons of bombs dropped with good results; many fires started; moderate, light, and heavy AA fire encountered; 2 bombers missing. Turin and Genoa attacked by 124 Lancasters from Britain; 191 tons of bombs dropped at former in well concentrated attack; huge fires which spread quickly result; 166 tons dropped on Genoa docks and harbor; large fires and several explosions caused.</p> <p><u>Sicily:</u> Allied forces advance along entire front, forcing enemy withdrawals in all sectors. Units of 13th Corps continue advance up E coast, capturing Acireale; farther inland other troops occupy San Giovanni la Punta and Aci San Antonio; enemy rear guard, which runs along a line from Acireale to Aci San Antonio is engaged. Trecastagne is occupied by 13th Brig in morning. Against heavy opposition, forces of 30th Corps capture Bronte; 9th Div troops occupy Cesaro, 8 mi. NW of Bronte on road to Randazzo. On N coast, troops which landed previous night drive back enemy reinforcements and contact main body of U.S. forces in this area; San Fratello and San Agata are both occupied. Two U.S. cruisers support Allied forces in Torrenova area and are heavily bombed by Axis aircraft, of which 7 are shot down. Enemy positions N of Acireale and at Giarre and Riposto are bombarded by a British cruiser and 2 DD's.</p> <p>Randazzo heavily bombed by medium and light bombers: total of 92 B-25's, in 3 attacks, drop 127 tons of bombs, damaging roads and buildings and silencing 2 AA batteries; fires and explosions caused; 48 Bostons, 12 A-20's, and 12 Baltimores drop 43 more tons on same target with good results. Kittyhawks attack MT on road N of Etna, destroying 18 MT, damaging 60, and blowing up an ammunition train. Sixteen P-40's, on anti-shipping patrol in Messina Straits, score near misses on a merchant ship and hits on the town. Twelve A-20's make night raid on Messina and Reggio di Calabria; results unobserved. Beaches between Messina and C. Peloro are target for 139 tons of bombs dropped by 77 Wellingtons in night attack; beach heavily cratered, and several fires started; 1 bomber fails to return.</p>

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	<p>Burma: RAF Beaufighters on offensive patrol attack Japanese RR and water communications in lower Burma: rolling stock and 2 engine sheds S of Promé are attacked and damaged; native craft, sampans, and sandoway boats along the coast between Gwa Bay and Ramree I. are attacked with cannon and machine gun fire; at least 3 of the craft are left burning.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: During morning 24 SBD's and 12 TBF's covered by 31 F4U's successfully raid enemy gun positions at Vila, using about 23 tons of bombs; despite intense AA fire, all attacking planes return to base. Afternoon strikes on Vila are made by 15 SBD's and 12 TBF's followed by 23 B-25's; 40 tons of bombs dropped on targets, including naval depot, bivouac area, and supply dumps, and extensive damage caused; attacks covered by 62 fighters, 12 of which strafe Rekata Bay on return trip, setting fuel dump on fire. At night 2 PBV's on rcn bomb Vila, causing explosions.</p> <p>New Guinea: In Dutch New Guinea, Kaukenau and Timoecka bombed and strafed by 1 RAAF Hudson each; buildings destroyed and explosions caused. Three B-24's on rcn attack 5 small AK's near Kaimana.</p> <p>Tanimbar Is.: Buildings at Larat extensively damaged during attack by the 3 B-24's which had earlier attacked shipping near Kaimana.</p> <p>Indian Ocean: SS Alcides (Norwegian tanker, 7,634 tons) overdue at Fremantle from Bandar Abbasi and presumed sunk.</p>	<p>U.S.: Elmer Davis, head of the Office of War Information, returning to Washington after a three-week trip to Great Britain and North Africa, declares that Germany cannot be bombed into submission.</p> <p>U.S.-Argentina: U.S. Ambassador to Argentina, Norman Armour, leaves Argentina for the U.S. to make an official report to the State Department.</p> <p>Finland: Stockholm reports that President Risto Ryti of Finland conferred with government leaders on the possibility of peace with Germany.</p> <p>France: General Charles De Gaulle in a speech today says that the leaders who rushed France headlong into capitulation in June 1940 should be punished.</p> <p>Italy: Press dispatches from Berne, Switzerland, report new peace demonstrations in Italy as a result of the 7 August raid on Milan, Genoa, and</p>	<p>8</p>

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NORTH AND LATIN AMERICAN THEATERS			(Cont'd) Russian steamers off Novorossisk.	(Cont'd) <u>Italy:</u> Three spans of highway bridge at Angitola destroyed as result of raid by 35 escorted B-26's; tracks approaching the RR bridge are damaged by force of 36 B-26's escorted by 24 P-38's; SW of Angitola a troop train is strafed near C. Subero, 6 trains strafed near Gioia, and a barge left burning off C. Vaticano by P-38's. Thirty-six B-26's with escort of 36 P-38's attack bridge at Marina di Catanzaro, scoring hits on target. During night 13 Halifaxes and Liberators bomb RR sidings at San Giovanni; poor visibility makes objective difficult to locate but 4 planes drop bombs in approximate area; bursts observed near RR ferry terminal, among searchlights, and on RR sidings. <u>Aegean:</u> Beaufighters, on anti-shiping patrol, score near misses and cannon hits on corvette near Kythera I. and hits on 5 schooners at Port Livadnia.
9	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Before dawn, 3 U.S. DD's operating singly, bombard Kiska, concentrating on main camp, Gertrude Cove, a hill N of Reynard Cove, and beach; fire is not returned.	<u>Germany:</u> Night of 10/11 457 RAF bombers attack Mannheim and Ludwigshafen, dropping 1,684 tons of bombs in 40 minutes; large explosion caused near RR station at former, and large fires started on both sides of the river; only negligible AA fire encountered; 2 of the intercepting enemy fighters destroyed; 9 bombers are missing and 1 crash lands on return.	<u>Russia:</u> Enemy reports collapse of Soviet attacks at Kuban bridgehead and successful attacks by German forces against important ridges held by Red Army on the Mius front. Russians report repulse of enemy counter-attack SE of Izyum. In the Kharkov area, Soviet troops make farther progress: Trostyanets, on Akhtyrka-Sumy RR, is occupied; another column is approaching Poltava-Kharkov RR; forces driving on Kharkov from NE cross the northern Donets and seize Ternovoye and Rubezhnoye; another force is directly N of the city, at Slatino. In Bryansk sector, Red Army units make slight gains, occupying several towns W of Orel and Kromy, Germans again	<u>Sicily:</u> Mines and demolitions delay progress of 13th Corps along E coast. Troops of 30th Corps advance slightly on line running along S base of Mt. Etna; 36th Brig makes some gains N of Bronte against heavy resistance. U.S. units advance along Cesaro-Randazzo road but are considerably slowed by Axis mine field and demolitions; enemy withdraws E of Cesaro-San Fratello road; units of 3d Div in coastal area occupy San Marco d'Alunzio; Axis forces withdraw E of Zappala R. Allied planes pound Axis road junctions, transport, and communications from Randazzo to Messina: Kittyhawks strafe MT on Bronte-Randazzo road, destroying 6; crossroads in Gesso area bombed by 42 B-25's; Barcellona and Linguaglossa each attacked by about 6 light bombers during night while fighter bombers destroy 16 MT and damage 22 between Randazzo and Barcellona; road blocks caused at Floresta and Novara by fighter bombers which also sink 4 F-boats off Melito. Fifty-four B-17's drop 166 tons of bombs on road junctions N of Messina; although visibility is poor, 1 group thoroughly covers target area; 8 bombers damaged by AA fire; 1 crash lands. Beaches between C. Peloro and Messina bombed during night by 83 Wellingtons; hits scored on RR's, roads,

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	<p>Burma: Between Kan and Natchaug, in the Myittha Valley, enemy ground activity increases. Ten B-25's attack the Irrawaddy ports of Katha and Bhamo; 10 direct hits on RR cars and tracks and further damage to buildings and installations in the dock area in Katha are recorded; 6 hits scored on warehouses in Bhamo where fires are left burning. Four other B-25's bomb rolling stock at Paukkan and shipping on Irrawaddy R. SW of Mandalay; 2 river boats are sunk, 1 steamer is strafed and bombed, and a direct hit is scored on an anchored barge. AA fire on the latter run hits 1 aircraft. Four B-25's bomb Sedaw RR tunnel, inflicting major damage and caus-</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: U.S. ground forces on New Georgia I. continue to advance northward from Munda: 25th Div penetrates to Bairoko R. at point 4,000 yards SE of Bairoko Harbor on the right, while forward units on left advance 7,000 yards NNW of Munda against some resistance. Allied patrols from right flank report contact with friendly patrols from Rice Anchorage force.</p> <p>Japanese positions at Bairoko Harbor raided by 21 SBD's and 12 TBF's escorted by 30 fighters; 22 tons of bombs dropped. Twenty-two B-24's, prevented by weather from attacking Kahili, drop 54 tons of bombs on Vila, starting large fires in runway and supply dumps areas. Same target later receives 9 additional tons of bombs dropped by 10 B-25's with fighter escort. During night 6 U.S. DD's attack 4 barges in Vella Gulf, probably sinking 2 of them.</p> <p>New Britain: B-24 on rcn intercepted over Talasea by 5 enemy fighters, 1 of which is destroyed and 3 others damaged. Buildings on Unea I., Witu Is., bombed by B-24 on rcn. Six B-25's bomb and strafe gun positions at Borgen Bay and camouflaged barges offshore; MG position silenced.</p> <p>New Guinea: Twenty-four B-25's, after sweeping N coast of Huon Peninsula for barges, attack bridges, buildings, and camps in Bogadjim area with good results. Salamaua effectively</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Turin.</p> <p>Bulgaria: Press reports from Istanbul state that a serious crisis impends in the Bulgarian Government. George Kiosseivanov, former Bulgarian Premier, admittedly pro-Allied in sympathy, is reported to have been summoned from virtual exile as Minister to Switzerland to confer with King Boris at Sofia. The Bulgarian army occupies certain areas in northern Greece.</p> <p>U.S.: Chairman William H. Davis of the National War Labor Board, in a statement supporting the board's refusal to grant general wage increases to shipyard workers, says that living costs have been checked.</p> <p>U.S.-Ethiopia: Secretary of State Cordell Hull signs a lend-lease agreement between the U.S. and Ethiopia.</p> <p>Germany-Italy: Italian-German conference at Verona is concluded with the result that the Italian Government of Marshall Pietro Badoglio has decided to continue the war. Among those present were Italian Foreign Minister Raffaele Guariglia, German Foreign Minister Joachim von Rib-</p>	<p>9</p>

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			(Cont'd) report strong Soviet attacks by troops on Vyazma-Smolensk road but only slight progress is made. Luftwaffe attacks Russians in Donets and Vyazma area; Soviet Air Force concentrates on enemy transport facilities, making severe attacks on RR installations at Barvenkovo, Krasnograd, Gasarovka, and Lozovaya.	(Cont'd) MT, barges, and beaches, resulting in fires and explosions; 1 bomber fails to return. P-40's, on anti-shiping patrol over Messina Straits, damage 1 F-boat and score near misses on 2 Siebel ferries. Augusta-Syracuse area attacked by 2 formations, totalling about 28, of Axis aircraft; bombs fall in port area at former, damaging 1 DD; 6 planes shot down by intercepting fighters and by AA fire. Italy: Force of British cruisers and DD's bombards Castellamare di Stabia; another group attacks RR bridges at C. Vaticano. Catanzaro and Soverato bridges bombed by 36 B-25's with escort of 24 P-38's; hits scored on approaches; no interception encountered. Seventy-three B-26's escorted by 48 P-38's drop 110 tons of bombs on Angitola bridge; approaches cratered and near misses and 2 possible hits scored on bridge; of enemy planes encountered, 1 is shot down; 2 P-38's are lost.
10	Aleutian Is.: U.S. DD's again bombard Kiska early in the morning; single DD shells main camp and another, Gertrude Cove without opposition. During the day, Kiska targets heavily attacked by 23 missions from Amchitka and 1 from Adak; total of 14 B-24's, 14 B-25's, 18 A-24's, 33 P-38's, and 36 P-40's drops approximately 63 tons of bombs on chief installations and strafes all target areas, starting many fires; only light automatic weapon fire encountered during the raids. During the night single Catalina bombs main camp, North Head, South	Germany: Nurnberg is target for 1,608 tons of bombs by 590 RAF bombers in successful night attack; 2 large fires started; 3 of intercepting Axis planes shot down; 16 bombers lost. England: Two enemy planes operate over Norfolk area; bombs dropped on Feltwell airfield and runways raked with cannon fire; no damage results.	Russia: Fighting in Kuban and Mius sectors decreases. Soviets continue drive on Kharkov: 1 column is about 20 mi. E of the city; another force captures Liptsi, to the NE; a 3d column occupies Rogozyanka, to the NW. Troops moving toward Poltava encounter greatly stiffened enemy resistance; units approaching Sumy reach Bolshoi Bobrik. In Bryansk area, RR center of Khotynets, E of Karachev, is occupied by advancing Red Army. Soviet forces are fighting along Vyazma-Smolensk highway but Germans claim to have repulsed all attacks in this sector. GAF attacks	Sicily: British 30th Corps makes steady progress up E coast; Guardia, 16 mi. S of Taormina, captured; 168th Brig pushes on to cross Torrente Leonardello on road to Giarre. Troops of 30th Corps, advancing from Bronte toward Randazzo, contact U.S. forces which are pushing E from Cesaro; strong enemy resistance opposes these forces. Strong enemy counterattack SW of C. Orlando repulsed by 3d Div, which then crosses Zappula R. DD's and light craft operate off E coast and Calabrian coast during night; some coastal batteries offer opposition. Allied planes pound Randazzo throughout the day: total of 36 B-25's make 2 raids, hitting road and RR installations and causing explosions. Linguaglossa bombed by 12 B-25's, while Floresta is attacked by still another group; hits scored on road and town at first target; buildings hit and explosion caused at latter. Eighty-eight Wellingtons make heavy night attack on beaches from Messina to C. Peloro; 175 tons of bombs dropped; numerous fires and explosions result. P-40's carry out numerous missions against enemy shipping in Messina area; 4 small vessels sunk and many others damaged. Bostons make successful night attack

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	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>ing 4 explosions; locomotive blown up and troops strafed.</p> <p>Burma: In Arakan British patrols are active, and the enemy is contacted 7 miles NE of Maungdaw; no casualties result.</p> <p>Nine B-25's attack Akyab; buildings N of main jetty are flattened and a series of explosions attend hits on probable ammunition dump; several barracks at Pyawbwe are destroyed and other large buildings there are demolished by direct hits. A single B-25, employing skip bombing technique, reports the destruction of 2 ferry boats and a steamer, and the capsizing of a barge on the Irrawaddy R.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>bombed in force by 33 B-24's and 7 B-17's, which drop about 140 tons of bombs on town and enemy positions to the S. Salamaua also attacked by B-25 on rcn. Single B-24 on rcn bombs Lae, causing fires.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Two night attacks on Ambon are made by 9 B-24's and 1 Dutch B-25, respectively; explosions and large fuel fires result from 1st raid. During night 5 RAAF Hudsons attack Kei Is., bombing village and airdrome with good results. Single Dutch B-25 bombs and strafes enemy-held village in Tanimbar Is., causing fires and explosions.</p> <p>Solomon Is.: On New Georgia I., left column of 25th Div encounters local enemy resistance S of Zieta.</p> <p>Fourteen Allied fighters intercept formation of 50 enemy dive bombers and fighters over Rendova, shooting down 2 hostile fighters; 1 P-39 lost. PBV on night rcn sights and attacks enemy west bound convoy W of Buka, damaging an AK with near miss. During night, Allied PT's intercept 2 small auxiliaries SW of Kolombangara and probably sink 1 of them.</p> <p>New Ireland: B-24 on rcn sights and attacks 2 AK/AP's accompanied by several barges off C. St. George, bombing and strafing them; damaging near miss scored on larger of 2 ships.</p> <p>Vitiaz Strait: Enemy village and barge at Siassi I. (S of Rooke I.) attacked by B-25 on rcn.</p> <p>New Guinea: Salamaua and nearby villages receive 85 tons of bombs dropped by 25 B-24's; 2 ammunition dumps blown up and many buildings and fuel dumps destroyed. Barge hideouts bombed and strafed by 6 Bostons.</p> <p>Australia: Two Spitfires intercept and destroy 2 Japanese floatplanes NE of Millingimbi.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>bentrop, and German Chief of Staff General Wilhelm Keitel.</p> <p>Sweden-Germany: Another armed clash between Swedes and Germans occurs.</p> <p>India: Disorders break out on the anniversary of the arrest of Mohandas K. Gandhi. Police arrest hundreds.</p> <p>England: The British Government offers to compensate persons for expropriated private property at the bases leased to the United States in 1940.</p> <p>Yugoslavia: Prime Minister Milan Trifunovic hands to King Peter the blanket resignation for his entire cabinet. The reason for this move is said to be the pressure of Croat members for agreement on the future constitutional structure of Yugoslavia.</p>	<p>10</p>

