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1 .. .. .	<p>Low Countries: Ten A-20's attack RR centers N of Antwerp, encountering light flak and no enemy fighter opposition. Two trawlers, a flak ship, and 2 barges off coast of Holland damaged by RAF fighters.</p>	<p>Russia: Moscow announces that liquidation of German troops surrounded at Taganrog is completed. Red Army forces in Donets Basin advance, capturing Krasny Luch and Shterovk. S of Bryansk, Soviet troops move along Kharkov-Bryansk RR and occupy Komarichi; Russians report repulse of enemy counter-attacks W of Sevsk. SAF during night bombs RR junctions of Konotop, Debaltsevo, Vorozhba, Yasinovtaya, and Ignatyev, causing large fires and explosions; enemy troops near Smolensk and W and SW of Kharkov also attacked. German aircraft attack Soviet troops SW of Vyazma.</p>	<p>Sardinia: Forty-eight P-40's bomb and strafe zinc works and damage a factory at Iglesias. Italy: Total of 36 Baltimores, 66 A-20's, 12 Bostons, and 72 B-25's with escort of about 120 Spitfires carry out 13 missions against communications in the toe of Italy; targets attacked at Sinopoli, Salino, Leggambaria, Bova Marina, C. Spartivento, and Oliveta. Night of 1/2 Aversa bombed by 39 Wellingtons, with good results. Force of 57 Mustangs attacks RR communications in S Italy, at Lamezia, Catanzaro, and Sapri.</p>	

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<p>Burma: Twelve B-25's in 3 flights bomb the Monywa and Hsipaw RR installations in central Burma: at Monywa, several buildings along the W side of the RR yards are destroyed, while at Hsipaw hits scored on the tracks cause a landslide. To the S the important river and rail junction of Mandalay is target for an attack first by B-24's and then by 2 B-25's. At Sagaing, to the SW of Mandalay, storage buildings are bombed by 8 B-25's, probably starting gasoline fires; 1 aircraft is damaged. At Ywataung, slightly to the N of Sagaing, the RR yards, engine shed, spurs, and revetments are hit by 6 B-25's which destroy tracks and cars. Five P-40's bomb Taro and Lakchang, setting fire to several buildings, while others score hits in the target area at Chowmang.</p> <p>China: One B-25 escorted by P-40's attacks shipping wharves at Shihhweiyao, starting many fires. Earlier in the day P-40's strafe shipping in that area, damaging 3 tugs, while other P-40's destroy an oil tanker and damage 2 other ships in the vicinity of Ichang; damage also inflicted on installations and equipment along the Chwingtiehlu RR between Kiukiang and Nanchang,</p>	<p>Marcus I.: U.S. carrier-based planes make surprise attack on Marcus I., striking in several waves starting at dawn; 80% of the military installations on the island believed destroyed, 7 parked planes demolished, and a trawler near the island sunk; Allied plane losses confined to 1 torpedo plane and 2 fighters.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Allied patrols on N Arundel I. encounter and disperse 2 Japanese patrols. First Bn of 35th Inf, advancing northward on Vella Lavella I. to clear small groups of Japanese from NE coast, reaches Narowai; small patrols negative.</p> <p>New Britain: Twelve RAAF Beau-fighters sweep SE coast of New Britain, setting 3 barges and a fuel dump on fire, while 12 B-25's sweep NW coast, destroying or damaging 3 barges and strafing enemy villages. Natamo Village on Borgen Bay bombed by 7 B-26's.</p> <p>New Guinea: Forty-three B-25's, in morning attack on Alexishafen area, drop about 47 tons of bombs and heavily strafe targets; 1 grounded plane destroyed and large fires started in town and in fuel and ammunition dumps area; barges along coast destroyed or damaged. Twenty B-24's follow up B-25 attack, dropping 76 tons of bombs; huge fuel fires started and most of the buildings in mission and sawmill area destroyed. Madang attacked by 24 B-24's; 80 tons of bombs dropped and AA positions strafed; majority of buildings in area demolished. Eleven B-17's drop 23 tons of bombs on Labu I. in Markham R., but smoke obscures results.</p> <p>N.E.I.: On Timor, Manatuto, Laga, and Baucau are bombed and strafed by 6 Dutch B-25's. Three B-24's bomb Waingapoe, Soemba I., and 2 others bomb Bima, Soembawa I.; fires started at the former.</p>	<p>U.S.: U.S. war casualties suffered by the armed forces and Merchant Marine from Pearl Harbor to date are 105,356.</p> <p>U.S.-Argentina: The Argentine Foreign Office, through its Foreign Minister Segundo E. Storini, notifies U.S., Great Britain, and Canada that it reserves the right to grant asylum to persons accused of political crimes.</p> <p>U.S.-Great Britain: Prime Minister Winston Churchill arrives at the White House for a continuation of the talks held with President Roosevelt and other Allied leaders last week in Quebec.</p> <p>U.S.-Mexico: The establishment of a U.S.-Mexican Industrial Commission is announced in Mexico City.</p> <p>Chile: A new cabinet, formed by President Juan Antonio Rios, takes office. The new cabinet marks the return of the party form of government to Chile and the elimination of leftist elements.</p> <p>Denmark-Germany: Stockholm reports that General Hermann von Hanneken, Nazi commander in Denmark, has modified censorship and curfew restrictions, and permits limited telephone and mail service to be</p>	<p>1</p>