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	(Cont'd) Head, and Gertrude Cove, scoring hits in target areas; slight AA fire en- countered from South Head.		(Cont'd) Soviets in Smolensk area; Soviet aircraft continue heavy raids on enemy RR instal- lations, reporting raids on Lozovaya, Barvenkova, Kras- nograd, Merefa, Taranovka, and Novopavlovka. Poltava and Merefa bombed during night; trains and ammunition dumps hit, causing fires and explosions. Moscow announces unsuccessful enemy attacks SE of Izyum and SW of Voroshil- ovgrad.	(Cont'd) on buildings and ammunition dump at Milazzo, start large fire at Fiumefred- do, and damage MT in Floresta area. Augusta attacked by 3 Axis aircraft; no damage results and 1 attacker is shot down. <u>Italy:</u> San Giovanni bombed by 15 Halifaxes; 1 large fire started, but weather prevents more accurate ob- servation of results. P-38's carrying bombs attack targets in Palmi-Locri area and in C. Spartivento-Catanzaro area; radar station, trains, and tracks at C. Spartivento strafed.
11	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Shortly after mid- night, 10/11, 2 U.S. DD's bom- bard Kiska, start- ing fires on South Head and at Gertrude Cove; Japanese do not return fire. Dur- ing the day, Kiska is target for 94 tons of bombs dropped by 21 missions of heavy, medium, and dive bombers and fighters; attacks concentrated on Gertrude Cove, Reynard Cove, North Head, and Little Kiska; bombing and straf- ing starts fires in all areas; light AA fire encountered. At night, Catalina bombs Gertrude Cove and main camp without op- position.	<u>England:</u> Ply- mouth bombed dur- ing night by about 17 enemy aircraft, which cause dam- age to residential property and start fires in a hospital. Fifteen Axis air- craft bomb Bourne- mouth area; slight damage and some casualties result. <u>English Channel:</u> Whirlwind bombers with Spitfire es- cort attack shipping off French coast; 4 E-boats and an armed trawler de- stroyed and another E-boat set on fire.	<u>Russia:</u> Soviet forces cut Kharkov- Poltava RR, occupy- ing Vodyanaya and Kovyagi. Troops to the E of Kharkov oc- cupy Kochetok, Bolshaya Babka, Nepokrytoye; Tishki, NE of the city, and Russkoye Lozovoye, to the N, are cap- tured, bringing the Red Army into an arc around one side of Kharkov. Forces advancing W of Kharkov capture Krasnokutsk and Akhtyrka. In the Bryansk sector, Aleksyevka and Bogoroditskaya are occupied by the Rus- sians. Germans report repulse of Soviet attacks in Vyazma area, where Red Army forces appear to be attack- ing SW of Vyazma, along the Sukhinichi- Smolensk RR. Soviet Air Force again pounds enemy rail centers in Kharkov sector; Krasnodar, Krasno-	<u>Sicily:</u> Increasing enemy resistance encountered by forces of 13th Corps; 151st Brig captures Giarre in after- noon; Zatterana and a village S of Para- jola also fall to 8th Army forces. U.S. troops land 2 mi. E of C. Orlando and repulse all Axis attacks during day; Naso is occupied by an RCT which has pushed N. Randazzo bombed by total of 95 B-25's which drop about 102 tons of explosive; roads and RR's hit and large fires started. Seventy-two P-40's, on bomb- ing and strafing missions, destroy MT and silence 2 AA positions at Randazzo, bomb Linguaglossa, and destroy a small boat and damage stores in Mes- sina area. Beaches between Messina and C. Peloro are target for 89 Well- ingtons, which drop over 175 tons of bombs in night raid; hits scored on beaches, roads, and landing craft, re- sulting in many fires; 2 bombers de- stroyed and 1 is missing. Troop con- centrations at Fiume Freddo attacked by 24 A-20's and 12 Baltimores, which score hits on roads and buildings. Beaufighters on patrol in Catania area encounter about 35 Axis aircraft; 5 JU-88's shot down and 1 damaged. Dur- ing night Augusta attacked by 25-30 enemy planes, of which 4 are shot down. Lentini landing ground also bombed during night by enemy aircraft; 10 Al- lied planes destroyed on ground; 5 of the attackers shot down. <u>Italy:</u> Forty B-17's drop 117 tons of bombs on Terni, 45 mi. N of Rome;

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		<p>Solomon Is.: Left column of 25th Div on New Georgia I. drives Japanese back 400 yards.</p> <p>Twenty-seven B-24's set out to bomb Kahili, but are prevented by weather from reaching objective; 5 of the returning planes bomb supply area at Rekata Bay, scoring many hits. Vila airdrome bombed at night by PBY on rcn. During night Allied PT's force an enemy barge ashore on SE Vella Lavella.</p> <p><u>New Ireland-New Britain:</u> B-24 on rcn attacks enemy shipping 30 mi. W of Mussau I., sinking an AK/AP with direct bomb hit and damaging 2 small sea trucks with strafing; barges off Rooke I. also strafed. Another B-24 on rcn sights and attacks 2 small AK's about 90 mi. NE of Kavieng; near bomb miss scored on 1 and both vessels strafed from deck level. Four enemy barges loaded with oil drums attacked by 3 RAAF Bostons in Montagu Harbor (E of Gasmata) and destroyed. Enemy shipping off C. St. George bombed by PBY, which also strafes Gasmata.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Eleven enemy barges destroyed or damaged during coastal sweep by 12 B-25's along Huon Peninsula. Finschhafen strafed by 1 Boston. PBY strafes Madang wharf.</p> <p>Allied positions on Woodlark I. bombed at night by 15 enemy planes; 1 P-39 destroyed and 3 others damaged. At about the same time, 3 Japanese planes drop 4 bombs on Kiriwina, Trobriand Is., without causing damage or casualties.</p>	<p><u>Canada-England:</u> War parleys between Prime Minister Churchill and a committee of the Canadian Government begin in Canada.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> The Ministry of Commerce in Italy orders the temporary suspension of deliveries of war materials and food to Germany and the curtailment of food to German forces on northern Italian soil.</p> <p><u>Russia:</u> Premier Stalin confers with Ambassadors William H. Standley of the United States and Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr of Great Britain and Foreign Commissar Viacheslav Molotov.</p>	

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			(Cont'd) armeiskoye, Likhachovo, Krasnopavlovka, Lozovaya, and Barvenkovo attacked; fires and explosions result.	(Cont'd) bursts observed in RR yards, on gas works, and on arms factory; several explosions caused; of 5 enemy planes attempting interception, 1 is damaged; 1 Allied bomber shot down and 3 damaged. Angitola bridges attacked by 45 B-25's with P-38 escort; highway bridge damaged. Thirty-five B-26's escorted by 21 P-38's bomb bridge at Marina di Catanzaro, scoring hits at both ends. Same target attacked by 36 P-38's carrying bombs; RR tracks damaged and 8 cars destroyed. Two Malta-based Mosquitoes bomb and strafe train and MT in Foggia area. Nine Halifaxes and 4 Liberators make night attack on San Giovanni; hits scored on RR sidings and town; many fires started. Total of about 12 Bostons and Baltimores make successful night attack on Vibo Valentia and Reggio di Calabria. <u>Greece:</u> Three Wellingtons attack W coast of Greece; hits scored on quays at Preveza and on 2 merchant ships NE of Kyllene. Beaufighters score hits on 2 small ships in dock at Cephalonia and start fires there and on Levkas I.
12	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> U.S. DD bombards Kiska targets during early morning. Later in the morning naval force consisting of 5 cruisers and 4 DD's bombards Gertrude Cove, Bukhti Point, and other beach areas from SSE, expending 85 8-in., 450 6-in., and 800 5-in. rounds; no opposition encountered. Kiska pounded by 15 air missions from Amchitka, 4 from Adak, and 1 from Attu: total of 104 planes (heavy, medium, and dive bombers and fighters) drops 87 tons of bombs and thoroughly strafes the area, starting many fires; AA opposi-	<u>Germany:</u> Force of 335 B-17's dispatched to bomb synthetic oil factories at Gelsenkirchen and Wesseling; heavy smoke screen at former and clouds at latter hinder definition of targets; secondary targets, electrical steel plant at Bocchum and precision instrument industry at Bonn, receive concentration of bombs and are severely damaged; large fires started at Bonn; some planes drop their loads at primary objectives and report good results; others attack targets of opportunity in vicinity. About 100 Axis fighter	<u>Russia:</u> Berlin announces renewed Soviet attacks at Kuban bridgehead W of Krymsk but claims that attackers are thrown back. Red Army units SE of Kharkov capture Chuguyev and advance toward the city; NE of Kharkov, Tsirkuny is occupied, and NW, Kotelva is captured. Soviet troops in Bryansk sector reach points only 4 mi. from Karachev and those in Vyazma area continue advance from E and SE, making slight gains. Germans report renewed attacks by Red Army troops S of Lake Ladoga. Moscow announces sinking of enemy transport and patrol ship in	<u>Sicily:</u> Troops of 13th Corps advance up E coast; Archirafi is occupied and then Riposto. Units of 30th Corps, moving N from Bronte, occupy Maletto. Troops of 9th Div on Cesaro-Randazzo road encounter bitter resistance, but advance to within 4 mi. of Randazzo; other units capture Floresta, cutting C. Orlando-Randazzo road. On N coast, U.S. forces contact troops landed previous day, break enemy defense at Orlando, and push E; C. Orlando, Brolo, and Ficarra occupied. U.S. naval units bombard bridges and roads from Piraino to Marina di Patti; highway tunnel probably destroyed. Allied planes attack enemy troops and transportation throughout the day: Patti, Falcone, Novara, and Barcellona attacked by total of 84 B-25's, which damage roads and RR installations and buildings in the towns. Same targets attacked by Bostons and Baltimores; hits scored on ammunition dumps, troops, and gun positions. Seventeen B-25's make night raid on Falcone; target obscured by clouds but it is believed hit. Piedimonte is objective for night attack by 24 B-25's and 23 A-20's; roads, buildings, and crossroads hit. Force of about 10 A-20's,

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	<p><u>Kurile Is.:</u> Katakoka naval base on Shumushu and the Japanese staging area in Kashiwabara are successfully attacked by 9 B-24's; numerous hits scored in the target areas. Approximately 40 land-based enemy fighters take off after the raid begins; 5 are destroyed; 2 B-24's fail to return.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> Heavy bombers attack Japanese rail terminal of Ye on the Tennassarim Peninsula; damage to RR tracks and storage reported. B-25's make extensive low-level attacks, bombing and strafing land and river communications in central Burma; at Kinu</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Overcoming slight enemy resistance, left column of 25th Div on New Georgia I. gains 1,500 yards. Heavy enemy artillery fire received by Allied patrol on SE Baanga I. (NW of Munda Pt.). Coastwatchers report capture of 140 Japanese troops and naval survivors on SE coast of Vella Lavella.</p> <p>Kahili airdrome bombed about noon by 25 B-24's escorted by 22 F4U's and 8 P-40's; 26 tons of bombs cause heavy explosion and many fires; 20 enemy planes on the ground set on fire and 8 others probably damaged; 11 of 30 intercepting enemy planes shot down; 1 P-40 and 1 F4U missing.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> At dawn 2 RAAF Bostons attack and set on fire a 60-ton AK off S coast, while 2 others raid supply dump at Gasmata. C. Gloucester airdrome receives 2 hits with half-ton bombs dropped by B-24 on rcn.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Twelve B-25's, operating S of Bogadjim, bomb and strafe bridges, camps, and road. Single B-24 bombs Salamaua Isthmus. At night PBY attacks enemy barges at Hansa Bay and along coast of Huon Peninsula, destroying 3 and damaging 7.</p> <p>In Dutch New Guinea, Timoeoka and Kaimana are targets for 2 RAAF Hudsons and 2 B-24's, respectively; fires</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes reports that strikes have reduced hard coal supplies by 3,500,000 tons.</p> <p><u>U.S.-P.I.:</u> President Roosevelt in a speech today renews the promise to the Philippines that they will have their independence after the war.</p> <p><u>France:</u> The French Committee of National Liberation announces the formation of a Committee of Purification aimed at weeding out Vichyites and opponents of the Fighting French.</p>	12

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	(Cont'd) tion limited to scattered MG and small arms fire.	(Cont'd) planes attack formations from enemy coast to target and back again; bombers shoot down 22, 17 probably, and damage 6; 96 P-47's rendezvous with bombers N of Aachen on return trip and destroy 3, 1 probably, and damage 2; 25 B-17's lost. <u>France:</u> As diversion to heavy bomber attack on Germany, 36 B-26's with escort of RAF Spitfires bomb Poix airdrome, scoring hits on dispersal areas with good results; moderate to intense AA fire damages 12 planes. Typhoon bombers attack airfield at Merville with good results. <u>Belgium:</u> Airfield at Courtrai is target for successful attack by Typhoon bombers.	(Cont'd) Barents Sea and of 2 transports in Black Sea. Soviet aircraft make severe night attacks on Poltava and Krasnograd; at former, 18 explosions and a large fire are reported; at latter, trains are blown up.	(Cont'd) on armed rcn during night, attacks Gesso, Novara, Castiglione, and Fiumefreddo areas, starting 6 fires. Twenty-three P-40's, on anti-shipping patrol, drop 11,500 pounds of bombs in Messina-Milazzo area. During night beaches between Messina and C. Peloro are bombed by 90 Wellingtons; 2 of these destroyed and 2 missing. Bombing and strafing carried out by 100 Mustangs in NE Sicily; 3 bridges and 1 enemy gun position destroyed. <u>Italy:</u> Grazzanise airfield bombed by 48 B-26's with P-38 escort; hangar, dispersal, and landing areas well covered with bombs; explosions caused; about 70 Axis planes encountered, of which 9 are destroyed, 7 probably, and 4 damaged for loss of 2 P-38's. The Bosco Lago and Rositello airfields at Crotona are heavily bombed by total of 45 B-25's escorted by 48 P-38's; target areas completely covered. Ten Bostons make night attack on Vibo Valentia-Reggio di Calabria-C. Spartivento area and attack MT in vicinity of Rosarno. Merchant shipping 8 mi. N of Pizzo attacked by B-25's; vessel left in flames; 1 bomber destroyed by AA fire. RAF heavy bombers from U.K. bases make night attacks on Milan and Turin; 505 planes drop 1,247 tons of bombs on first target, and 152 drop 240 tons on Turin; bombing is well concentrated and many large fires started; from first force, 4 are missing and 2 crash; 2 are missing from 2d group. <u>Aegean:</u> Two Beaufighters, on anti-shipping patrol, destroy an 80-ton caique in Paros Bay and score hits on another. Bombs are also dropped on seaplane hangar at Corfu; 1 DO-18 left sinking and another on fire; trawler near Preveza left burning.
13	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Kiska again bombarded early in the morning by a single U.S. DD; 40 rounds expended without return fire. During the afternoon 1 Adak and 8 Amchitka missions, comprising 4 B-24's, 21 B-25's, 15 A-24's, and 15 P-38's,	<u>Austria:</u> Force of 114 B-24's dispatched from North African bases to attack Messerschmitt aircraft works at Wiener Neustadt, 20 mi. S of Vienna; 115 tons of bombs dropped, hitting assembly plants, airplane factory, repair shop, and aprons; fires and explosions	<u>Russia:</u> Germans report weak Soviet attacks at Kuban bridgehead. Red Army columns are closing in on Khar'kov, capturing Danilova, Cherkasskoye, and Dergachi. Axis counterattacks strongly in Akhtyrka area; Moscow claims repulse of attacks, but advance of Soviet troops in	<u>Sicily:</u> Thirteenth Corps slowly advances in E coast area, occupying Fiumefreddo; Piedimonte occupied during night. Randazzo captured by 9th Div after pincers movement by British and U.S. troops. Axis troops evacuate Montalbano during night. Farther N, 3d Div continues eastward advance, moving 2 mi. E of Patti. Allied naval forces bombard enemy positions N of Riposto and S of Taormina; other units bombard Milazzo. Total of 167 P-40's attack enemy shipping in Messina area during day; 6 small boats damaged, hits scored

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Small number of enemy planes operates over Bizerta; planes are driven off; no damage inflicted on the target.</p> <p><u>Indian Ocean:</u> SS Clan MacArthur (British cargo ship 10,528 tons) torp. and sunk at 23-00 S, 58-10 E.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) rolling stock and storage buildings are destroyed; damage is inflicted on tracks at Sedaw; a river steamer is sunk in the Chindwin R. N of Monywa, where docks also are hit; near Katha 5 barges are hit and 20 freight cars strafed; hits scored on 2 river steamers near Kanni and on 1 near Mali; other shipping damaged in the Irrawaddy R. includes 3 ferry barges hit near Sagaing and a barge and side-wheeler boat hit near Natkaing; at Sizon and Iantabin 3 locomotives and an unspecified number of freight cars destroyed or damaged; 6 hits are reported on RR yards at Myingyan.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> RAF fighters on offensive patrol attack RR communications S of Mandalay and SE of Kyingyan; 2 locomotives, 40 cars, a signal box, and various goods sheds are attacked by machine gun and cannon; many hits are scored on all of them and at least</p>	<p>(Cont'd) visible for 60 mi. started at the latter.</p> <p><u>Tanimbar Is.:</u> Single B-24 bombs enemy village on Jamdeha I.</p> <p><u>Howland I.:</u> PBV over Howland I. damaged during 4 attacks by enemy plane, but returns safely.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> On New Georgia I., left column of 25th Div, with artillery support, attacks in vicinity of Zieta, gaining some ground and killing 25 Japanese. To date, total of 330 Japanese captured on Vella Lavella I.</p> <p>During evening 8 B-24's drop 8 tons of bombs on Ballale with unobserved results; 1 of 2 enemy night fighters attempting to intercept is possibly destroyed. Seven minutes later, 13 B-24's</p>	<p><u>Italy:</u> Berne reports that large peace demonstrations have occurred in Rome, Milan, and Turin.</p>	<p>13</p>