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2	.. .. .	<p><u>France-Holland:</u> During night, rcn party, consisting of 8 parachutists from an SS Brig, is dropped near St. Valery en Caux; mission successfully executed and the group returns safely.</p> <p>Force of 319 B-17's escorted by 134 P-47's bombs airfields at Mar-</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviet forces advance along coast of the Sea of Azov and capture Budennovka on E bank of Gruzski-Yelanchik R. Along the Donets R. line, Red Army units push W in all sectors: at N end, they cross river and seize Lisichansk; SE of this town, they capture</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Augusta and Catania unsuccessfully attacked by small number of Axis aircraft; 4 of the enemy planes shot down.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Two British BB's bombard coastal area at C. del Armi. Force of 71 escorted B-25's bombs marshalling yards at Canello; RR lines to Naples, Salerno, Capua, and Benevento blocked; several sheds destroyed; 60-70 enemy planes attempt interception, of which 24 are destroyed, 5 probably, and 8 damaged; 6 P-38's destroyed and 4 missing. Enemy supply line through the Brenner Pass</p>

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<p>(Cont'd)            enemy barracks at Wangsiu, and 2 ships at Swatow.</p>			<p>(Cont'd)            resumed.            Austria: Archduke Felix von Hapsburg, younger brother of Prince Otto, arrives in Rio de Janeiro to organize a Free Austria Movement.            Italy: Pope Pius broadcasting on the fourth anniversary of the outbreak of the war, appeals to the leaders of the world to reach "a worthy peace" based on generosity toward those nations "less favored than others by the trend of war at any given time." While he does not mention the unconditional surrender ultimatum of the Allies, the Pontiff repeatedly urges a spirit of compromise.            Bulgaria: Berne reports that Bulgarian Premier Bogdan Filov returned to Sofia today from Berchtesgaden, where he conferred with Adolf Hitler.            Russia: Moscow announces that Andrey Gromyko, Russian Ambassador to the U.S., will also serve as Minister to Cuba.</p>
<p>Burma: The RR yards and barracks at Pyawbwe are target for successive attacks by 7 B-24's and 8 B-25's; hits are scored on the barracks and along the RR tracks, destroying warehouses, trackage, and rolling stock. Chauk, an oil center W of Pyawbwe, is hit</p>	<p>.. ..</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: On N Arundel I., Allied patrols advancing up W coast encounter machine guns, mine fields, and booby traps; others move up E coast without opposition. Scouts on Santa Isabel I. find no Japanese there; rations and munitions left by withdrawing enemy forces.            In a surprise morning raid on Kahili, 7 F4U's destroy 4 planes on the ground and 2 launches offshore; trawler also damaged; AA fire destroys 1 F4U. Four squadrons of Army and Navy Liberators escorted by about 80 fighters bomb Kahili in afternoon; target thoroughly covered with 700 100-lb. bombs; bridges,</p>	<p>France-Iceland: Iceland recognizes the French Committee of National Liberation.            Denmark: Stockholm dispatches report that 3 directors and 15 department heads are named as interim council to rule Denmark. Nazi authorities are</p>

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3	.. .. .	<p><u>France:</u> Three forces of American and British aircraft totalling 231 B-17's, 108 B-26's, 172</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviet forces in Donets Basin continue to drive enemy back; several towns in</p>	<p><u>Sardinia:</u> Radar stations at Pula and Carbonara are targets for bombing and strafing attack by 51 P-40's; buildings and aircraft hit.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> At 0345 heavy artillery of 8th</p>

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>by bombs from 6 B-25's; later the tracks and buildings near the wharf at Toungoo are hit by 3 B-25's with excellent results.</p> <p>Beaufighters destroy or damage 13 trucks on the road from Taungup to Prome, sampans on the Irrawaddy R., and 6 locomotives and 2 trains on the RR from Toungoo and Yamethin.</p> <p>China: Ten B-25's escorted by 5 P-40's drop demolition bombs and incendiary clusters on Lanchikok, near Kowloon, with all bombs hitting in the target area; 1 camouflaged building explodes and 3 tanks are hit; 2 of the escorting P-40's make low-level attacks on a boat S of Stonecutters I. in Hong Kong harbor, scoring 1 direct hit; the P-40's then strafe 5 boats at Lanchikok. Twenty miles beyond the target formation is attacked by 5-7 enemy fighters; 1 enemy aircraft and possibly 2 more are shot down.</p> <p>Burma: Three B-24's attack Nicobar I., scoring 3 hits on a dock. The Chauk oil installa-</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>searchlight positions, and installations along the shore hit and 3 fires, believed to be burning aircraft, observed; of 30-35 enemy fighters offering weak opposition, 5 are destroyed; Vila and Ringa Cove, Kolombangara I., bombed instead of Kahili by 2 of the Liberators. Fighter cover for Kahili attack includes F6F's (Hellcats) operating for the 1st time in this theater. An hour prior to Kahili raid, 87 TBF's, B-25's, and SBD's carry out diversionary attack on Vila defenses, supply dumps, airstrip, and radio; several fires started; 5 Allied planes slightly damaged by AA fire and another crash lands at base as result of damage caused by AA fire.</p> <p>New Britain: Six B-25's destroy 3 enemy barges in Borgen Bay. In a coordinated attack on C. Gloucester airfield, 9 B-25's followed by 12 B-17's, with 13 P-38's as escort, drop 71 half-ton bombs in runway area; results obscured by clouds; of 11 enemy fighters attempting interception, 7 destroyed and 2 others probably; 1 B-17 missing.</p> <p>New Guinea: Japanese sustain heavy casualties as result of Allied ground attacks on positions along Francisco R. trail 2 mi. SW of Salamaua airdrome and in mountains W of Dot Inlet.</p> <p>Sixteen B-25's escorted by 40 P-38's carry out skip bombing and strafing attack on Japanese ships unloading at Wewak; photographs taken during attack show following damage inflicted: 1 DD, 1 PG, and 2 7,000-ton AK's set on fire and in sinking condition, and near misses scored on other vessels, including a 6,000-ton AK; 25-30 enemy fighters attempted interception, of which 12 are destroyed, 8 probably, and 5 damaged; Allied losses are 3 B-25's and 2 P-38's. Two enemy bombers shot down SW of Madang by Allied fighters returning from Wewak. Six B-17's, returning from attack on C. Gloucester, bomb buildings at Lae and strafe barges at Finschhafen.</p> <p>Solomon Is.: Allied troops advance 2,700 yards along W coast of Arundel I. and 2,500 yards on the E; Japanese delaying action continues.</p> <p>Twenty-three B-24's covered by 61</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>also reported to be trying to form a new government along constitutional lines.</p> <p>Portugal: Premier Antonio de Oliveira Salazar says that the strength of the Portuguese army has been increased and that it "may have to be used against foreign enemies."</p> <p>Germany-Greece: The British radio reports that the Nazis are evacuating German civilians from Greece.</p> <p>Russia: The Soviet publication War and the Working Class charges that Turkey's "benevolent neutrality" is prolonging the war by protecting Germany's Balkan flank. It also criticizes Allied Military Government for leaving Sicilian fascists in political jobs.</p> <p>The Moscow radio broadcasts to Germany in the name of the National Committee for Free Germany that hopes of a negotiated peace are illusions because such a settlement would revive the Hitlerite danger.</p> <p>The Moscow radio announces that Stalin approves the reestablishment of the Russian Orthodox Church throughout the Soviet Union.</p> <p>U.S.: Addressing 3 the Foreign Policy Association at the University of Minnesota, former</p>		