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	(Cont'd) strike Kiska; approximately 50 tons of bombs dropped on various targets which are also strafed; direct hits destroy buildings at North Head and Gertrude Cove and many fires started at several targets; opposition limited to meager small arms fire. During the night Kiska bombarded 4 times at hourly intervals by single U.S. DD; fire is not returned. Starting at midnight, 13/14. PBY bombs Kiska 3 times at 90-minute intervals.	(Cont'd) caused in several buildings; bursts observed among planes in parking and assembly areas; only light opposition encountered and 1 of 7 intercepting planes shot down.	(Cont'd) this area is considerably slowed. In Bryansk sector, Soviet troops push toward Karachev, occupying Shablykino, but encounter stiff resistance. In Vyazma sector, Spas Demensk, Uzemka, Belnya, and Pavlino have been captured by the Red Army units driving toward Smolensk. Enemy again reports strong, but unsuccessful, Soviet attacks S of Lake Ladoga. Night of 13/14 Soviet planes bomb troop trains at Poltava and Krasnograd, wrecking several trains and causing fires and explosions. Concentrations of enemy troops and equipment in vicinity of Lyubotin and Valki also attacked.	(Cont'd) on approximately 12 others, and a bridge damaged. Piedimonte bombed twice, by 38 and 9 B-25's, respectively; hits scored on roads, RR, bridges, AA position, and town; bridge also strafed. Twelve B-25's attack Falcone; results obscured by cloud. Twenty-three more B-25's attack Falcone and shipping in Messina Straits; bombs dropped on concentration of barges. Night of 13/14 70 Wellingtons bomb NE Sicily, dropping 139 tons of bombs on beaches and military targets with good results. <u>Italy:</u> San Lorenzo and Littorio RR yards at Rome are target for 274 Allied bombers; 106 escorted B-17's drop 264 tons of bombs on former, completely blocking at least 3 lines into the yards; AA fire damages 4 bombers; 2 of about 20 intercepting planes shot down; 66 B-25's and 102 B-26's escorted by total of 100 P-38's drop 144 tons on Littorio, severely damaging the yards and airdrome buildings; of 10 enemy aircraft encountered, 2 destroyed; 1 B-26 shot down and 1 missing. During night 19 Bostons and 4 Baltimores attack MT at Vibo Valentia and Bagnara, start a large fire at Pizzo, and bomb and strafe shipping at Giora.
14	<u>Alutian Is.:</u> Adverse weather limits Kiska air missions to 3: 8 B-24's, 1 B-25, and 14 P-38's from Shemya carry out the raids, bombing North Head, main camp, hill E of volcano, and another NW of Reynard Cove	<u>Russia:</u> Russians report unsuccessful enemy counterattacks NE of Novorossisk. Determined Axis counterattacks in Kharkov area appear to have slowed Soviet advance; slight gains are made W of the city but to the NW, enemy troops are	<u>Sicily:</u> British troops continue up coast road, pushing toward Taormina. Eighth Army advances on Randazzo front; 51st and 78 Div's clear Randazzo-Linguaglossa road; latter town occupied by 153d Brig. Ninth Div gains 8 mi. on road E of Randazzo and, to the north, contacts units of 3d Div near Montalbano. Third Div moves rapidly along coast road, capturing Oliveri and Falcone; Barcellona is by-passed and units reach area about 3 mi. E of town. U.S. cruiser and DD's bombard

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<p><u>Indian Ocean:</u> SS Dalfram (British cargo ship, 4,558 tons) sunk by SS at 20-40 S, 57-10 E.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) 10 cars are left on fire. In the Mayu Peninsula, Hurricanes attack Japanese army hutments and sampans containing troops, while Mohawks bomb and machine-gun enemy positions near Kalemyo. On the Arakan Coast bombs are dropped on Sandoway and Gwa, where bursts are seen near barracks.</p> <p>Three B-25's bomb the RR yards at Shwebo, scoring direct hits on RR cars and causing explosions in an oil dump. Four B-24's in sea sweep of the Rangoon area attack a motor freighter off E Diamond I., scoring near misses that disable the ship. At a position 25 mi. S of Pagoda Pt. the formation is attacked by a Zero, which is shot down. One heavy bomber disables freighter off the mouth of the Bassein R.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Four P-40's attack Lungling, starting fires.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> A formation of RAF Wellingtons attacks objectives on Akyab I. At Chaungne, N of the town of Akyab, 1 stick of bombs straddles the target and the remainder fall in the surrounding area, causing several</p>	<p>(Cont'd) raid Kahili airdrome, using 15 tons of bombs; interception unsuccessfully attempted by 2 hostile night fighters; AA fire slightly damages 1 B-24. Vila attacked in morning by formation of 9 B-17's, 31 SBD's, and 22 TBF's with 32 F4U's as escort; target well covered with 35 tons of bombs. Same target later attacked by single B-17 and during night by 2 PBY's on rcn. During afternoon 8 P-40's and 5 P-39's intercept force of 25 Japanese fighters over Munda, shooting down 10. Japanese positions at Rekata Bay attacked during morning by 12 B-25's, during evening by 2 B-24's, and at night by 12 TBF's operating in pairs.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> During attack on Gasmata airfield by rcn B-24, 1 enemy bomber and 1 fighter destroyed on the ground.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Salamaua town and airdrome and nearby enemy positions are targets for 173 tons of bombs dropped by 35 B-24's, 13 B-17's, and 9 B-26's; large explosions caused and target area left in flames; photographs confirm widespread damage to buildings on Isthmus, 3/4 of which are destroyed. Two B-24's later bomb Salamaua.</p> <p>Allied gun positions S of Tambu Bay ineffectively raided at night by 6 hostile bombers. Single enemy plane bombs Kiriwina after dark; slight damage results. Airfield on Woodlark I. unsuccessfully bombed during night by 1 enemy plane.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.</u> Nine B-24's carry out highly successful attack on Balikpapan, Borneo, bombing oil installations and shipping in the harbor; 2 refineries and 7 large oil tanks set on fire, as well as a vessel in the harbor; 1 of the returning planes attacks Dilli, Timor, starting fires. Penfoei airdrome on Timor is target for night attack by 3 RAAF Hudsons, which cause explosions and fires.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Allied left column continues attacks against Japanese in vicinity of Zieta on New Georgia I. Other Allied units on the island engaged in patrolling and blocking trail to N. Enemy is being cleared from Baanga I. by Allied ground units.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Two RAAF Bostons sweep S coast for barges and bomb river bridge near Gasmata, while 2 RAAF Beaufighters attack enemy AA positions at Jacquinet Bay. Twelve</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> The War Manpower Commission announces a new list of "non-deferrable" jobs designed to encourage transfer of military age fathers into war-essential work.</p> <p><u>Bolivia-Chile:</u> Dispatches from</p>	<p>14</p>

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		Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
14 C'd	(Cont'd) through overcast which prevents observation of results; no AA fire encountered.		(Cont'd) holding their posi- tions. Heavy fight- ing continues near Karachev and Spas Demensk where Red Army troops make some progress. Germans claim re- pulse of Soviet at- tacks S of Lake Ladoga. During night Soviet aircraft bomb trains and RR junctions at Poltava and Krasno- grad, causing num- erous fires and ex- plosions. Enemy RR facilities in Smolensk region are also objective for Soviet Air Force; Roslavl (SE of Smolensk) bombed; Russians claim to have destroyed several trains and started large fires.	(Cont'd) Milazzo to cover landing operations. Gunboats attack coast road at Taor- mina. Eleven A-20's, on armed rcn, attack roads and beaches in Messina area. Axis concentration of vehicles E of Gesso bombed by B-25's; 10 MT de- stroyed. <u>Italy:</u> Badoglio government declares Rome an open city. Night of 14/15 cruisers attack Scalea, firing over 1000 rounds into the port in 20 minutes. In early morning British cruisers and DD's bombard harbor of Vibo Valentia; 1 coaster blown up and whole harbor area set on fire. Weight of Allied air attacks shifts to enemy transport and communications in S Italy. Road intersection E of Palmi attacked by 24 B-25's; 24 Bos- tons bomb Nitola. During night beaches from San Giovanni to Palmi, beaches at Pizzo, and Lamezia RR yards bombed by 72 Wellingtons, which drop 139 tons of bombs; several fires started along coast; bursts observed throughout the RR yards and a fire started in an oil refinery; 2 Welling- tons missing. Roads from Vibo Val- entia to C. Spartivento are target for attack by 8 A-20's and 4 Baltimores; hits scored on roads, RR's and inter- sections; fires and explosions result. P-38's, on sweep over toe of Italy, score probable hits on radar station near Vibo Valentia; airdrome, RR cars, trucks, and power and transform- er station at Rosarno strafed. Dur- ing night roads and RR's in same gen- eral area attacked by Malta-based Mosquitoes. Four B-24's and 9 Hali- faxes attack RR installations at San Giovanni during night, scoring hits along RR N and S of harbor, near ferry berths, and in town, where fires are started. Milan bombed night of 14/15 by 140 Lancasters from bases in England; 403 tons of bombs dropped in concen- trated and highly successful attack; some bombs fall in Breda Armament Works; 1 bomber fails to return.

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	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>large explosions accompanied by flashes. At Akyab bursts are seen in the target area and a fire is started. Bombs also are dropped on the island's electric power station. Many Beaufighters on offensive patrol along the Irrawaddy R. between Magwe and Prome attack 90 sampans with cannon and machine gun fire, setting a number of them a-fire and damaging most of the others. A barge at Kanhla is set on fire and 2 factory buildings at Allanmyo are attacked and hit. Other Beaufighters attack targets along the Arakan coast between Hunter's Bay and Gwa, scoring hits on a large warehouse at Sandoway, a large hut near Shauk-kon, and on sandoway boats and sampans, one of which is seen to capsize. In the afternoon a formation of Blenheims bombs buildings at Buthedaung in the SE part of town; clouds prevent observation of results.</p> <p>Four B-24's make a sea sweep S of Rangoon: 1 B-24 bombs the landing strip at Pagoda Pt. with hits reported in the target area; 3 B-24's attack 2 launches in the Bay of Bengal; no bombs hit target, but strafing of launches is very damaging; 1 launch is disabled.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>B-25's, during sweep from Rein Bay to Stettin Bay, sight and attack 10 barges, destroying or damaging all of them; same planes score hits on buildings at Talasea. During morning Japanese positions at Bobdubi, Salamaua, and nearby villages attacked in force by 34 B-24's and 14 B-17's, which drop 156 tons of half-ton bombs; Bobdubi defenses demolished, large fires started in Salamaua runway area, and a dock destroyed. In support of ground forces, 12 B-25's successfully bomb and strafe enemy positions on ridge NW of Tambu Bay. Allied troops in this area capture positions commanding the ridge and destroy 7 pillboxes. Enemy barges along the Huon Peninsula strafed by 6 Bostons. Three Japanese planes unsuccessfully bomb Wau during evening. Woodlark I. is target for 8 bombs dropped at night by single enemy plane.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Timor: During the night Tenau and Koepang raided by 4 RAAF Hudsons and 8 Dutch B-25's, respectively; fires and explosions result at both targets.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Buenos Aires indicate that Bolivia's aspirations for an outlet to the sea through Chile reached a crisis this week.</p> <p>Cuba-France: Cuba recognizes the French Committee of National Liberation.</p> <p>Colombia: It is announced today that President Alfonso Lopez of Colombia has formed a new cabinet. No foreign policy change is expected as a result of this move.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Japanese authorities have ordered all radio receivers in the N.E.I. adjusted so that only Japanese broadcasts can be received.</p>	<p>14 C'd</p>

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1943 Aug	NORTH AND LATIN AMERICAN THEATERS	EUROPEAN THEATER		
		Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
15	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> U.S. and Canadian troops make initial landings on Kiska. No Japanese encountered.</p>	<p><u>Holland:</u> Air-drome at Flushing is target for 119 B-17's with P-47 escort; 221 tons of bombs dropped, with good results; moderate AA fire damages 32 planes.</p> <p><u>France:</u> Sixty-one B-17's escorted by RAF Spitfires bomb airdromes at Poix and Amiens; hangars, barracks, workshops, and dispersal areas hit; 20 bombers damaged by AA fire; no enemy planes encountered. Lille and Merville airdromes bombed by 63 escorted B-17's; 73 tons of explosive dropped with good results; some fighter opposition encountered and 5 enemy planes shot down for loss of 2 bombers. Still another formation of heavy bombers, 84 B-17's escorted by 48 P-47's, bombs Vitry-en-Artois airdrome successfully; of intercepting enemy planes, 3 shot down and 3 damaged; moderate AA fire damages 14 bombers. Medium bombers also attack enemy installations: 36 B-26's with Spitfire escort attack St. Omer airdrome, with good results; moderate, accurate AA fire damages 17 aircraft; Abbeville RR yards are target for 21 escorted B-26's, which achieve fair results.</p> <p><u>England:</u> Portsmouth area attacked night of 15/16 by 25 enemy planes; damage inflicted on an RR line, a factory, shops, and some</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Fighting of local significance takes place in Kuban sector. Enemy forces are determinedly opposing Soviet attempts to advance in Kharkov area and appear to have improved their positions in some places by strong counterattacks; Russians report slight gains SW of Chuguyev where they crossed the Donets R. Soviet troops in Bryansk sector capture Karachev and advance along RR to point about 20 mi. from Bryansk, capturing many inhabited places. Troops pushing from NE occupy Khvastovichi. Moscow announces slight gains in Spas Demensk sector, although Berlin claims repulse of Red Army attacks in Vyazma, Bely, and Lake Ladoga areas.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Troops of 13th Corps occupy Taormina in morning, advance N, and also capture Letojanni. During night British commandos make successful landing at Scaletta, meeting only slight resistance. Kaggi, W of Taormina, on road to Francaville, occupied by 231st Brig. Fifty-first Div moves into Castiglione. Infantry units of 1st Div move N of Francaville to Novara area. On the coast, 3d Div occupies Barcellona and pushes E to take Spadafora. Units of 45th Div make successful landing during night on beaches NW of Barcellona.</p> <p>Enemy troop and barge concentrations in Messina area bombed by total of 36 B-25's, 24 A-20's, and 35 Baltimores; targets thoroughly covered. Throughout the day, missions of P-40's attack enemy shipping Messina area: near misses scored on 2 merchant ships and hits on several barges; crossroads and RR installations damaged; fires started among RR cars; warehouses set on fire. Shipping from San Agata to Ganzirri bombed by 35 B-25's, which hit roads, beaches, and buildings; AA fire damages 20 bombers. Twenty-two Bostons during night bomb and strafe targets in Messina area and toe of Italy.</p> <p><u>Sardinia:</u> Forty-seven P-40's, on sweep of S Sardinia, bomb Cagliari area, scoring hits in vicinity of airdrome and bivouacs.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Sapri RR yards bombed by 20 escorted B-26's; station, buildings, and warehouses damaged; cars destroyed; oil fire started. Sibari RR junction is target for 48 B-25's with P-38 escort; RR severed at junction N of yards; sidings, repair shops, and station damaged; fires started among 200 cars in yards and a large explosion, believed to be an ammunition train, caused. Sapri attacked again during night by 10 Wellingtons; fires and explosions result. Eleven B-25's make successful raid on crossroads N of Palmi. P-38's carrying bombs effectively attack RR and highway at Punta di Stalletti and S of Bianco. Groups of Wellingtons make night raids on Cetraro beaches, Scalea town and RR yards, Paola beaches and RR yards, and Viterbo RR yards; considerable damage inflicted on all targets and many fires started. Five Mosquitoes during night attack targets in Italy, starting an extensive fire in RR yards at Minturo. Night of 15/16 Milan again bombed by RAF planes from English bases; 199 heavy bombers drop 567 tons of HE and 205 tons of incendiaries in well concentrated attack; numerous large fires result; stronger defenses</p>

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<p><u>East Atlantic:</u> Allied convoy from Great Britain to the Mediterranean attacked by enemy planes at 38-46 N, 12-44 W; 2 ships damaged and SS Warfield (British cargo ship, 6,070 tons) sunk.</p>	<p><u>Andaman Is.:</u> Six B-24's attack Chatham I. in the Andaman group; 25 direct hits are scored in the target area; much damage to warehouses and buildings is caused and AA battery is destroyed; large fires visible for 50 miles are started.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> A formation of RAF Blenheims bombs the enemy supply base at Kudaung, a few mi. S of Rathedaung; all bombs fall in the center of the target area. The bombing is followed by a machine gun attack.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Allied landing on Vella Lavella I. successfully effected by reinforced infantry regiment during early morning. About 4,600 troops, including 700 naval personnel, land at Barakoma, SE end of the island. Japanese planes attack landing force intermittently, causing a few casualties and slight damage; intercepting P-40's and F4U's account for 17 Zeros and 10 dive bombers, and 8 additional F4U's, after strafing grounded planes at Kahili, intercept and destroy 5 Zeros and 2 dive bombers from force returning there from Vella Lavella. For enemy's loss of 22 Zeros and 12 dive bombers during the day, only 2 Allied planes (1 P-40 and 1 F4U) are destroyed. Hostile torpedo planes ineffectively attack Allied DD's and landing craft as they retire from Vella Lavella to Guadalcanal.</p> <p>On New Georgia I., Allied troops converge on Zieta from N and S, forcing Japanese to flee westward. Allied ground forces on Baanga I. (3 mi. NW of Munda) continue mopping up operations.</p> <p>Rekata Bay, Santa Isabel I., bombed during afternoon by 11 B-25's; 2 fires observed in supply area.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Four RAAF Bostons and 2 RAAF Beaufighters sweep S coast, bombing Gasmata dump area and setting small AK at Jacquinot Bay and barge at Wide Bay on fire, while B-24 strafes barges in Borgen Bay. B-17 starts fires among villages near Arawe with incendiaries.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Twenty-four B-24's and 1 B-17 heavily bomb Komiatum, Salamaua Isthmus, and Kela under difficult weather conditions; hits scored along trails, and fires started in villages. Salamaua Isthmus also bombed by B-24 on rcn. Five enemy barges near Saidor destroyed or damaged by PBY during night.</p> <p>Twenty-six P-39's intercept formation of 12 enemy medium bombers escorted by 20-25 fighters over Marilinan (in Watut R. Valley, 38 mi. W of Lae), destroying all of the bombers and 3 fighters; 4 P-39's missing; bombs dropped near strip by only 2 of the enemy bombers.</p> <p>Keaukwa, Dutch New Guinea, bombed by single Hudson; a 2d Hudson which set out for same target is missing.</p>	<p>..</p>	<p>15</p>