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3 C'd		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>P-47's, and 30 squadrons of Spitfires, attack targets in N France. First group of 231 bombers escorted by 172 P-47's makes the following raids: 102 B-17's attack an airplane storage depot at Romilly sur Seine with fair results; 36 aircraft attack St. Andre de l'Heure also with fair results; 20 B-17's attack the Caudgon Rennault Airplane Engine factory at Paris; Beaumont le Roger airdrome is target for 9 B-17's, while the Evreux airdrome is hit by 6 others; 38 B-17's attack Meulan les Mureaux airplane assembly plant, and 20 hit the Dieppe St. Aubin airdrome, both with excellent results; fighter opposition weak in some areas and strong in others; 26 enemy fighters destroyed, 5 more probably, and 18 damaged, while 8 B-17's and 1 P-47 are missing; 59 B-17's damaged. The 2d force, consisting of 72 B-26's, continues operations against air installations in N France: 36 B-26's raid airdrome at Lille-Nord, while 36 others bomb Beauvais-Tille airdrome; results at both targets reported good; all aircraft return, but 20 B-26's sustain damage. The 3d force, comprising 36 B-26's, bombs Beaumont le Roger airdrome with excellent results; formation encounters no opposition, and</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>direction on Slavjansk and Popasnaya, NE of Artemovsk, are captured. In drive on Konotop, Red Army troops occupy important junction of Byelopole, cross Seim R. at several points, capture Putivl, and, N of Konotop, seize Klishki. In Smolensk area, Soviets make slight gains and repulse strong enemy counterattacks.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Army on Sicily begins barrage against enemy coastal defenses; at 0430, under cover of barrage from naval guns, 1st Cdn Div and British 5th Inf Div launch the attack against the continent of Europe, landing at beaches near Reggio and San Giovanni. Little opposition encountered and beachheads quickly secured; Canadians then turn S on coast road, occupying Reggio town and airfield; 5th Div seizes San Giovanni, turns N along the same coast road, and captures Cannitello; patrols advance along road toward Scilla. Thirty-five B-24's bomb marshalling yards at Sulmona; tracks and yard covered; station, warehouses, repair shops and powder storage hit, resulting in large explosions at latter; about 140 enemy planes attempt interception, of which 27 are shot down and 6 probably for loss of 6 Allied aircraft. Camigliatello airdrome is target for 72 B-25's; of 23 intercepting Axis aircraft, 1 destroyed. Total of 48 medium and light bombers attacks Cosenza, scoring hits and near misses on 2 bridges, buildings, and roads. Enemy gun positions E and W of Stefano and S of Scilla attacked by Bostons and Baltimores. During night 27 Wellingtons attack Capua airdrome, scoring hits among aircraft and hangars; 49 Wellingtons cause fires and explosions at Capodichino airdrome. Grottaglie airdrome bombed by 18 Halifaxes and Liberators; visibility poor and results unobserved.</p>



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4 .. ..	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>all aircraft return safely. Twenty-one squadrons of Spitfires escort the 2d force and 9 squadrons, the 3d.</p> <p>Night of 3/4 a-bout 40 RAF planes raid ammunition dump near Valenciennes.</p> <p><u>Germany:</u> Berlin is target for 906 tons of bombs dropped at night by approximately 300 RAF planes; clear weather permits good concentration over target area; 1 enemy fighter destroyed; 20 Lancasters missing and 2 land in sea.</p> <p><u>France:</u> Total of 108 B-26's attacks RR marshalling yards in 3 flights; 1 force of 35 B-26's escorted by 9 squadrons of Spitfires attacks the Lille yards with good results; a 2d force of 36 B-26's supported by 9 squadrons of Spitfires attacks marshalling yards at St. Pol with fair accuracy; a 3d force of 36 B-26's escorted by 7 squadrons of Spitfires attacks yards at Hazebrouck; enemy fighter opposition weak, but flak at target is intense; 6 B-26's sustain battle damage and 3 Spitfires are missing; 15 enemy planes destroyed in combat. RAF medium and light bombers escorted by fighters bomb Boulogne Harbor.</p> <p><u>Belgium:</u> Thirty-six B-26's escorted by 8 squadrons of RAF Spitfires attack Courtrai mar-</p>	<p>Russia: Soviet forces in Donets Basin make gains in all sectors: Ilovaiskaya occupied by units advancing along RR from Chistyakov; other forces are approaching Stalino, having captured Yenakievko, on RR to Makeevka, and Debaltsevo and Gorlovka, RR junctions NE of Stalino; N of Artemovsk, Yama is occupied. Red Army troops SW of Kharkov, capture Merefa, on RR to Dnepropetrovsk. Soviets pushing W from Sumy area capture Ulyanovka; units NW of Konotop occupy Korop. In Bryansk sector, Russians make slight gains N and W of Komarichi. In drive toward Smolensk, Soviets are opposed by heavy enemy counter-attacks W and SW of Yelnya.</p>	<p><u>Italy:</u> First Cdn Brig advances inland from Reggio and occupies Straorino; 3d Brig continues S along the coastal road to occupy Melito and patrols as far E as Bova Marina. Fifth Div advances inland and N, 13th Brig occupying Orti and patrolling to San Stefano; 15th Brig pushes along coast road to Bagnara where they join commando unit which has landed in the area before dawn and seized the town.</p> <p>Enemy positions and transport attacked by medium and light bombers: A-36's bomb road and RR communications in Cosenza-Catanzaro-Nicastro area; 24 Baltimores attack gun positions NW of Reggio di Calabria; trains near Cancelli and a landing ground at Grazzanise attacked by P-38's. Force of B-17's dispatched to attack Capua and Capodichino air-dromes is unable to locate targets because of cloud conditions; 19 attack Terracina and landing ground W of the town; of 10 Axis planes encountered; 1 destroyed for loss of 1 Allied bomber. Battipaglia RR yards are target for night attack by 11 Bostons, which damage installations and start a large fire. Force of 73 Wellingtons drops 138 tons of bombs on Grazzanise during the night; ammunition dump believed hit as large explosions result; 11 planes fail to return.</p>	

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<p>Burma: Nine B-25's in 3 flights bomb the RR yards at Hsipaw and Nanttu, scoring many hits. The Rangoon shipping area is target for an attack by 6 B-24's; the Sule Pagoda wharves and the Flotilla Company dock yards are hit, as are installations to the S at Monkey Point, but on the whole the results are poor. At Letpadan, between Rangoon and Prome an attack on the RR yards by 7 B-24's achieves excellent results.</p> <p>RAF Beau-fighters on offensive patrol over SW Burma attack a number of targets on the RR line from Henzada to Bassein; near the Natmaw station severe damage is inflicted on S-bound train by bombs and strafing attack, water</p>	<p><u>Baker-Howland Is.:</u> Carrier-based F6F destroys Japanese 4-motored flying boat 60 mi. W of Baker I.</p> <p><u>Ellice Is.:</u> U.S. Marines occupy Nanumea, northernmost of the Ellice group.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is:</u> On NE Arundel I., elements of 43d Div are opposed by Japanese armed with machine guns and light mortars; Allied patrols in another sector kill 2 Japanese. On Vella Lavella I., no opposition encountered by Allied ground forces, units of which are at Bokor Mission, Orete Cove, and Lambu Lambu Cove.</p> <p>Nine B-24's, with 41 fighters as escort, bomb Ballale I., causing fires and explosions along both sides of runway. On Kolombangara I., Vila area and Dulo Cove, bombed by 81 B-25's, SBD's, and TBF's, with fighter escort; targets well covered and fires started; 1 SBD destroyed by AA fire. Japanese supply and camp areas W of Dulo Cove bombed by 9 PB4Y's, which start 5 fires. Vila also bombed during daylight by 5 B-24's and at night by single rcn plane.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Nine B-24's make minimum altitude bombing and strafing attack on C. Gloucester; fires result in dump and bivouac areas. Ten RAAF Beau-fighters sweep N coast of New Britain and Garove I. area for enemy shipping; 4 barges destroyed and 16 others and 2 launches damaged.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> At dawn Allied troops land without opposition 14 mi. E of Lae (near Hopoi) and begin westward advance into jungle immediately. Landing effected under cover of air umbrella and DD's, which lay down smoke screen and shell enemy positions on beach. Following landing, naval barrage and Allied fighters drive off 7 enemy bombers attacking Allied landing craft;</p>	<p>U.S.: Rubber Director William M. Jeffers resigns, declaring "the big job of organizing synthetic production" is done. Jeffers plans to return to his position as President of the Union Pacific Railroad Company.</p> <p>Fuel Administrator Harold Ickes orders 369 more soft coal mines returned to their owners, raising to 549 the number restored to private operation; 2,829 remain under government control.</p> <p>Washington dispatches state that a meeting of the foreign ministers of the U.S., Great Britain, and Russia, or their representatives, is being arranged, and that the 3 powers have decided to form a Mediterranean Commission to</p>	

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5	.. .. .	<u>Low Countries:</u> Seventy-two B-26's escorted by 11 squadrons of Spitfires bomb marshaling yards at Ghent with good results; 4 B-26's are damaged. RAF Bostons with Spitfire escort attack airfield at Woensdrecht. Escorted Typhoons	<u>Russia:</u> In Donets Basin, Soviet forces are drawing closer to Stalino; Mospino, SE of the city, along the RR from Ilovaiskaya, Khartsizsk, SW of Gorlovka, and Artemovsk are occupied. Heavy fighting continues W and SW of Kharkov, where determined	<u>Sardinia:</u> Radar installations at Pula attacked by 4 B-25's and 36 P-40's; P-40 bombers also attack landing ground at Pabillonis, covering dispersal area and runway, and strafe Freya and Wurzburg with damaging results. RR yards at Aversa attacked during night by 5 Bostons, which start large fires; Capua also bombed, night of 5/6, with unobserved results. <u>Italy:</u> First Cdn Brig operates in area about 8 ml. S of Bagnara, where it faces extensive demolitions; 2d Brig moves