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		Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
		(Cont'd) public utilities; 3 aircraft shot down and 2 damaged.		(Cont'd) encountered over city and 7 bombers fail to return. <u>Greece:</u> Beaufighters attack landing ground and harbor at Kalamata, scor- ing hits on runway and building near quay and silencing 2 AA positions. Schooner off coast attacked and hits scored with cannon fire.
16	<u>France:</u> Le Bourget airfield at Paris is target for successful attack by 170 B-17's, which drop 364 tons of bombs, damaging hangars, administration buildings, and workshops; 1 group encounters strong fighter opposition; 188 P-47's, in relays, escort bombers to target and on return trip as far as Bernay where Spitfires take over; 4 bombers and 4 fighters missing. Poix and Abbeville airdromes bombed by 66 escorted B-17's with good results; only mediocre opposition encountered; total enemy planes destroyed during both raids is 29, 3 probably, and 11 damaged. <u>Beaumont-le-Roger and Bernay airdromes each attacked by 36 B-26's with Spitfire escort; good results achieved by both groups. Thirty-five Bostons escorted by Typhoons and Spitfires make low-level attack during evening on steel and engineering works at Denain (near Valenciennes) scoring many hits</u>	<u>Russia:</u> Germans announce that Red Army, after much artillery preparation, launches offensive in Izyum sector. Heavy fighting continues in Kharkov area where strong Axis counterattacks are stopping Russian advance. Soviet troops advance on Bryansk from NE, E, and SE, capturing Zhizdra and many smaller towns. Russian offensive in Smolensk area continues; Soviets occupy Tserkovschina, Lyubun, Leskovka, and Digirevo although enemy denies that Red Army makes any progress. Berlin again reports unsuccessful Red Army attacks in Lake Ladoga sector. Soviet troop concentrations in central Donets and SW of Belgorod heavily attacked by the Luftwaffe. Night of 16/17 Soviet planes bomb Slavyansk and Barvenkovo, SE of Kharkov, and Bryansk and Roslavl; trains, ammunition and fuel dumps blown up. Axis airfields and troop concentrations SW of Kharkov also successfully attacked.	<u>Sicily:</u> Third Div advances from Spadafora to Divieto and turns SE on road to Messina; patrols enter Messina in the evening. Total of about 50 B-25's, in 2 attacks, bombs concentration of landing craft in Messina harbor and beaches around C. Peloro; large explosion and fires caused at Messina and buildings in Ganzirri damaged. P-40's, in attacks throughout the day, bomb and strafe enemy shipping, scoring hits on several barges and small craft and damaging 3 Siebel ferries. Bostons and Baltimores attack beaches from C. Peloro to Portifatello, thoroughly covering target area; intense AA fire damages several Allied aircraft. <u>Italy:</u> San Nicola and Tortorella airfields at Foggia are target for 157 tons of bombs dropped by 85 B-17's; fields, buildings, landing and dispersal areas damaged and several large fires started; a strong force of 75-100 Axis planes opposes attack; of these 43 are shot down, 7 probably, and 5 damaged; 7 bombers fail to return. Bridges at Staletti bombed by 28 escorted B-25's; roads and RR only hit. Twenty escorted B-26's attack temporary bridge at Angitola, scoring hits on N end. During night Bagnara and Palmi bombed by 6 Bostons on armed rcn; several fires result in target areas. Forty-nine Wellingtons dispatched during night to bomb Viterbo airdrome; 34 attack objective, damaging hangars and landing ground and starting fires; the remainder drop their bombs on Grosseto, Tarquinia, and Elba; 1 Wellington destroyed and 1 missing. Beaches from Maratea to Palmi attacked by 40 Wellingtons in night raid; many fires started and several small vessels hit. Turin is objective for well concentrated night attack by 154 heavy bombers from bases in England; 208 tons of bombs dropped, resulting in numerous fires; Fiat aircraft engine works also attacked; 4 bombers fail to return.

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<p><u>Mediterranean:</u> SS Empire Kestrel (British cargo ship, 2,689 tons) sunk by aircraft at 37-10 N, 04-35 E.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> B-25's attack Sagaing, Ywataung, and Chaunggu. Rolling stock at Sagaing is destroyed and a large explosion is seen between buildings near sidings. Shore installations are also hit and possible damage is done to several small river boats. RR tracks at Ywataung are demolished and probable damage is done to rolling stock. At Chaunggu huge secondary explosions mark the bombing of the RR yards. Further attacks are made on Nyaungbinwun, Alon and Wunbye by 9 B-25's. Direct hits are scored on RR yards at Nyaungbinwun by 3 B-25's, while 3 more damage a lumber mill and warehouses at Alon. An unsuccessful raid is made on Wunbye by 3 B-25's. Five B-24's sight enemy convoy of 4 merchant vessels with 2 escorts heading toward Rangoon, 10 miles S of Elephant Pt. One formation bombs 2 freighters; as a result of many near hits and strafing, 1 ship is caused to list, while another halts in distress. A 2d</p>	<p><u>Ellice Is.:</u> New type Japanese 4-engined flying boat intercepted by Allied patrol plane over Vaitupu I.; in ensuing clash Allied plane is damaged. The new enemy plane is capable of more than 200 knots.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Elements of 25th Div, advancing westward from Zieta, New Georgia I., reach coast near Piru Plantation. Munda receives light artillery fire from hostile batteries on Baanga and other nearby islands. Japanese artillery positions on Baanga I. bombed by 13 TBF's and 17 SBD's and on nearby Karapahtah I., by 19 SBD's. Forty-third Div, engaged in mopping up Baanga I., meets strong enemy resistance.</p> <p>Single B-24 bombs Buka airdrome before dawn, while 9 others, prevented by weather from reaching objective, attack Rekata Bay; fires result at both targets. Vila, Kolombangara I., attacked during afternoon by force of 25 SBD's, 12 TBF's, 5 B-17's, and 12 B-25's, with 16 fighters as cover; hits scored on AA defenses, supply area, and naval depot at Kape Harbor. Same target bombed at night by 2 PBV's on rcn. Rekata Bay, Santa Isabel I., and Haycock I., in Manning Strait, also receive night attacks, by 6 TBF's.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Allied ground forces have gained control of ridge N of Tambu Bay, leaving over 200 counted enemy dead, and surrounded force estimated at 700 Japanese in Mount Tambu-Goodview Junction (S of Komiatum) area.</p> <p>Single B-24 drops 2 half-ton bombs on Voco Pt., Lae, starting fires. Allied transport plane unsuccessfully attacked over Marilinan (Watut R. Valley, W of Lae) by 25 enemy fighters; 15 P-38's and 32 P-47's intercept, destroying 12 enemy planes and probably destroying 2 others; 1 P-47 lost. Japanese airdromes at Wewak, Boram, Dagua, and But attacked in force during night of 16/17 by 37 B-24's and 12 B-17's; explosions and fires result at all targets; 3 Allied planes missing. One bomber of this mission raids Hansa Bay.</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes warns the U.S. against over-confidence. He declares that Great Britain and the U.S. have met and defeated "less than 7% of the enemies' combat divisions in the European area, while 40% has been engaged by Russia."</p> <p><u>U.S.:</u> President Roosevelt issues an executive order empowering the National War Labor Board to withhold dues of unions which refuse to comply with its decisions.</p> <p><u>Norway:</u> General Nicholaus von Falkenhorst, German Military Chief in Norway, signs an official decree ordering the Norwegian officer corps to be sent to Germany as war prisoners, except for those cooperating with the Quisling Government.</p> <p><u>Java:</u> Japan promises Java autonomy.</p>	<p>16</p>

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		Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
16 C'd		<p>(Cont'd) which are followed by fires and explosions. RAF Venturas and Typhoon bombers attack Tricqueville and Amiens airfields, with good results. <u>England:</u> Nine Axis aircraft drop bombs in Thames Estuary and E Kent, at Margate, Broadstairs, and Ramsgate; no serious damage results.</p>		<p>(Cont'd) <u>Greece:</u> One Wellington bombs Preveza harbor; bombs burst between quays and town.</p>

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	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>formation resumes the bombing and strafing and the 2 freighters are reported in a sinking condition. Six enemy fighters intercept the B-25's; 2 enemy aircraft are destroyed, while all our aircraft and crews return safely.</p> <p>RAF Hurricanes on offensive patrol machine-gun Japanese army huts and troops in the Maungdaw and Buthedaung areas and at Sinoh on the Mayu Peninsula. Other aircraft attack loaded supply sampans near Minbya and on the Kaladan R. N of Akyab, destroying 6 and damaging others. In the Kalewa district, Mohawks attack a river steamer and supply dumps at Kongyi with bombs and machine gun fire.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Japanese observation plane followed by 2 waves of 20 aircraft heads for Hengyang; 22 P-40's and 11 P-38's are unable to intercept because of poor visibility. The Japanese, warned by the rcn plane, turn from course and bomb Siangyin, 18 mi. N of Changsha.</p> <p>Four P-40's attack Tengchung, starting fires.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Enemy shipping and oil installations at Balikpapan, Borneo, attacked by 2 B-24's, which set medium tanker in harbor and oil tanks ashore on fire; of 6 intercepting enemy fighters, 4 destroyed, 1 probably and 1 damaged. Langoer, Kei Is., bombed at night by 5 Dutch B-25's, 1 of which also bombs Saumlakki, Tanimbar Is.; results unobserved because of adverse weather. Four RAAF Hudsons carry out night raid on Taberfane, Aroe Is., causing fires and explosions.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> Single enemy plane unsuccessfully attacks Broome. Port Hedland raided at midnight by 1 hostile plane which drops 8 bombs without effect.</p>		<p>16 C'd</p>

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17	<p><u>Germany:</u> On anniversary of 1st attack by U.S. planes against German territory, large forces of B-17's carry out heavy raid on important targets in Germany: 189 drop 425 tons of HE and incendiaries on ball and roller bearing industry at Schweinfurt, scoring many hits on all 3 plants and severely damaging 6 machine shops; large fires result; 147 attack Messerschmitt factory at Regensburg; main workshop buildings and assembly shop damaged; light metal works gutted and main stores set on fire; this force lands at bases in Africa. Force of 276 P-47's escorts bombers part way to objectives and on return trip; strong opposition from enemy fighters encountered; at Schweinfurt, 148 Axis aircraft shot down, 20 probably, and 62 damaged; at Regensburg, 140 destroyed, 19 probably, and 36 damaged; 36 B-17's lost at former and 23 at latter; escort planes destroy 34 Axis aircraft, 6 probably, and damage 3.</p> <p>Peenemunde is target for night attack by 586 RAF bombers, which drop 1,757 tons of HE and incendiaries; experimental station and assembly plant damaged and large fires caused; moderate AA fire and enemy fighters encoun-</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Germans claim repulse of strong attacks by Russian infantry and armored forces in Izyum sector. Heavy fighting continues in Kharkov area where strong enemy forces are determinedly opposing Soviet advance. Red Army units make slight gains in drive on Bryansk; enemy reports repulse of all Soviet attacks in Vyazma area, SW of Bely, and SW of Lake Ladoga. Enemy RR installations on central front bombed during night by Soviet aircraft; bombs dropped on trains and dumps at Bryansk and Roslavl causing fires and explosions. Axis troop concentrations S and W of Kharkov and enemy airdromes also attacked.</p>	<p><u>Aeolian Is.:</u> The islands of Lipari and Stromboli surrender to U.S. naval expedition.</p> <p><u>Sicily:</u> Third Div captures Messina; all organized resistance in Sicily ends. Allied planes attack Axis shipping throughout the day: 105 P-40's, patrolling the area from Messina to Gulf of Gioia, score hits on 12 boats, destroy a larger merchant ship and damage another; 3 barges destroyed; RR tracks at Palmi damaged. Fifty-seven P-40's, on anti-shipping patrol from Messina to Palmi, destroy 2 barges and 2 Siebel ferries, hit RR at Bagnara and stores on beach.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> U.S. warships, attacking the mainland for first time, bombard Gioia and Palmi; heavy explosions result at former. British cruisers bombard Scalea but results are obscured by smoke.</p> <p>Battipaglia RR yards are target for successful raid by 33 escorted B-26's; several fires started among RR installations. Twenty-eight escorted B-26's, attacking temporary bridge at Angitola, destroy N end of bridge. Total of 72 B-25's with escort of 47 P-38's attacks Polermite-Vallefiorita road and Castrovillari, severely damaging RR and highways. RR cars and MT throughout toe of Italy effectively attacked by P-38's; radar station at C. Spartivento machine-gunned. During night force of 48 Wellingtons bombs beaches between Briatico and C. Subero; fires started at Pizzo and Lamezia cause large explosions.</p> <p><u>Greece:</u> Two Wellingtons make night attack on warehouses and shipping in harbor of Syros I.</p>

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Bizerta area bombed during night by over 80 enemy planes; oil fire on land started; 1 LCI sunk; 1 ship strafed; intercepting Beaufighters and AA fire destroy 9 of the attackers.</p> <p><u>Indian Ocean:</u> SS Empire Stanley (British cargo ship, 6,921 tons) torp. and sunk at 27-08 S, 48-15 E.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Six B-25's bomb Meiktila RR; extensive damage to the RR station, the highway to the RR station, rolling stock, and tracks is reported; a RR bridge also damaged and storage facilities repeatedly hit. Possibly Japanese Hq is among these bldgs.</p> <p>RAF Beaufighters on offensive patrol along the Irrawaddy between Magwe and Prome damage about 35 supply sampans and native craft and set fire to an oil storage tank. It is reported that an oil barge set on fire near Kanhla on 14 Aug. is still burning.</p> <p>Hurricanes attack and damage 12 supply sampans in the Mayu, Kaladan, and Kywegu R. areas; 1 sampan is sunk.</p> <p><u>French Indo-China:</u> Nine B-24's attack Japanese troops and supply base at Cau Lo near Hanoi; fragmentation bombs showered over the entire area, destroying more than 28 large buildings. Direct hits also are scored on a motor pool or artillery storage area where 2 fires are started. Enemy casualties undetermined. At Mangshih in western Yunnan 4 P-40's dive-bomb fuel storage dump with all bombs hitting the target. Following the attack, one large fire is observed.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Ground activity on New Georgia I. limited to patrolling by 25th Div. Forty-third Div continues attacks on Japanese on Baanga I.</p> <p>During night enemy planes make frequent attacks on Allied positions in vicinity of Barakoma on Vella Lavella I., causing only slight damage.</p> <p>Four Japanese DD's escorting barges, on southeasterly course, intercepted N of Vella Lavella I. by 4 Allied DD's night of 17/18; during half-hour engagement 2 enemy DD's badly damaged, 1 of which is possibly sunk, and many barges destroyed; 8 attacking enemy floatplanes fail to damage Allied DD's. Two Allied DD's escorting landing craft bombed by enemy planes while withdrawing from Vella Lavella I. at night and 1 small Allied ship is sunk. PT's attack 4 enemy barges off Bairoko Harbor, New Georgia I., with undetermined results.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> B-24 starts fires at C. Gloucester airfield with 4 500-lb. bombs. PBY on night patrol successfully strafes 17 barges off C. Busching.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Following up attack, night of 16/17, on 4 enemy airdromes in the Wewak area, 26 B-25's with 83 P-38's as cover strike same targets, dropping parachute fragmentation bombs from low level and strafing grounded planes; of 204 enemy planes photographed before the raid, 120 believed destroyed or permanently unserviceable and others damaged; Japanese personnel and supply losses heavy; 10 enemy fighters intercept, of which 1 is destroyed and 2 damaged. PBY destroys 3 of 6 enemy barges attacked near Madang and damages others. Hostile barges along Huon Peninsula and SW New Britain attacked by 4 RAAF Beaufighters and 6 A-20's; AA fire destroys 1 A-20.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Nine B-24's attack Balikpapan, Borneo, night of 17/18, concentrating on shipping in harbor and town area; 4 medium AK's destroyed or set on fire by bombing and strafing from masthead height and fires started in town area; intense AA fire damages one plane. Another B-24, failing to reach Balikpapan, bombs Makassar, Celebes. Ossu, Timor; bombed with undetermined results by 3 RAAF Hudsons. Two RAAF Beaufighters strafe lugger off Taberfane, Aroe Is., setting it on fire, while 6 others engage 5 intercepting floatplanes, shooting down 4 and damaging 1.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> Spitfires shoot down 4 enemy rcn planes over Darwin area during the day.</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> President Roosevelt arrives in Quebec for his sixth wartime conference with Prime Minister Churchill.</p> <p><u>U.S.-Brazil:</u> General Gaspar Dutra, Brazilian Minister of War, arrives in Washington for conferences with President Roosevelt and other high ranking officials concerning Brazilian participation in the war.</p> <p><u>Russia:</u> It is reported that the Russian vessels Nagin and Dvina have been seized by Japanese. The Nagin has been released.</p>	17