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>storage tanks, a factory at Meikban, and factories at Kamauka, Natmaw, and Danbi are damaged.</p> <p>China: Wuchow bombed and strafed by unspecified number of escorted enemy bombers. Ten B-25's escorted by 11 P-40's attack the Tien Ho airdrome at Canton with 90% of bombs falling on the target; the formation is attacked by about 15 Japanese fighters with the result that 3 enemy craft and perhaps 1 more are shot down.</p> <p>Burma: Nine B-25's bomb the Namtu mines, scoring direct hits on separation and flotation plants; later a similar flight hits the Namtu mines. Diesel power plant with excellent results.</p> <p>RAF fighters on</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>during morning Allied corvettes and DD's along the coast unsuccessfully attacked by 20 enemy planes; P-47's and P-38's intercept enemy force of 30 medium and 25 dive bombers escorted by 35 fighters over Huon Gulf, shooting down 21, probably destroying 1, and damaging 4.</p> <p>Nine B-25's bomb and heavily strafe Hopoi landing strip (about 20 mi. E of Lae and 5 mi. E of Allied positions) and Japanese positions in the vicinity. Enemy gun emplacements and defenses E of Lae airdrome are targets for 96 tons of bombs dropped during morning by 24 B-24's; buildings and trucks hit; other results obscured by smoke from large fires.</p> <p>Solomon Is.: Japanese resistance continues on Arundel I. On NE Vella Lavella I, 1st Bn of 35th Inf clashes with Japanese in Boko village area; 12 Japanese killed and 39 mortars captured.</p> <p>Japanese gun positions on Parapatu Pt. NE of Vila, bombed by 21 SBD's and 13 TBF's with fighter escort; many direct hits are scored in target area and a possible ammunition dump is exploded. Eleven F4U's strafe enemy concentration about 8 mi. SE of Kakasa, Choiseul I.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>deal with conquered Italy.</p> <p>Secretary of State Cordell Hull has appointed Calvin Benham Baldwin as Area Director of economic operations for Italy, it is announced.</p> <p>Sicily: The New York Times reports from Palermo that the Allied Military Government in Sicily today abolished all fascist labor and corporative organizations up to the provincial council level. Individual and collective bargaining rights of the workers are restored, although strikes and lock-outs are still banned.</p> <p>Yugoslavia: The Yugoslavian Government in London reports that hundreds of Croat troops, including one artillery regiment, have deserted Axis forces to join the guerilla troops of General Draja Mikhailovich.</p> <p>Iran: Iran recognizes the French Committee of National Liberation.</p> <p>U.S.: Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, at the Mackinac I. Republican Post War Advisory Council, tells a press conference that he favors "a continued military alliance" with Great Britain and hopes that</p>

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>offensive patrol sink or damage more than 150 supply sampans and other river craft in Burma: Beaufighters shoot up 60 river craft and 2 oil barges on the lower Irrawaddy R. and score hits on a factory at Danbi; on the Mayu R. Hurricanes sink or damage 80 loaded sampans near Kwazon, and on the Chindwin R., between Monywa and Yisagy, other Hurricanes shoot up 16 river craft, set fire to 2 steamers, and destroy small motor boats. In the evening a formation of Wellingtons attacks Japanese supply dumps at Taungup, scoring hits in the target area and starting large fires visible for more than 50 mi. From these operations 1 aircraft is missing.</p> <p>French Indo-China: Twelve P-40's and 4 P-38's dive-bomb the RR yards 1 mi. SE of Laokay, starting 2 fires; the yards are again hit by the same flight, starting additional fires in the target area.</p>		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Gasmata airdrome left unserviceable as result of low-level bombing and strafing attack by 10 RAAF Beauforts and 5 RAAF A-20's; 2 Beauforts are destroyed by AA fire and another is missing. C. Gloucester airdrome twice attacked, by 6 RAAF Beaufighters and 9 B-25's, respectively; 2 planes left burning and 5 others damaged; 2 AA positions silenced; Beaufighters also strafe barge centers along coast, setting 4 barges on fire; 1 Beaufighter lost.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> During morning Allied parachute regiment is dropped near Nadzab (on Markham R., about 21 mi. NW of Lae) from 82 transports protected by 92 fighters; Japanese, taken by surprise, offer no resistance to Nadzab force, which captures the airfield.</p> <p>Prior to parachute landing, Nadzab and surrounding area bombed and heavily strafed by 36 B-25's. Just before the landing, 7 A-20's lay smoke screen over the area and strafe Labu I. in the Markham R. During and after the occupation of Nadzab, enemy villages and trails in Markham R. Valley from Nadzab to Lae bombed and strafed by 32 B-25's, while Japanese defenses at Heath's Plantation, on the road from Nadzab to Lae, are demolished by 94 tons of bombs dropped by 23 B-24's and 1 B-17. Entire parachute and bombing operation covered by total of 146 Allied fighters. Finschhafen strafed by 9 B-25's returning from C. Gloucester.</p> <p>Allied troops, travelling overland from the S, cross the Markham R. on pontoon bridge 3 mi. W of Nadzab airfield and join paratroopers occupying Nadzab. In the Hopoi area, E of Lae, Allied ground forces advance westward to the Buhem R. against slight resistance.</p> <p>Tanahmerah and Mappi unsuccessfully raided during morning by 9 and 8 enemy bombers, respectively.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Russia and China "might be included." Senators Robert Taft and Arthur Vandenberg oppose Dewey's proposal and say that they want the Republican Party to avoid adoption of a specific post-war program.</p> <p>Denmark: General Hermann von Hanneken, Nazi commander in Denmark, issues a new proclamation as a "warning and guide" to Danes, providing the death penalty or long imprisonment for almost any kind of anti-German activity.</p> <p>Italy: The Rome radio asks Great Britain and the U.S. to state whether their "war and peace aims guarantee Italy's 1919 frontiers."</p> <p>Russia: Acting Patriarch Sergius of the Russian Orthodox Church issues a statement in Moscow calling on the Allies to give "some real aid" to the Red Army.</p> <p>Great Britain: Prime Minister Winston Churchill, speaking at Harvard University, urges Anglo-American cooperation "for a good many years after the war" and warns that "the choice must be between world anarchy or world order."</p> <p>France: The French Committee of National Liberation in Algiers names as Commis-</p>	5 C'd

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6	.. .. .	<p><u>France-Germany:</u> Total of 338 escorted B-17's dispatched in 3 flights to attack Stuttgart; because of bad weather conditions only 49 B-17's out of the 3 formations reach original target, where Stuttgart Aircraft Component Works and Robert Bosch Electrical Works are hit with some success; the rest of the force hits targets of opportunity in France and Germany: of the 1st formation, 45 B-17's attack Strasbourg, Freiburg, Buhl, Vernais, and Evreux with poor results; 73 of the 2d force hit Strasbourg and Dieppe St.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Red Army makes substantial gains in Donets Basin, clearing the enemy from the eastern half; Makeeveka, just N of Stalino, Krivoi-Toretz, Konstantinovka, Druzhkovka, Kramatorskaya, Rai-Aleksandrovka, and Slayyansk are all captured, giving Soviets control of upper part of last enemy-held N-S RR in this area. In Kharkov sector enemy counterattacks hold back Russians attempting to break through to Poltava-Krasnograd-Lozovaya RR. Soviet troops, after bitter fighting throughout the day, enter Konotop; forces NW of the city</p>	<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Bizerte bombed during night by enemy planes; no damage or casualties result; 7 of the attackers destroyed by intercepting Beau-fighters and AA fire.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Third Cdn Brig continues progress along coast road around C. Spartivento but demolitions slow advances; 2d Brig occupies Delianuova and patrols N and E of the village. Troops of 5th Div advance along W coast, capture Palmi, and push toward Gioia Tauro, junction of coast road and lateral road No. 111, where slight resistance is encountered.</p> <p>Allied planes continue to pound enemy airfields and communications throughout the day. Grazzanise airfields bombed by 102 B-26's which drop 150 tons of explosive, scoring many hits among dispersed aircraft; some slight opposition encountered and 2 Axis planes shot down, 3 probably, and 5 damaged; 1 bomber missing. Force of 112 B-25's escorted by 98 P-38's attacks Capua, dropping 167 tons of bombs; hangars, sheds, and buildings hit and fires started; of 15-20 Axis planes engaged by escort, 7 destroyed, 1 probably, and 1</p>



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<p>Burma: A total of 23 B-24's in 4 separate raids attacks the Rangoon shipping area; 2 cargo ships are set afire, and smaller boats anchored in the Rangoon R. destroyed; in the Keighly Street dock area a freighter and a warehouse are hit; a violent explosion and fire are caused in a 450-ft. freighter; about 32 enemy fighters are in the air to intercept these formations with the result that 7, possibly 3 more, are destroyed, and 1 is damaged as against 6 B-24's damaged. At Lashio, 6 B-25's score direct hits in the barracks area</p>	<p>.. ..</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Allied ground forces on Arundel I. continue to search for enemy groups along NE coast; 2 Japanese forces contacted, 1 of which is partially surrounded. One Co of 43d Div occupies Bomboe village, NW Arundel I., approximately 4,200 yards S of Vovohe Cove, Kolombangara I.</p> <p>Suspected Japanese radar site on Morgusaia I., Shortland group, bombed by 18 TBF's and strafed by 7 accompanying P-39's; 32 fighters provide cover for the operation; interception attempted by 20-25 Zeros, of which 5 are shot down for loss of 2 P-39's. Kakasa, Choiseul I., lightly bombed before dawn by Allied aircraft; a 2d raid is made before noon by 7 B-25's escorted by 12 P-39's, which bomb shore installations and a gun position; 3 columns of smoke observed in target area. On Kolombangara I., 24 B-24's bomb gun positions at Vila; 700 fragmentation clusters accurately dropped in target area.</p> <p>New Britain: Eight RAAF Beaufighters sweep coast for enemy barges; 8 strafed, of which 7 are set on fire.</p> <p>New Guinea: Allied troops advancing on Lae from the E now hold area from the Buhem R. to Singaua Plantation,</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>sioner of Justice Francois de Menthon, co-director of Combat, one of the largest French underground organizations.</p> <p>Russia: Further reconciliation of the Soviet Government and the Orthodox Russian Church is indicated by an announcement that a Congress of Bishops will meet in Moscow to elect a Patriarch and to organize a Holy Synod.</p> <p>China: Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek tells the central executive committee of the Kuomintang that it should relinquish government control after the war and step down to "equal legal footing" with other parties.</p>	<p>6</p>