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17 C'd		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>tered; 40 bombers fail to return.</p> <p>France: Force of 181 B-17's from Mediterranean bases bombs 2 airfields near Marseilles, dropping 25,000 20-lb. fragmentation bombs; at Istres le Tube, hangars and buildings are hit, fires and explosions caused, and area with an estimated 150 parked planes thoroughly covered with bombs; at Salon, large fires are started among dispersed aircraft and in hangar area; total of 2 B-17's destroyed by AA fire.</p> <p>Bryas-Sud airfield attacked with good results by 35 B-26's; accurate, medium AA fire but no enemy fighters encountered. Poix airdrome also bombed by B-26's. RR yards at Calais are target for force of B-25's; airfield at Lille bombed by RAF Typhoons.</p> <p>Holland: RAF Typhoon bombers attack airfield at Woensdrecht.</p> <p>England: About 30 Axis bombers make scattered attacks on 26 localities in E and SE England; minor damage inflicted; 8 planes shot down, 2 probably, and 1 damaged.</p>		

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18	<p><u>Holland:</u> Woensdrecht airfield bombed by 28 escorted B-26's; fair results achieved.</p> <p><u>France:</u> Airfield near Armentieres attacked by 22 B-26's; results unobserved. Thirty-six B-26's with Spitfire escort attack airdrome near Lille, with unobserved results; moderate to intense AA fire damages 23 planes.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Germans announce renewed Soviet attack on Mius front N of Kuibyshevo and claim repulse of Soviet attempts to advance at Izyum. Despite strong resistance, Red Army forces in Kharkov sector advance NE and SE of the city, moving SE of Chuguyev to capture Zmiev, and between Akhtyrka and Poltava to seize Oposhnya. Forces on Belgorod-Sumy RR reach point about 9 mi. from latter. Soviet troops pushing toward Bryansk from the NE make gains, capturing point only 9 mi. from latter. Moscow claims repulse of an Axis counterattack SW of Spas Demensk; Berlin reports collapse of Soviet attacks at Staraya Russa and Lake Ladoga.</p>	<p><u>Sardinia:</u> Forty-five P-40's, 29 of them with bombs, attack Gormeza area, bombing RR's and a factory; a small naval vessel is strafed and left burning.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Bridges at Angitola are target for force of 36 B-25's with P-38 escort; both ends of RR bridge hit. Thirty-six escorted B-26's bomb road and RR at Ponte di Staletti. RR communications at Soverato attacked by 24 bomb-carrying P-38's with fighter escort; RR station, bridges, and yards hit. B-25's and P-38's, on sweep against shipping in Gulf of Euphemia, destroy medium-sized merchant ship off Pizzo. Kittyhawks, A-36's, and P-40's attack transport and communications in toe of Italy; several MT destroyed, trains near Scilla strafed, and fires started along roads. Night of 18/19 force of 5 B-24's and 11 Halifaxes bombs RR yards at Crotone; many small fires and 4 large fires followed by explosions result; 1 bomber fails to return. Temporary bridge at Angitola successfully bombed during night by 37 Wellingtons.</p>
19	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Continued rcn of Kiska fails to disclose any Japanese. Allied troops land on Segula I. without opposition; complete rcn reveals no signs of Japanese.</p>	<p><u>Holland:</u> Flushing airdrome bombed by 58 escorted B-17's during evening; 132 tons of explosive dropped, with fair results; moderate, accurate AA fire encountered; 1 bomber lost and 23 damaged. Sixty-seven B-17's with P-47 escort bomb Gilze-Rijen airfield with good results despite cloud and haze; active fighter opposition encoun-</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Germans report violent fighting on Mius front and repulse of heavy Soviet attacks near Izyum. Bitter fighting continues in Kharkov area where Red Army units to the SE make slight gains and those to the W report repulse of Nazi counterattack. Soviet troops encounter strong resistance in Bryansk sector where Axis opposition holds attackers</p>	<p><u>Italy:</u> Night of 19/20 U.S. naval force shells enemy positions at Gioia, starting large fires. Foggia RR installations heavily bombed during day and night: 148 B-17's with P-38 escort drop 482 tons, damaging roads, warehouses, gas works, and industrial buildings in the city; considerable AA fire and about 70 Axis planes oppose attack; 34 enemy aircraft shot down, 9 probably, and 4 damaged; 5 Allied bombers and 3 fighters lost and 32 bombers damaged; 175 tons of bombs dropped on same target by 71 B-24's, which damage tracks, bridges, and repair shops, leave numerous RR cars burning, and start several oil fires; 4 of small group of intercepting planes shot down;</p>

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Two waves of enemy aircraft, totalling 66 planes, bomb Bizerta, during night; only slight damage and a few casualties result; intercepting Beau-fighters shoot down 4 of the at-tackers; AA fire destroys 2 more.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Six B-25's bomb enemy controlled river ports of Katha and Bhamo; 2 river boats sunk and others damaged at Katha and hits scored among dock facilities. At Bhamo buildings and port installa-tions repeatedly hit and several fires left burning. B-24's severely dam-age RR yards and storage buildings at Prome.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> North of Munda, New Georgia I., units of 25th Div have cap-tured high ground W of Bairoko and are pushing toward high ground E of the harbor, while elements of 1 battalion have reached point 2,000 yards N of Zieta R. Road construction hampered by unfavorable weather and lack of enough engineers and equipment. New Georgia mainland in vicinity of Munda continues to receive harassing artillery fire from Japanese batteries on nearby islands. Forty-third Div on Baanga I. gains about 400 yards on the right. Eight hostile barges off Vila, Kolom-bangara I., attacked by Allied PT's during early morning. Three B-24's bomb and strafe enemy positions on S coast of Choiseul I. Rekata Bay area is target for 10 500-lb. bombs dropped by single B-24 before dawn. Two F4U's on rcn over Kahili shoot down 2 of 6 Zeros encountered.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Continuing aerial of-fensive against enemy aircraft concen-trated in Wewak area, 9 B-17's, 10 B-24's, and 51 B-25's, with 95 P-38's as escort, heavily attack airdromes at But, Dagua, Boram, and Wewak and shipping at the last; an estimated 78 Japanese planes destroyed, of which 25 are shot down in combat and the remain-der demolished on the ground; 3 AK's set on fire in Wewak Harbor and several barges sunk; Allied losses confined to 2 B-25's and 1 P-38. Hostile barges near Lae bombed by single B-24.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Timor: Fulioro, Lautem, and Koepang raided at night by 3, 1, and 4 Dutch B-25's, respectively; fires started at all targets.</p>	<p><u>Spain:</u> Don Juan, Crown Prince of Spain and pretender to the throne assails General-issimo Francisco Franco because of his refusal to re-store the mon-archy, United Press dispatches disclose.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> In his first radio address as Premier of Italy, Marshall Pietro Badoglio calls on all Sicilians to be loyal to Italy.</p> <p><u>Syria:</u> The new Syrian Parliament elects Shukri Quwatly President of the Syrian Re-public and reelects the nationalist minority deputy, Faris El Khouric, as President of the Chamber. This action is re-garded as an im-portant step toward Syrian in-dependence.</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>.. ..</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> B-25's attack enemy com-munications centers in central Burma. Six B-25's in 2 flights attack Thazi and Nyaungbinwun, bombing RR north of the Thazi yards and 40 RR cars at Nyaungbinwun. In-accurate AA fire is encountered near Myittha and Myinpu. Later, 6 B-25's destroy RR cars, repair sheds, and buildings along the tracks at Thazi.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> On Baanga I., 1 battalion of 43d Div, by-passing enemy resistance, advances 600 yards to the S. An esti-mated 225 Japanese are reported con-centrated at Supato on SW Vella Lavella I.</p> <p>Eight B-25's, operating in pairs and with fighter cover, bomb and sink 100-ft. barge at Kakasa (S coast of Choiseul I.), score direct bomb hits on beached sea truck at Paraso Bay (N Vella La-vella), and strafe 3 barges at Timbala Bay (NW Vella Lavella). Japanese 500-ton AK sighted and attacked near Buka I., by PBY on night patrol; vessel left in sinking condition.</p> <p>During night 4 Allied DD's attack 2 small enemy surface craft near Dovell (N Vella Lavella), sinking 1 with gun-</p>	<p><u>Italy:</u> Two Tri-bunals of Except-ion have been set up in Milan to be-gin trying 1,500 cases of persons charged with con-spiring to over-throw the estab-lished govern-ment, according to Swiss reports.</p> <p><u>France:</u> Spokes-men for the French Committee of National Lib-eration say the Committee will declare war on</p>	<p>19</p>

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20	<p>Holland: Force of B-25's with Spitfire escort bombs enemy planes and a factory at Flushing.</p> <p>France: RR yards at Abbeville are target for successful attack by Bostons with Spitfire escort.</p>	<p>Russia: Nazis claim that strong Soviet attacks on Mius front are repulsed. Red Army forces in Kharkov sector continue to gain, capturing Lebedin, SW of Sumy, and occupying localities W of Zmiev. Axis troops are fiercely resisting these advances and Moscow reports a large-scale tank battle with fresh German reserves, claiming that enemy forces are finally</p>	<p>Italy: Scalea bombarded by 2 French DD's night of 20/21.</p> <p>RR yards at Benevento are target for 36 escorted B-25's; locomotive storage and repair sheds and RR junction hit; of 350 cars, 30 destroyed or severely damaged; escort encounters 15-20 enemy planes, destroying 4 and damaging 2. Fifty B-26's with P-38 escort bomb RR installations at Caserta, causing 2 huge explosions among freight cars; of over 40 intercepting Axis aircraft, 8 shot down; 5 P-38's missing. Thirty-six P-40's, on armed rcn over toe of Italy, damage approaches to 2 bridges and hit RR yards and cars near Siderno Marina; tracks in Locri area also hit. During night 36 Wellingtons drop 61 tons of bombs on Villa Literno RR yards, causing</p>

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	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Seven B-25's attack Myingyan, leaving warehouses in flames, while 2 B-25's attack rail lines at Wuntho, destroying rolling stock. Five P-40's expend fragmentation bombs on villages of Rangse, Hangsen, and Rannu, and strafe enemy columns; bombs hit in target area destroying many buildings and starting large fires; results at Rannu are unreported.</p> <p>RAF Mohawks attack Mawlaik town on the Chindwin R., scoring many hits. Aircraft follow up the bombing with machine gun attacks on buildings and river craft; 4 sampans sunk. On Ramree I. bombs are dropped on Kyaukpyu, where buildings are demolished by direct hits and sampans damaged by machine gun fire.</p> <p>Burma: Twelve P-40's bomb and strafe Lakchang, destroying troop quarters and storage buildings; fires are reported. Six P-40's set fire to large supply building at Shingban. Eight P-40's attack enemy installations S of Kamaing at Seton, starting 3 large fires. Taro is strafed with unobserved results.</p> <p>China: Eight B-25's escorted by 11</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>fire; intermittent attacks by Japanese planes fail to damage DD's.</p> <p>New Britain: B-24 on rcn bombs Japanese camps on Garove and Mundua islands in the Witu group. Four RAAF Beaufighters bomb supply dump near Gasmata, while 2 others strafe barges along S coast.</p> <p>New Guinea: Orohubi and Mount Tambu captured by Allied ground forces; mopping up operations E of Komiatum Ridge in progress. Considerable equipment and 350 enemy graves found.</p> <p>Finschhafen town area bombed by single B-24. Japanese SS shells Allied landing craft off Nassau Bay.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Single B-24's on rcn attack Larat and Saumlakki, Tanimbar Is., Manokwari, Dutch New Guinea, and sink small coastal vessel off Fak Fak, Dutch New Guinea. Enemy lugger off Damar Is. damaged during strafing attack by RAAF Hudson on rcn.</p> <p>Solomon Is.: Units of 43d Div reach S tip of Baanga I.</p> <p>Munda, New Georgia I., lightly and ineffectively raided during early morning by 3 enemy planes. Force of 8 F4U's, covered by 16 others, raids Shortlands area, starting 3 fires and shooting down 1 floatplane, while 8 other F4U's strafe enemy installations along shore at Rekata Bay.</p> <p>At night Allied PT's attack Japanese barges in Kula Gulf at close range, destroying 1 and damaging others; heavy return fire received from shore batteries and barges.</p> <p>New Britain: Enemy barges at Rein Bay strafed by PBY before dawn.</p> <p>New Guinea: Twenty-four B-24's covered by 46 P-38's drop 276 500-lb. bombs on Boram airfield, destroying at</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Japan as soon as the United Nations acknowledge it as custodian of French interests.</p> <p>England-Spain: Sir Samuel Hoare, British Ambassador to Spain, and Generalissimo Francisco Franco confer. Press reports say that Hoare has been instructed to deliver to Franco a stern warning to drop the status of non-belligerency and adopt a truly neutral attitude.</p> <p>Rumania: It is reported that price ceilings on Rumanian oil fixed by the</p>

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21	Russia: Germans claim repulse of Soviet attacks on Mius front; Moscow admits fighting in this area and claims that successful engagements of local importance are being waged. Pressure by Red Army on Kharkov front continues strong but enemy counterattacks to the W of the city check Soviet gains; Russians claim slight advances NW of Kharkov. Nazis are also counterattacking in Bryansk and Spas Demensk sectors; Soviets report repulse of these attacks. Night of 21/22 Soviet planes attack enemy transport in Mius area, bombing RR junctions of Debaltsevo and Plovayskaya; hits scored on several trains; fires and explosions caused. Enemy troop concentrations and equipment SW of Kharkov also bombed.	Italy: Canello RR yards bombed by 52 B-24's, which damage stores depot, station, and factory; many fires started in the yards; 15 bombers, unable to locate Canello, bomb Pomigliano airdrome with unobserved results; entire formation attacked by 50 Axis planes, of which 25 are destroyed and 3 probably for loss of 2 Allied bombers. Sixty-four escorted B-26's drop 125 tons of bombs on Villa Literno RR yards, severely damaging tracks and rolling stock; large explosion caused in center of yards; of 40-50 intercepting planes, 25 shot down, 9 probably, and 11 damaged; 4 B-26's destroyed. Twenty-seven B-17's escorted by 36 P-38's bomb Aversa RR yards; main track cut; warehouses, rolling stock, and gas works damaged. During night 10 Halifaxes and 6 B-24's attack Crotone RR yards; fires in factory area and town result; large fires and explosions caused in yards. Battipaglia RR yards are target for night attack by 63 Wellingtons, which start numerous fires. Fighter bombers attack communications on Bovaino-Bagnara road, destroying 8 MT and damaging 24.

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	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>P-40's bomb the Tien Ho airdrome at Canton, scoring hits on the revetment area W of the runway and SE of the field; 3 flights of Zeros, totalling about 20 aircraft, attempt to intercept; 5 Zeros and probably 3 more are shot down and 1 damaged.</p> <p>Burma: Two P-40's destroy 23 enemy rafts in the Chindwin R. N of Maingkwan with a bombing and strafing attack. Six more P-40's bomb and strafe the town itself, scoring a direct hit on an enemy ration dump. Hsopzup is also strafed, with unobserved results. Four B-24's bomb enemy barracks W of Kyaukpyu on N end of Ramree I.; heavy damage results from 5 direct hits and 2 near misses; some damage inflicted on other installations in the town.</p> <p>RAF Beaufighters on offensive patrol along the Irrawaddy R. shoot up a sizeable number of river craft between Chauk and Mandalay; many damaged and some set on fire; 2 factories near Thayetkon and Nyaung-u damaged by cannon fire; an oil storage tank and buildings near Chauk also attacked</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>least 5 enemy planes on the ground and starting large fires; of 30-35 intercepting enemy fighters, 19 destroyed, 6 probably destroyed, and 3 damaged; 1 B-24 shot down. South bank of Francisco R. bombed and strafed by 6 Bostons.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Two small enemy lugger's off Nila I., Damar Is., bombed by RAAF Hudson on rcn.</p> <p>Solomon Is.: Allied reinforcements arrive at Barakoma, Vella Lavella I., during morning. Landing successfully effected despite 3 enemy air attacks which cause minor damage and some casualties. Allied ground forces occupying S portion of Baanga I. capture 2 5-in. field guns in position to fire on Munda. On New Georgia mainland, Allied patrols move toward SW shore of Bairoko Harbor without opposition. Allied artillery now in vicinity of Zieta.</p> <p>Continuing efforts to clear enemy barges from Vella Lavella area, 8 B-25's covered by 16 fighters strafe barges at Marquana Bay, Doveli, and Paraso Bay (N coast of Vella Lavella I.). Fifty-ft. Japanese barge destroyed by PT's in Beagle Channel.</p> <p>New Guinea: In Salamaua area, Allied ground forces clear portions of Bobdubi-Komiatum track. Strong Japanese positions reported near junction of the track.</p> <p>B-24 drops 4 500-lb. bombs on Logui. But and Dagua airdromes are targets for successful bombing and strafing attack by 18 B-25's escorted by 60 P-38's; 34 enemy planes destroyed or badly damaged on the ground; AA positions silenced; launch and 4 barges destroyed offshore; 36 of about 50 intercepting enemy fighters destroyed and 6 others probably destroyed; 3 P-38's lost. Eleven B-17's drop about 24 tons of bombs on road S of Bogadjim.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Eleven B-24's successfully bomb nickel mines at Pomelaa, Celebes, at noon, setting loading plant and warehouses on fire, and causing further damage throughout target area by strafing; enemy AK/AP damaged in harbor and a transport plane destroyed in the air; 2 of 12 intercepting enemy fighters de-</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Germans have taken much of the sting out of the Ploesti raid as far as the oil companies are concerned.</p> <p>U.S.-Cuba: The State Department announces an agreement to purchase 4,000,000 short tons of Cuban sugar in 1944 for lend-lease needs.</p> <p>U.S.-Canada: The Joint War Aid Committee of the United States and Canada is created to study the problems that arise out of the operations of U.S. lend-lease and Canadian mutual aid programs.</p> <p>U.S.-Russia: Maxim Litvinoff, Russian Ambassador to the U.S., is relieved of his post and Andrei Gromyko named as his successor.</p>	<p>21</p>

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22	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Allied troops complete amphibious phase of Kiska occupation. Other islands in vicinity of Kiska being searched for enemy forces. Allied ground forces make unopposed landing at Gunners Cove, Rat I.</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> Night of 22/23 462 RAF bombers attack I. G. Farben Chemical Works at Leverkusen, dropping 1,700 tons of HE and incendiaries; thick cloud necessitates blind bombing but fires and explosions are reported; 5 bombers missing.</p> <p><u>France:</u> Thirty-six B-26's with Spitfire escort bomb Beaumont-le-Roger airdrome, with good results; heavy AA and automatic weapon fire encountered; of intercepting enemy fighters, 3 destroyed; 1 bomber missing and 5 damaged.</p> <p><u>England:</u> During night about 10 Axis planes operate over Essex, Kent, Norfolk, and East Anglia; no damage or casualties inflicted.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Heavy fighting continues on Mius front; Berlin reports repulse of Soviet attacks at Izyum; Moscow claims gains SW of Voroshilovgrad. Red Army advances NW of Kharkov; W of the city, Axis infantry and tank forces continue heavy counterattacks. Enemy also counterattacks SW of Spas Demensk.</p>	<p><u>Italy:</u> Salerno RR yards are target for 64 escorted B-26's; tracks damaged and RR bridge demolished; bombers attacked by over 50 Axis planes, 26 of which are shot down; 30 more attack escort; 2 of these destroyed. Salerno bombed also during night; 51 Wellingtons drop 92 tons of explosive in well concentrated attack.</p>

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		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>stroyed and 3 others probably destroyed. On Timor, Beaco bombed by 3 RAAF Hudsons and Betano by 2 others. Japanese seaplane base at Taberfane, Aroe Is., bombed by 7 RAAF Beaufighters; lugger sunk and small boat damaged offshore; interception attempted by 5 floatplanes, of which 2 are destroyed and another probably destroyed.</p> <p>Australia: Darwin raided during early morning by 18 Japanese bombers which cause only slight damage.</p>		
	<p>Burma: Six P-40's attack Maing-kwan with fragmentation and regular bombs, starting two fires. Six B-25's attack Meiktila in two flights; results of 1st flight unobserved, but the 2d flight's attack is known to be unsuccessful. Three B-25's score 8 hits on boxcars and tracks at Sagaing. Later 1 B-25 destroys 30-40 railway cars at same target. Five B-24's bomb Monywa, scoring 23 hits among installations and starting large fires. One B-25 bombs river shipping and sheds on Chindwin R. with unobserved results, while 4 same type aircraft bomb RR cars at Ywataung, causing great damage. In Mandalay 3 B-25's score 1 direct hit on a large building and destroy 50-60 cars on RR tracks. Six B-25's bomb Pakokku with unobserved results. Two aircraft are hit by accurate AA fire at Meiktila and 1 at Monywa, but all return safely.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Formation of 30 TBF's and 12 B-25's with fighter escort bombs enemy barge centers at Oula and Supato, SW Vella Lavella I.; targets well covered and many fires started. Eight PT's search coves along S coast of Kolombangara I. for enemy barges; 6 located and attacked in Ringa Cove, but heavy AA fire from shore prevents observation of results; 1 PT badly damaged.</p> <p>New Britain: B-24 drops 4 500-lb. bombs on C. Gloucester airdrome.</p> <p>New Guinea: Komiatum Ridge captured by Allied ground forces, who are now overlooking Salamaua airfield from heights 2 mi. to SW; Salamaua Isthmus heavily shelled by Allied artillery.</p> <p>PBY attacks small enemy AK and 2 barges near Wewak, sinking 1 barge and leaving the other barge and AK beached.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Timor: Dilli town and airdrome bombed before dawn by 7 Dutch B-25's; fires result in target area.</p>	<p>U.S.-Syria: Un-</p>	22

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23	<p><u>NORTH AND LATIN AMERICAN THEATERS</u></p> <p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Completed rcn of Rat I. discloses no Japanese or evidence of their earlier occupation of the island. One Japanese captured at Attu.</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> Berlin is target for heavy night attack by 560 RAF bombers which drop 1,633 tons of HE and incendiaries; entire W part of the city left burning, smoke rising to 20,000 ft.; fires burn several days; strong fighter opposition encountered; 56 bombers lost; 11 Axis planes shot down, 1 probably, and 3 damaged.</p> <p><u>France:</u> Twenty-four escorted B-25's bomb St. Omer; accurate AA fire opposes attack.</p> <p><u>England:</u> Nine Axis planes operate over Norfolk and Suffolk; targets bombed and attacked with machine gun and cannon fire but only slight damage and a few casualties caused; 6 shot down and 2 damaged.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviet forces on Mius front push W and occupy Donetsko Amvrosievka, about 40 mi. SE of Stalino; this cuts the Taganrog-Stalino RR, the last rail line from the former. S of Izyum, heavy fighting continues; Moscow reports slight improvement of Soviet positions in this area and repulse of 8 enemy counterattacks. Red Army divisions capture Kharkov by storm, entering the city from the W, N, and E; enemy forces W of the city continue strong counterattacks. Soviets report local fighting in Spas Demensk sector.</p> <p>Berlin reports heavy Luftwaffe attacks on Russians in Mius and Donets areas and W of Kharkov. Soviet planes make night raids on Debaltsevo, Barvenkovo, and Chistyakovo RR installations and enemy troop concentrations and airdromes W of Kharkov.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Palermo bombed by over 20 Axis planes just before dawn; 2 submarine chasers sunk and a coaster damaged; 4 planes shot down by AA fire and intercepting Beaufighters.</p> <p><u>Sardinia:</u> Forty-seven P-40's make sweep over S Sardinia; bombs burst along RR and among barracks and factory buildings N of Cagliari.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Seventy B-25's escorted by 48 A-36's and 24 P-40's bomb Battipaglia RR yards with good results; Salerno and Montecorvino highways also hit. Twelve B-24's attack Bari RR yards; fires started in the town but observation of results hampered by clouds, smoke, and dust; 2d group, of 16 B-24's, unable to locate target, drops bombs on Bari airdrome, damaging hangar area, field, and RR to the S. In successful night raid, 78 Wellingtons drop over 150 tons of bombs on Bagnoli RR yards, causing 2 large fires and an explosion; a few bombs also dropped on Villa Literno and Ischia I.</p>

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<p>Mediterranean: Enemy aircraft again attack Allied convoy from Great Britain to the Mediterranean; SS Fort Ville Marie (British cargo ship, 7,122 tons) set on fire.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) A formation of Mohawk fighter-bombers attacks Mawlaik, enemy ferry station N of Kalewa; direct hits observed on buildings. Eight B-25's bomb Myingyan; results unobserved.</p> <p>Burma: Seven B-24's bomb Meiktila cantonment area, scoring 29 hits in target area, and destroying a barracks. Subsequently 3 B-25's bomb the Meiktila RR yards with unobserved results. In Pakokku, 7 B-24's score 29 hits on target area, causing heavy damage and starting 2 large fires. The Myitnge bridge is attacked on bombing runs first by 9 B-25's in 3 flights and then by 6 B-24's. In the first wave, the center span of the bridge is severed, and damage is inflicted on approach and tracks. In the second wave, which had as its objective the S approach to the bridge, some damage is done and the 2d span of the bridge is observed to be completely out. Eight B-25's bomb Kyaukse bridge with unobserved results. All aircraft return safely, though slightly damaged by flak.</p> <p>RAF Vengeances</p>	<p>Howland-Baker Is.: PBV sights Japanese 4-engined flying boat in vicinity of Howland-Baker islands; enemy fires once on PBV without effect.</p> <p>Solomon Is.: On New Georgia I., Piru Plantation occupied by elements of 25th Div to point 1,600 yards N of Cutter Pt. after light enemy resistance; Bairoko Harbor shelled by some Allied artillery, although bad roads prevent movement of the bulk into position. Patrols of 43d Div on Baanga I. encountering no resistance.</p> <p>Munda airfield is target for 2 bombs dropped before dawn by 2 enemy planes; 1 F4U-damaged. Allied fighters intercept 2 flights of Japanese planes over Vella Lavella I., shooting down 9 and damaging 2 without loss to themselves. Two B-25's escorted by 2 P-39's strafe tin hut on Wagina I., in the Manning Strait.</p> <p>New Britain: Gasmata targets bombed by 3 RAAF Bostons and strafed by 3 RAAF Beaufighters; supply dump near jetty destroyed.</p> <p>New Guinea: Allied ground forces have crossed the Francisco R. and are consolidating their positions on heights about 2,200 yards W of Salamaua airfield; Japanese offering strong resistance SE of Bobdubi.</p> <p>During early morning 4 U.S. DD's bombard Finschhafen and other targets along Huon Gulf; 540 rounds fired with good results. Finschhafen is also target for bombing and strafing attack by 6 B-25's. Japanese positions in Marawasa area (60 mi. NW of Lae) attacked by 4 B-25's; grass fires observed. Seven B-26's bomb Kela Village near Salamaua, destroying buildings with 48 500-lb. bombs. B-24 bombs enemy village on Rooke I. Two Japanese planes raid Nassau Bay during evening.</p>	<p>U.S.: John L. Lewis warns the country of a new coal crisis if miners are not granted \$1.30 a day wage increase.</p> <p>U.S.: The C.I.O. United Automobile Workers local at the Johnsville, Pa., plant of the Brewster Aeronautical Corporation rejects the National War Labor Board's order to send 4,000 strikers back to work.</p> <p>Russia: A speech by Boris Stein, former Russian Ambassador to Italy, gives possible indication of the official Russian attitude to the Italian situation. He minimizes the Sicilian Campaign, stresses the importance of Russian military successes to the fall of Mussolini, asserts that Italy has not yet eliminated fascism, and ties Badoglio to former supporters of Mussolini.</p>	<p>23</p>

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	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>dive-bomb a village near Buthedaung where Japanese troops are stationed. Bombs are seen to burst on the target and a fire is left burning. In the morning Beaufighters, Hurricanes, and Mohawks attack enemy communications in various parts of Burma. Over 60 supply craft, a 3-ton lorry and 2 other motor vehicles are destroyed or damaged. A Wellington on coastal patrol attacks targets at Sandoway, starting fires.</p> <p>Nicobar Is.: Two B-24's attack a 300-ft. freighter anchored SSE of Nicobar I., scoring 3 direct hits on a number of barges situated near the freighter; 1 is believed to be sunk.</p> <p>China: Twenty-three Japanese aircraft bomb the suburbs of Chungking with target believed to be the arsenal on the Chialing R.; 100 bombs are released, and although AA fire is ineffectual, none hit the target. One Chinese fighter, of a very weak opposition fighter force, is believed to be downed by his own anti-aircraft fire.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>N.E.I.: Seven B-24's bomb Kendari, Celebes, through thick cloud which obscures target and results. Langger and 2 other villages in the Kel Is. raided by total of 5 RAAF Hudsons. Two RAAF Beaufighters and 2 Dutch B-25's attack targets in the Tanimbar Is.</p>		23 C'd

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24	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Complete ground rcn of Buldir I. reveals no evidence of enemy occupation, although a Japanese monoplane is found.</p>	<p><u>France:</u> Aircraft assembly plant and repair depot at Bordeaux is target for 85 B-17's which bombed Regensburg, returning to U.K. bases from North Africa; 144 tons of bombs dropped with fairly good results; AA and fighter opposition slight; of intercepting planes, 7 shot down, 2 probably, and 2 damaged; 3 bombers missing and 42 damaged.</p> <p>Force of 110 B-17's attacks Focke-Wulf repair and storage depot at Villacoublay; 257 tons of bombs dropped, seriously damaging hangars, workshops, and dispersal areas on SW side; moderate AA fire and weak fighter opposition encountered; 1 Axis plane shot down, 2 probably, 1 damaged. Bombers are supported during entire trip by P-47's in relays; of enemy aircraft engaged in combat, 6 destroyed, 1 probably, and 6 damaged. Fauville and Conches air-dromes at Evreux bombed by 42 B-17's with Spitfire escort; hangars, parked aircraft, and dispersal areas hit; 1 bomber fails to return and 9 are damaged.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> SW of Voroshilovgrad and S of Izyum, Soviets continue offensive but strong Axis counterattacks succeed in checking Red Army advance. Soviets claim slight gains W and S of Kharkov; NW of the city, strong Axis counterattacks are slowing the offensive considerably. Germans claim repulse of Red Army attacks S of Zhizdra.</p> <p>Night of 24/25 Soviet aircraft attack RR junctions in Bryansk sector, bombing Unecha and Novozibkov, and Barvenkova, Kharzyzhsk, and Ilovaiskaya, in Mius area; fires and explosions result and Soviets claim 10 trains are left burning. Enemy airfields and troops in Kharkov sector also attacked.</p> <p>Moscow reports sinking of 2 enemy transports, totalling 8,000 tons, a coastal vessel, and a patrol boat in gulfs of Riga and Finland.</p>	<p><u>Italy:</u> Twenty-four A-36's each make simultaneous attacks on Sapri, Castro-villari, and Sibari; at first target, a tunnel blocked and tracks damaged; RR yards and buildings at second hit; an enemy cruiser off Sapri is set on fire. MT near Reggio di Calabria bombed and strafed by force of Kitty-hawks. Five B-24's make night raid on Crotone; hits scored on chemical works cause explosions and numerous fires; bombs also fall in town and RR yards. Forty-eight Wellingtons, in night attack on Torre Annunziata RR yards and steel works, cause 5 large fires.</p> <p><u>Dodecanese Is.:</u> Lindos and harbor at Cos bombed by Wellingtons, with unobserved results.</p>

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.. .. .	<p>Burma: Eight B-25's attack RR yards at Yabin. First flight destroys tanks and 20 railway cars; the other flights miss the targets. Nine B-25's hit Kanbalu RR yards on the main tracks, causing considerable damage. The same formation then attacks the Mu Canal with unsatisfactory results. Eight B-25's hit rail installations at Kanbalu with incendiary clusters; the damage is unreported. The last operation of the day is carried out by 5 B-24's on the installations at Yamethin with unsatisfactory results.</p> <p>RAF Beau-fighters and Hurricanes on offensive patrol sink 13 supply sampans and damage others along the Irrawaddy and lower Chindwin R. Damage is also inflicted on sampans and other craft on the Kalandan R. near Thazi. A few miles E of Meiktila, Beau-fighters attack a locomotive with cannon and machine guns. A formation of Vengeance dive bombers attack a Japanese supply depot at Bagunu, S of Buthedaung, and many bombs are seen to burst on the target.</p> <p>China: Seven B-24's and 6 B-25's, escorted by 8 P-38's and 14 P-40's, attack the Hankow and Wuchang air-ports. The 6 B-25's using both de-</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: On New Georgia I., Allied ground forces in the Bairoko area occupy W shore of Bairoko Harbor and part of the E shore; Enogai force clashes with Japanese at Leland Lagoon, NE of Bairoko. Ground activity on Vella Lavella I. limited to patrolling; 11 Japanese captured in vicinity of Sandfly Bay on W coast.</p> <p>Japanese barge center at Ringa Cove, Kolombangara I., bombed by 26 SED's, 21 TBF's, and 12 B-25's with 24 fighters as escort. Four P-39's strafe Kakasa, Choiseul I., starting 3 fires and sinking 1 and damaging another barge offshore. Japanese planes raid Allied positions at Bairoko 5 times during the day; AA fire destroys 1 hostile float-plane. Fourteen F4U's intercept force of 9 enemy dive bombers and 20 fighters over Vella Lavella I., destroying 2 dive bombers and 9 fighters.</p> <p>New Britain: Wide and Jacquinot Bays and Arawe attacked by single Allied rcn planes.</p> <p>New Guinea: Forward elements of Allied ground forces in Salamaua area consolidate positions 1,400 yards W of the airdrome.</p> <p>Thirty-six B-24's escorted by P-38's drop 124 tons of bombs on Wewak; fires and explosions noted, but other results obscured by clouds; of 12 enemy fighters attempting interception, 1 shot down. Salamaua bombed by 1 B-24 which fails to reach Wewak. Allied positions at Nassau Bay unsuccessfully bombed during evening by 2 enemy planes; AA fire damages attacking aircraft.</p> <p>Tanimbar Is.: Two Dutch B-25's, 2 RAAF Beaufighters, and 1 RAAF Hudson search for enemy barges off Tanimbar Is.; B-25's locate 2 and leave them sinking; remaining planes, failing to discover barges, attack enemy-occupied villages.</p>	<p>Canada: The Quebec Conference between Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt ends.</p>	24

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25	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Lone Japanese captured at Attu.</p>	<p>France: Tricqueville airdrome bombed by 36 B-26's with Spitfire escort; visibility good and crews report very satisfactory results; only weak AA fire and no fighter opposition encountered; 2 bombers damaged. Transformer station near Rouen attacked at same time by 21 escorted B-26's, with good results; negligible opposition encountered. Force of RAF B-25's successfully bombs airfield at</p>	<p>Russia: SW of Voroshilovgrad, Soviet forces progress, despite strong resistance; troops S of Izyum claim capture of several centers of opposition. Red Army units W of Kharkov make substantial gains, recapturing Akhtyrka, which has changed hands several times, and advancing farther W to take Zenkov.</p>	<p>Sicily: Augusta bombed by 8 FW-190's; near misses scored on 2 merchant ships but no damage inflicted on harbor installations.</p> <p>Italy: British cruiser bombards Calabrian coast in afternoon; negligible opposition encountered. Locri bombarded by force of DD's, with unobserved results.</p> <p>Foggia satellite airfields are target for low-level strafing attack by 140 P-38's in morning; 48 grounded planes destroyed and 11 damaged; MT, trains, and communications in the area also attacked; of 16 intercepting Axis aircraft, 1 destroyed; 6 P-38's shot down and 6 missing. Following the P-38's, 28 B-24's bomb the Foggia RR yard blowing up a train and gun battery; of about 15 intercepting planes, 7 destroyed without loss to Allied force. Third attack on Foggia is made by 128</p>

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	<p>(Cont'd) molition and fragmentation bombs, make direct hits on hangars, revetment and dispersal areas, and on other miscellaneous installations in the Wuchang area. Considerable damage is done to these installations and to enemy aircraft on the ground. The 7 B-24's attack the Hankow airdrome, causing extensive damage to many ground installations. On return from this run the B-24's are intercepted and engaged in a 45-minute battle with over 40 Zeros. During the action, the escorting P-40's shoot down 10 Zeros, while B-24's gunners destroy at least 9 enemy aircraft. Two B-24's shot down.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; opacity: 0.5; font-size: 2em; transform: rotate(-15deg);">UNCLASSIFIED</p>	<p style="text-align: center; opacity: 0.5; font-size: 2em; transform: rotate(-15deg);">UNCLASSIFIED</p>	
	<p>Burma: Five B-24's attack Pyawbwe RR, and score 24 hits in the town and 1 hit on a large building which goes up in smoke. Table I. is also bombed, but unsatisfactorily, by 1 B-24. RAF aircraft bomb Taungup where several fires are started in the target area. China: Two waves of bombers attack the harbor area of Hong Kong. In the first wave, 8 B-25's escorted</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: All organized Japanese resistance on New Georgia I. ceases; no resistance encountered by 25th Div occupying Bairoko; about 20 vehicles and considerable quantity of rations abandoned by enemy. Eight small islands between Baanga and Arundel islands occupied by 43d Div without opposition. Six enemy air attacks on Vella Lavella I. during the day result in a few Allied casualties. Formation of SBD's, TBF's, and B-25's drops 11 tons of bombs on Japanese barge hideouts and gun positions W of Vila, Kolombangara I., starting 3 large fires; AA fire slightly damages 1 Allied plane. Rekata Bay, Santa Isabel I., is target for 30 B-24's escorted by 28 fighters; columns of smoke observed after direct hits in target area. Two additional B-24's later bomb Rekata Bay. Two P-40's</p>	<p>U.S.: The War Labor Board by a 8-4 vote rejects an agreement between the United Mine Workers of America and the Illinois Coal Operators Association. The agreement provided for payment of \$1.25 a day to cover travel time portal to portal for the miners and is generally considered a victory for the union. Canada: President Roosevelt addresses the</p>	<p>25</p>

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26	France: Caen airfield is target for 41 tons of ex- plosive dropped by 36 escorted B-26's, with good results; of enemy planes encountered, 2 shot down. Twelve A- 20's with Spitfire escort bomb power station at Guerle- dan.	Russia: Heavy fighting continues on Mius front where Axis forces are determinedly op- posing Soviet ad- vance. Moscow an- nounces repulse of enemy counterat- tacks and slight im- provement of Red Army position SW of Voroshilovgrad and S of Izyum. Hard fighting is tak- ing place W of Kharkov; Soviets	Sardinia: Forty-seven P-40's drop fragmentation bombs in town and har- bor of Carloforte and strafe MT, buildings, and power lines in Guspini area; 3 enemy planes destroyed on the ground. Italy: During night a commando group lands at Bova Marina, on S coast of toe, for rcn; party returns, having taken some prisoners, and reports area undefended. Airdrome at Grazzanise is target for total of 107 B-25's and B-26's escorted by over 50 P-38's; hits scored on re- pair shops and barracks; landing ground cratered; 8 Axis aircraft destroyed on the ground; of intercepting planes, 3

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Mediterranean: Allied convoy attacked by Axis planes off Bone; SS John Bell (U. S. cargo ship, 7,242 tons) and SS Richard Henderson (U.S. cargo ship, 7,194 tons) sunk at 07-15 N, 08-24 E.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>by 6 P-40's hit the Kowloon dock area, causing many fires on the land installations and destroying 1 550-ft. ship. Another ship of same footage is hit directly and a small transport is set afire. In the second wave 7 B-25's escorted by 12 P-40's hit the secondary target of the Taikoo docks with demolition bombs. The attack is unsuccessful. Enemy AA fire is heavy and accurate, but all planes return.</p> <p>Burma: On a sea sweep by 2 B-24's over the Gulf of Martaban, the N end of the runway at Pagoda Pt. landing ground is bombed. RAF fighters on offensive patrol attack enemy river and coastal craft along the Irrawaddy between Prome and Magwe; Beau-fighters damage or sink more than 50</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>with 8 others as cover strafe 3 enemy MTB's off Choiseul I., causing 2 to explode and setting another on fire. Six B-24's with 24 fighters as cover bomb Kahili airfield, using 100-lb. bombs; of 50-60 enemy planes attempting interception, 4 are destroyed.</p> <p>New Ireland: B-24 on rcn sights and bombs Japanese medium AK/AP 60 mi. NW of Mussau I.; vessel left listing badly as result of 2 direct hits and 2 near misses.</p> <p>New Britain: Three attacks on Gasmata targets, including airdrome, dump area, and AA positions, carried out by 4 RAAF Bostons, 3 RAAF Beaufighters, and PBYP on night patrol. Two RAAF Beaufighters strafe Japanese small shipping off Garove I., Witu Is.; 1 patrol boat set on fire.</p> <p>New Guinea: Hansa Bay area attacked 7 times by total of 35 B-24's, 11 B-17's, and 53 B-25's; targets include waterfront and supply areas, gun positions at Condor Pt., bivouac area at Nubia, and shipping in the bay; almost 200 tons of bombs dropped and objectives strafed; small freighter sunk, 2 small cargo vessels badly damaged or sunk, at least 2 luggers destroyed and many others badly damaged or sunk, 6 barges destroyed and numerous others damaged or destroyed; on shore, fuel dumps destroyed and large explosions and fires observed throughout the area. Beach near Finschhafen strafed by PBYP on night rcn.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Timor: Raid on Lautem by 3 RAAF Hudsons results in fires. Total of 6 Dutch B-25's bomb Koepang and Tenau during night; explosions and large fires caused at former.</p> <p>Solomon Is.: Allied 4th Echelon arrives at Barakoma, Vella Lavella I., during morning. Enemy barge hideouts and gun positions W of Vila, Kolombangara I., bombed, for 3d successive day, by 11 B-25's, 26 TBF's, and 29 SBD's with fighter cover; results unobserved. F4U's destroy 2 Japanese barges in Hamberi Cove, Kolombangara I. Seven B-24's bomb Rekata Bay, scoring hits on target area; explosion and fire noted. Two P-40's on shipping search sight and attack a 100-ft. steamer and 3 small craft off N coast of Ganongga I., setting the steamer and 2 of the other craft on fire. In the Bougainville area, 9 B-24's bomb</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Dominion Parliament in Ottawa.</p> <p>France: U.S., Great Britain, Russia, Canada, the Dominican Republic, and Peru recognize the French Committee of National Liberation. The U. S. and Great Britain, in separate statements, recognize the Committee as "administrative authority for French overseas territories," al-</p>	<p>26</p>

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26 C'd			<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>report slight gains. Berlin announces new Soviet push W and SW of Orel but claims that Axis positions are still intact.</p> <p>RR junctions of Kramatorsk and Poltava bombed during night by Soviet planes; fires and explosions result. Enemy troops and equipment SW of Kharkov and enemy airdromes also attacked, with good results.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>shot down for loss of 1 B-26 and 1 P-38. Eighty-two escorted B-17's drop 142 tons of bombs on Capua airdrome, damaging hangars and barracks and destroying 16 grounded aircraft; about 50 Axis planes attempt interception; 8 shot down, 5 probably, and 8 damaged. Road and RR junction at Locri bombed by 24 B-25's; gun positions in Reggio di Calabria area attacked by A-36's. Bagnoli RR yards are target for night attack by 50 Wellingtons, which damage yards, buildings, and iron and steel works; 2 bombers fail to return.</p>

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	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>river craft and attack 2 factory buildings near Thayetmyo. Off Akyab Hurricanes destroy two 80-ft. and 4 smaller barges and sink a number of sampans. Craft along the coast between Akyab and Gwa Bay are also attacked and damaged.</p> <p>China: Five B-25's escorted by 11 P-40's attack the Tien Ho airfield, Canton, with regular and fragmentation bombs. Many direct hits are scored on the hangars, runways, and revetment areas, and the hangars are strafed by 2 P-40's. Twenty-five miles W of Hong Kong, 20 Japanese Lancer fighters intercept the formation. As a result of the running fight, 5 enemy aircraft are shot down, probably 8 more, while only 1 P-40 is downed. The Kowloon Dock area in Hong Kong is again attacked by 15 B-24's escorted by 10 P-38's and 7 P-40's. Many direct hits are made on the Bailey dockyards, the power plant, crane tracks, machine shops, and 2 vessels in drydock. Twenty Zeros intercept the attacking force after it leaves the target, and 5 are shot down, 4 probably destroyed, and 1 damaged; 1 P-40 is forced down but lands in friendly territory.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>3 Japanese DD's NE of Buka; direct hit halts 1 DD which later proceeds at reduced speed. Kahili is target for 15 B-24's escorted by fighters; 15 tons of bombs dropped on runway and shore installations; of 30 enemy fighters attempting interception, B-24's destroy 9 and fighters, 5; 4 Allied planes damaged by heavy AA fire, but all return.</p> <p>New Guinea: In Salamaua area, Allied ground forces clear ambush positions near Kela and attack strong pillbox defenses 1 mi. SE of Bobdubi.</p> <p>Finschhafen, Salamaua Peninsula, and Markham R. road bombed by single Allied heavy bombers on rcn; 2 large explosions result in Salamaua Peninsula area.</p> <p>Aroe Is.: Japanese seaplane base at Taberfane attacked at noon by 7 RAAF Beaufighters; 1 enemy floatplane destroyed on the ground and a large power barge damaged offshore; of 5 floatplanes airborne, 1 probably destroyed and another damaged.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>though they do not acknowledge its authority as the government of France. Russia in a much broader statement of recognition acknowledges it as the "representative of the state interests of the French Republic and leader of all French patriots fighting against Hitlerite tyranny."</p> <p>Germany: Heinrich Himmler, head of the Gestapo, is appointed Interior Minister. This move is regarded as an indication of increasing Nazi concern over German morale.</p>	<p>26 C'd</p>

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27		<p>France: St. Omer is target for 366 tons of 2,000-lb. bombs dropped by 185 B-17's, with good results; moderate, accurate AA fire and mediocre fighter opposition encountered; 8 enemy planes shot down, 4 probably, and 5 damaged; 4 bombers missing; escort provided by 177 P-47's. Thirty-five B-26's with Spitfire escort attack Poix airdrome with fair results; no opposition encountered. Force of 21 escorted B-26's dispatched to attack power station at Rouen; no bombs dropped because of cloud coverage at target; strong fighter opposition encountered and 1 Axis plane shot down, 8 probably, and 5 damaged; 1 bomber fails to return.</p> <p>Germany: Force of 582 RAF heavy bombers drops 1,671 tons, including 319 4,000-lb. bombs, in pulverizing night attack on Nurnberg; widespread fires cover target area; numerous enemy planes oppose attack, of which 5 are shot down, 3 probably, and 1 damaged; 33 bombers fail to return.</p>	<p>Russia: Soviet troops continue attacks on Mius front but are opposed by strong enemy counterattacks. SW of Voroshilovgrad, Red Army units make slight gains, W of Kharkov, Soviet troops advance somewhat; Kotelva, which has changed hands several times, is reoccupied. Red Army units are again on the offensive in the Bryansk sector, which has been quiet for several days; although Germans claim repulse of the Russian attacks SW from Orel, Moscow announces capture of Sevsk, after heavy artillery bombardment.</p> <p>Night of 27/28 Poltava, Volnovakha and Roslavl bombed by Soviet aircraft; several enemy trains destroyed; fires and explosions caused. Enemy airdromes also attacked during night; parked aircraft set on fire and explosions caused.</p>	<p>Italy: Five commando parties landed during night for recon purposes; some prisoners captured.</p> <p>Railways and communications are targets for continued attacks by Allied planes. Sixty B-17's with P-38 escort bomb Sulmona marshalling yards, inflicting severe damage on tracks, locomotives, and industrial buildings; 3 violent explosions caused; 20 enemy planes shot down for loss of 1 Allied bomber. Benevento RR yards bombed by 64 B-25's escorted by 46 P-38's; main track cut, and entire yard covered with bombs; of 40-50 intercepting planes, 16 shot down; 3 B-25's destroyed. Fifty escorted B-26's attack Caserta, starting several fires. Salerno RR yards are target for night attack by 45 Wellingtons, which score hits near station and repair shops; 2 fires result. Catanzaro rail and road junction attacked by 48 light and medium bombers. Eighteen A-20's attack gun positions in Reggio di Calabria area; A-36's bomb RR communications at Sibari, Paola, and Cetraro. Night of 27/28 12 Halifaxes and 4 B-24's bomb marshalling yards at Crotone; fires started in town, near chemical works, and in yards.</p>

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<p><u>Algeria:</u> Between 30 and 40 Axis aircraft make dawn attack on Algiers; 3 destroyed.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Seven B-24's bomb the Thazi RR yards, leaving the entire area covered with smoke and dust. The yards, track-age, and right of way to the N of the station are badly damaged. Later the same target is hit by 9 B-25's attacking in 3 flights. Six RR cars and buildings to the NE and W of the yards are destroyed. Following up these 2 attacks, 8 B-25's score hits on the S end of the engine sheds, on spurs, and along the W side of the main tracks.</p> <p>RAF Hurricanes on offensive patrol attack a large concentration of river craft on the Ir-rawaddy near Pakokku, sinking or damaging at least 26. Vengeances dive-bomb an enemy position on the Kaladan R.</p> <p>Eleven P-40's in 2 flights strafe targets in Yochow, firing a gunboat, 3 small steamboats, 2 railroad cars, 6 troop trucks in a convoy, and damaging 15 more trucks. One P-40 does not return.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Allied troops land on Arundel I., in the New Georgia group, without opposition. On Vella Lavella I., U.S. Marine AA gunners claim destruction of 10 enemy planes and probable destruction of 12 others since Allied landing on the island.</p> <p>Twelve B-25's escorted by 16 fighters bomb and strafe Kakasa, Choiseul I., setting 2 barges on fire and starting fires on shore. P-39's strafe houses on E and NE Gizo I., barge hideouts at Ringa Cove, Kolombangara I., and enemy positions in Sigolohe I. area, off NW coast of Santa Isabel I. During night Japanese planes unsuccessfully bomb and strafe U.S. PT's for 2 hours in waters SE of Ganongga I.</p> <p><u>New Hanover:</u> B-24 scores 2 near misses with 500-lb. bombs on small enemy AK off New Hanover I.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> In Jacquinot Bay area, ammunition dump and barges attacked by single B-24. Five RAAF Beaufighters operate against Japanese small shipping near Garove I., Witu Is., destroying a launch, a 40-ton vessel, and a patrol boat and damaging other small craft.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> In the Bogadjim area, bridges over Mindjim and Gori rivers bombed by 8 B-25's; 3 hits scored on the latter. Single B-24 drops 2 500-lb. bombs on Finschhafen. To S of Finschhafen, 6 A-20's attack Japanese barges in Langemak Bay. Four 500-lb. bombs dropped in Lae area by single B-24.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Timor: Atamboea is target for night raid by 5 RAAF Hudsons which start fires; another Hudson, failing to reach objective, bombs Dilli. Dilli also raided at night by 6 B-25's, while a 7th bombs C. Chater; large fires result at both targets.</p>	<p><u>U.S.-Iceland:</u> A reciprocal trade agreement has been concluded between Iceland and the United States, the State Department announces.</p> <p><u>France:</u> Bolivia, Brazil, China, and Nicaragua recognize the French Committee of National Liberation.</p> <p><u>New Zealand:</u> Mrs. Roosevelt arrives in New Zealand to begin a tour of U.S. military hospitals.</p>	<p>127</p>

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28	NORTH AND LATIN AMERICAN THEATERS		<p><u>Russia:</u> Russians report successful operations SW of Voroshilovgrad. Heavy fighting continues in Kharkov sector where Soviet forces claim to have repulsed all Axis counterattacks and improved their own positions. Troops in Bryansk area push a few mi. W of Sevsk.</p> <p>Moscow announces sinking of 6,000-ton enemy transport in Barents Sea.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Augusta bombed by 12 Axis aircraft during morning; 1 LCT outside the harbor slightly damaged.</p> <p><u>Sardinia:</u> Forty-four P-40's, on sweep over Sardinia, drop fragmentation bombs on buildings at Flumina Maggiore; of 26 enemy planes encountered, 6 shot down, 4 probably, and 2 damaged for loss of 1 P-40.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> British cruiser and DD bombard enemy positions near C. Pellaro; no effective opposition encountered.</p> <p>Allied planes continue to pound Axis RR installations and communications. Marshalling yards at Terni are target for successful attack by 76 escorted B-17's which damage tracks, rolling stock, freight sheds, gas works, transformer, and royal arsenal; 6 of intercepting Axis aircraft shot down and 1 damaged; 1 P-38 lost. Forty-six B-25's with fighter escort attack Cancellor causing 2 explosions and fires; 15 enemy planes oppose Allied force; 3 of these shot down. Aversa marshalling yards severely damaged by 74 B-26's escorted by 47 P-38's; tracks at N and S ends of yards cut; of 30 enemy planes encountered, 10 shot down, 4 probably, and 12 damaged. Two B-25's shell installations on Vonototene I., causing a large explosion. Lamezia bombed by force of 12 Bostons and 36 Baltimores with good results; Catanzaro attacked by 48 B-25's; RR yards, tracks, and bridges at Castrovillari, Cosenza, and Catanzaro damaged by 72 A-36's. Taranto RR yards bombed twice: 39 B-24's hit main station and a cruiser in the harbor and cause explosions in siding and repair shop area; 49 Wellingtons during night score hits in vicinity of repair shops and power house. Six Bostons start fires in night raid on gun positions at San Giovanni.</p>
29			<p><u>Russia:</u> Russians report progress SW of Voroshilovgrad; Berlin announces evacuation by German troops of Taganrog. In Kharkov sector, Red Army forces advance SW of Zmiev and W of Kharkov, where they</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Catania bombed by small group of enemy planes; only slight damage results. Augusta is target for over 30 Axis aircraft during night; 3 of the attackers shot down.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Marshalling yards at Orte are target for 39 escorted B-17's, which hit station, rolling stock, and entrance to yards and destroy train sheds; of 30 enemy planes opposing attack, 1 is shot down, 4 probably, and 7 damaged.</p>

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.. .. .	<p>Burma: Seven B-25's drop fragmentary clusters on Akyab, scoring hits on buildings in Millionaire Square, E of Muslim Mosueu, and on AA emplacements. Many fires are started; later Akyab is again attacked by 9 B-25's in 3 flights. Fires are started in Millionaire Square, in numerous AA emplacements, and in buildings SW of Millionaire Square. This medium bomber attack is followed up with 3 successive raids by heavy bombers: 6 B-24's score 3 direct hits on the Akyab normal school starting fires visible for 50 miles; 7 B-24's bomb N of target in town, causing fires and small explosions; 7 B-24's hit Akyab with fused bombs, but clouds and smoke prevent accurate observation.</p> <p>A formation of RAF Wellingtons also bombs Akyab; all bombs hit the target area. Fires started earlier by U.S. Air Force are still burning in the center of the town.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: No resistance encountered by U.S. patrols advancing inland on Arundel I., but evidence of previous Japanese occupation noted.</p> <p>Early in the morning B-24 on rcn bombs and hits small Japanese AK off Faisi. Kahili airfield strafed at dawn by 1 F4U covered by 2 others; explosions and large fires result and 8 grounded planes set on fire. Twelve B-25's escorted by 16 fighters bomb barges and shore targets in Sigolohe area, NW of Santa Isabel I., from 100-ft. altitude and strafe the area; 4 barges destroyed. At night 3 B-25's on rcn drop a few bombs on Rekata Bay, an enemy vessel off Vella Lavella I., and Kabukeai I., W of Shortland.</p> <p>New Ireland: B-24 bombs Japanese AK off Mussau I., damaging it with 2 near misses. Allied rcn plane bombs and strafes PG or PC at 00-06 S, 151-15 E; near misses cause vessel to list and reduce speed. Another Allied rcn plane engages and destroys Japanese 4-engined bomber at 00-20 N, 152-15 E.</p> <p>New Guinea: Allied ground forces repulse enemy attacks W of Salamaua airfield.</p> <p>Hansa Bay shipping and shore installations attacked by 27 B-25's which drop approximately 25 tons of bombs and strafe the area; small AK set on fire, 9 luggers, 8 barges, and 1 power launch destroyed and other small craft damaged; large fires started in fuel and ammunition dumps; AA fire destroys 1 B-25. Thirteen B-17's drop 29 tons of bombs on Lae waterfront; 3 jetties destroyed, ammunition dumps set on fire, and a number of barges destroyed. Samoa Harbor, Salamaua, bombed and strafed by 6 A-20's; results chiefly unobserved, but destruction of 1 barge noted. Six camouflaged barges off Long I. bombed and strafed by single B-24. P-39 shoots down enemy rcn bomber E of Woodlark I. During evening Japanese planes bomb Nassau Bay.</p>	<p>Denmark: In view of the repeated outbreak of sabotage in Denmark, the Nazis demand complete control of the country. At King Christian's behest, the Danish Cabinet rejects this demand.</p> <p>France: New Zealand recognizes the French Committee of National Liberation.</p> <p>Bulgaria: King Boris of Bulgaria dies. Although his death is officially attributed to natural causes assassination rumors persist.</p>	28
.. .. .	<p>Burma: Five B-24's make attacks in N Burma: 2 B-24's hit NW end of Monywa, starting fires and causing heavy damage; 1 B-24 scores direct hits on large warehouses at Kaluda with excellent</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Allied troops on Arundel I. consolidating positions; 1 Japanese killed. Beached enemy barge containing 12 dead Japanese discovered on S shore of Vella Lavella I. Japanese large calibre gun at Vila, Kolombangara I., fires on Allied barges.</p> <p>NE of Vella Lavella, small enemy steam vessel and 2 barges set on fire by F4U's. During night U.S. PT's sink hostile barge N of Vella Lavella and</p>	<p>U.S.-Germany: Germany has been officially warned by the U.S. that instigators and perpetrators of crimes against civilian populations of occupied countries will be punished.</p>	29

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30	Germany: Night of 30/31 588 RAF bombers attack objectives in the Rhineland, dropping 2,272 tons of HE and incendiaries on Muenchen-Gladbach and Rheydt; bombing is somewhat scattered but moderate fires are started; heavy, accurate AA fire and active fighter opposition encountered; 9 enemy	Russia: Red Army offensive along the Mius R., having turned S, reaches the Sea of Azov at Veselo-Voznesenska 28 mi. W of Taganrog; Taganrog town and harbor captured and the trapped enemy forces are being wiped out. RR junction of Kutelnikovo, NW of Taganrog, is also occupied S and SW of Khar'kov, Soviet troops	Sicily: Augusta unsuccessfully attacked by small number of enemy fighter bombers during daylight. Sardinia: Forty-eight P-40's bomb bridge at Decimomannu and strafe radar station at Pula. Italy: Thirty-five escorted B-17's attack Viterbo airdrome; 3 hangars hit, administrative and control buildings strafed, aircraft destroyed on the ground; 2 of the intercepting planes shot down. Aversa RR yards successfully bombed by 19 B-26's with P-38 escort; explosions and fires result; attack opposed by 70-75 Axis planes, 17 of which are shot down, 4 probably, and 12 damaged. Lamezia, Sapri, and

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	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>results; 1 B-24 bombs Toungoo with unobserved results. Myitkyina RR yards are attacked by 9 B-25's in 3 flights, which destroy many tracks and 40 cars. Later it is hit by 6 B-24's which damage buildings W of the target with demolition bombs. A single B-24 bombs barracks at Kyaukpyu on Ramree I. with excellent results.</p> <p>RAF fighters on offensive patrol along the Irrawaddy and over Hunters Bay sink more than 60 loaded sampans, damaging many others, and 1 river steamer; at Kaungin on the lower Irrawaddy railway buildings are set on fire.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> RAF fighters and dive bombers attack enemy communications and troop positions; Beau-fighters damage 9 river steamers on the Irrawaddy between Pakokku and Mandalay, leaving 3 of them afire; Hurricanes attack 100 river craft near Pagan, severely damaging a large</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>damage 2 off N Kolombangara. Enemy barge hideouts W of Vila strafed by F4U's; 2 barges set on fire and another damaged. Allied search plane engages Japanese medium bomber W of New Georgia I.; both planes damaged in combat. In the Bougainville area, B-24 on rcn bombs enemy vessel 12 mi. N of Kieta with undetermined results. PBV attacks DD and CL W of Buka during early morning, damaging the latter with hit or near miss and possibly damaging the DD.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Gasmata supply areas bombed by 5 RAAF A-20's which hit a gun emplacement. Six RAAF Beau-fighters destroy 2 Japanese barges during sweep along S coast.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Japanese positions SE of Bobdubi attacked by Allied troops; pill-boxes destroyed and heavy casualties inflicted on the enemy.</p> <p>Force of 35 B-24's, with 44 P-38's as escort, drops 113 tons of bombs on We-wak and Boram airdromes in morning attack, causing large explosions and fires in dispersal areas; a number of grounded aircraft destroyed; interception attempted by large groups of enemy fighters, of which 25 are shot down, 12 probably destroyed, and 17 damaged for loss of 1 B-24. Alexishafen and Bogadjim areas are targets for 45 B-25's which drop 52 tons of bombs and heavily strafe targets; buildings, fuel dumps, and barges destroyed. Bridges S of Bogadjim bombed by 2 B-17's.</p> <p>In Dutch New Guinea. Babo bombed during daylight by 9 B-24's; grounded plane set on fire and 2 large fires started in building area; an additional B-24 fails to reach Babo and bombs alternate target, Moloe I., Tanimbar Is.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Allied troops continue to advance on Arundel I. without opposition. Considerable enemy activity reported along NE coast of Vella Lavella I.; force of 220 Japanese reported at Simbilando.</p> <p>In early morning hours 2 B-24's on rcn sight and attack 5 enemy vessels N of Bougainville Strait, 1 of them. Kahili airdrome bombed during afternoon by 24 B-24's escorted by 44 fighters; 660 120-lb. fragmentation clusters dropped with unobserved results; attack opposed by heavy AA fire and 50-60 enemy planes; during attack and running battle to Ganongga I., Allied</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p><u>Denmark:</u> Twenty Danish ships are scuttled in Copenhagen Harbor. The Germans have decreed martial law in Denmark. Premier Eric Scavenius is arrested, the king interned, and a roundup of Jews begun.</p> <p><u>France:</u> Ecuador recognizes the French Committee of National Liberation.</p> <p><u>U.S.:</u> Secretary of State Cordell Hull assails those who maintain that the State Department is anti-Russian.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Berne reports that Count Galeazzo Ciano, former Foreign Minister of Italy under Mussolini, has been arrested.</p> <p><u>France:</u> Guatemala recognizes</p>	<p>30</p>

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	30 C'd	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>planes shot down; 25 bombers lost.</p> <p>France: St. Omer bombed by 24 B-25's, 34 B-26's, and 16 Venturas with Spitfire escort; 96 tons of explosive dropped; 1 B-25 missing. Forty-five RAF planes make night attack on St. Omer; no opposition encountered; several fires started; 2 Wellingtons missing.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>continue offensive, claiming slight gains despite strong Axis resistance. Red Army forces SW of Orel make substantial gains: S of Sevsk, troops break through Axis lines to capture Rylsk; Bryansk-Sumy RR is crossed and Glukhov captured. Soviet forces in Smolensk sector smash through enemy defenses to capture Yelnya, on Smolensk-Sukhinichi RR and several towns and villages between Vyazma and Smolensk.</p> <p>Kara Sea: SS Dikson (Russian cargo ship, 2,900 tons) and SS Tbilisi (Russian cargo ship, 7,169 tons) torp. and sunk.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Pellaro successfully bombed by A-36's; Paola attacked by Bostons, and Catanzaro by total of 45 escorted B-25's and Baltimores. Sixty B-25's with P-38 escort bomb RR yards at Civitavecchia, completely covering target area. Civitavecchia also bombed during night; 47 Wellingtons cause considerable damage.</p>

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	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>proportion of them; farther S Beau-fighters shoot up many boats near Kanaung and damage 4 barges and 2 factories at Myanaung; 1 factory is left on fire; in Arakan, a formation of Vengeances dive-bomb enemy troop positions at Maung-daw, scoring direct hits on the target; at Inglin rolling stock and locomotives are heavily attacked and at Kyangin 2 factories are left in flames.</p> <p>China: Four P-38's and 4 P-40's hit rail and river objectives between Yuchow and Sienning; the 4 P-38's strafe the railroad station and warehouses at Sintien-chen, the RR station at Yunglowtung and Changanyi, and bomb an engine at Sintien-chen, another at Yunglowtung, and the station and warehouses at Changanyi; the 4 P-40's strafe a locomotive S of Puchi and the RR stations at Sienning and Tingszekiao; the latter explodes; 1 P-40 and 2 P-38's are slightly damaged. Seven B-25's escorted by 4 fighters bomb Owchihkow. Later in the day Owchihkow is again the target for an attack by 3 B-25's and 7 P-40's. Hits are scored in the center of the town, starting several fires, 2 with heavy black smoke indicating oil storage hits. The P-40's go</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>planes shoot down 36 enemy planes; 1 B-24, 2 P-39's, 1 P-40, and 1 F4U missing. Rekata Bay bombed by 2 additional B-24's which fail to reach Kahili; no AA fire encountered. Near Santa Isabel I. F4U attacks and destroys an enemy fighter.</p> <p>New Ireland: B-24 bombs enemy AK/AP 235 mi. NE of Mussau I., scoring near miss on it.</p> <p>New Britain: Nine B-26's drop 25 half-ton bombs on C. Gloucester air-drome, destroying or damaging 5 grounded planes. Nine B-25's sweeping NW coast bomb and strafe 9 beached barges, scoring 2 hits, and strafe coastal villages.</p> <p>New Guinea: Dagua and But airdromes in the Wewak area and Tadji runway (7 mi. SE of Aitape) bombed by total of 27 B-24's escorted by fighters; 17 of the planes drop about 57 tons of bombs on Dagua, setting 9 planes on fire and damaging others, destroying fuel dump, and causing large fires and explosions; remaining planes drop total of 35 tons of bombs on But and Tadji; 3 large fires, probably burning aircraft, result at the former; results at Tadji unobserved. Six A-20's attack 5 camouflaged barges in Mape R., setting 3 on fire and damaging the others. During week ending Aug. 30, U.S. PT's on night patrol along S coast of Huon Peninsula sink 10 enemy barges and probably destroy 2 others.</p> <p>Aroe Is.: Six RAAF Beaufighters raid Taberfane; 1 of 7 airborne enemy float-planes destroyed and 2 others damaged; same force sets 100-ton vessel off the coast on fire; 1 Beaufighter missing.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>the French Committee of National Liberation.</p>	<p>30 C'd</p>

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31	<p><u>Germany:</u> During night 621 RAF bombers dispatched to Berlin; 1,359 tons, including 268 4,000-lb. bombs, of HE and incendiaries dropped, causing concentrated fires; Axis aircraft active in opposing attack; 4 shot down; 47 bombers fail to return.</p> <p><u>France:</u> Mazin-garbe power station and chemical works are target for 36 escorted B-26's; 41 tons dropped with fair results; weak AA fire and no fighter opposition encountered. Simultaneously, 36 escorted B-26's make successful attack on airdrome at Lille; no enemy planes offer opposition but moderate to intense AA fire destroys 1 bomber and damages 8. RAF Typhoons and Mitchells bomb airfield near St. Pol. Amiens airdrome damaged as result of attack by 105 B-17's with P-47 escort; of in-</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Germans report unsuccessful Soviet attacks on the Kuban bridgehead. On the lower Mius front, Soviet forces continue liquidation of encircled Axis forces in Taganrog area. Red Army offensive on central front makes gains, advancing in Glukhov area, where several towns are captured, and in Smolensk area; Dorogobuzh, on Smolensk-Vyazma RR is occupied.</p>	<p><u>Italy:</u> British BB's, Nelson and Rodney, bombard coastal defenses NE of Reggio di Calabria; at least 1 gun knocked out, and large fires started in target area. Same BB's with a light cruiser and 9 DD's shell batteries in C. Pellaro area.</p> <p>Marshalling yards at Pisa are target for 152 B-17's which drop 454 tons of bombs, damaging aircraft factory, RR shops, and gas-works; of 25 enemy planes encountered, 6 shot down. Cosenza RR installations bombed by 48 B-25's; large fire and several explosions result. Cosenza marshalling yards are also target for 4 missions, totalling 48 light bombers. Forty-five B-24's attack Pisa marshalling yards, hitting station, bridge, yards, and engine sheds and causing explosions and fires. A-36's attack RR and sea-plane base at Sapri and RR yards and harbor at Cetraro; 4 missions of 12 light bombers each carried out against Catanzaro. During night, force of 46 Wellingtons bombs Salerno RR yards, causing violent explosion; 1 bomber missing. Night raid carried out against Grottaglie airdrome by B-24's and Halifaxes, which cover field with bombs.</p>

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31 C'd	NORTH AND LATIN AMERICAN THEATERS	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>intercepting Axis planes, 5 destroyed, 1 probably, and 3 damaged; 1 bomber lost and 31 damaged. Forty-one RAF planes make night raid on ammunition dumps at Foret de Hesdin, near St. Omer; several explosions caused; no opposition encountered.</p> <p>England: About 6 Axis planes operate over East Anglia during night; anti-personnel bombs dropped.</p>		

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	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>P-40's raid a new enemy airfield at Ichang on the Upper Yangtze with fragmentary clusters and a strafing attack, damaging many buildings and hitting fuel storage tanks. Three P-40's dive-bomb a ship near Stonecutters' I. off Hong Kong, scoring a direct hit, and strafe a smaller boat, blowing up the boiler; both ships are left sinking. Striking at targets S of Hankow, 4 P-38's score direct hits on the Yoyang station and yards, destroying the station. After 1 P-38 is shot down and the pilot killed, the other 3 move on to Senti, destroying 1 warehouse and damaging others, then to Changyi firing 5 box cars.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>B-24's which raided Sorong and Kokas. Four RAAF Hudsons bomb Taberfane, Aroe Is., and 3 others bomb Langgoer, Kei Is.; explosions and fires result at both targets.</p>		<p>31 C'd</p>