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7	.. .. .	<p><u>France:</u> RR center at St. Pol is target for attack by 70 escorted B-26's; although flak is weak and fighter opposition negligible, results of the raid are poor. To</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Germans announce fighting of local significance on the Kuban front and the evacuation of Stalino, Soviet forces continue pressure in the Donets area and</p>	<p><u>Sardinia:</u> Landing ground at Pabillonis attacked by 42 P-40's with fragmentation bombs; dispersal areas and runway hit; tug off Portoscuso is strafed and left burning.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Canadians pushing toward Locri on the E coast road are delayed by demolitions. Fifth Div moves N along W coast road; 13th Brig moves by sea</p>

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>starting 3 large fires. Twelve B-25's start numerous fires in the Maymyo barracks area, to the E of Mandalay.</p> <p>Shipping along the Irrawaddy and Mayu rivers and some carts at Pakokku are attacked by Hurricanes, which sink or damage 40 sampans and more than 25 small craft. On the Arakan coast, in the Rathedaung and Buthedaung areas, Japanese troops are machine-gunned and a number of casualties inflicted, while a formation of Vengeance dive bombers attacks enemy supply dumps on the Mayu R. near Kwazon.</p> <p><u>China:</u> In 2 flights P-38's and P-40's attack targets in the vicinity of Shihhweiyao: fighter pilots dive-bomb and strafe shipping facilities in the area, causing extensive damage to warehouses, sinking and destroying small craft and a radio station. A second flight silences enemy gun positions at Sittang, killing about 100 Japanese soldiers, and destroys a RR station and water tower.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> Ten B-25's attack the Gokteik viaduct in 4 flights, scoring hits underneath the viaduct and on the tracks S of Gokteik; same planes possibly</p>		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>9 mi. E of Lae. Allied transport planes start using Nadzab airdrome in Markham R. Valley.</p> <p>Eighteen B-24's and 6 B-17's drop 80 tons of 1,000-lb. bombs on enemy defenses at Jacobsen's Plantation (1,700 yards N of Lae runway); installations heavily damaged, buildings destroyed, and large fires started. East of Lae, Malahang airdrome and Plantation are targets for about 60 tons of quarter-ton bombs dropped by 48 B-25's; 75,900 rounds expended in strafing same targets; results obscured by smoke. Allied fighters intercept 20 Japanese bombers and 10 fighters over the Huon Gulf; 4 enemy bombers and 4 fighters shot down and 3 bombers and 1 fighter probably destroyed for loss of 1 Allied fighter.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> On Timor, Atamboea and Dilli bombed by 5 RAAF Hudsons; many fires and explosions result. Fuiloroc, Chater, and Dilli are targets for evening raids by 2, 1, and 4 Dutch B-25's, respectively; fires observed at Dilli.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Enemy resistance increases along NE coast of Arundel I.; Allied troops sustain slight casualties. On Vella Lavella I., rcn indicates strong enemy defenses in vicinity of Boko Mission, where it is believed there is a regiment of Japanese; Allied 6th Echelon arrives at Barakoma during morning. Twenty-three B-25's bomb enemy barge and supply areas near Ringa Cove</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> The Selective Service Bureau announces that draft-eligible fathers who do not get essential jobs or register with the U.S. Employment Service</p>	7

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<p>(Cont'd)            damage buildings at Nawnchkiu. Eight B-24's drop mines in the channel SW of Elephant Pt. in Rangoon Estuary, and then strafe enemy gun positions there. At Ywataung 9 B-25's select targets in the RR area, destroying the junction and causing 300 cars to be bottled up in the marshalling yards. B-25's bomb Myitkyina, scoring hits on the airdrome and in the town.</p>		<p>(Cont'd)            on Kolombangara I.; black smoke observed following raid.  <u>New Britain:</u> Enemy barges along NW coast of New Britain and in vicinity of Garove I. strafed by 8 RAAF Beaufighters; 3 barges destroyed, 2 set on fire, and others damaged. Four RAAF A-20's bomb Gasmata, scoring direct hit on a gun position. Nine B-25's raid Long I., in Vitiaz Strait, and strafe small shipping offshore.  <u>New Guinea:</u> Allied advance on Lae from the E continues; forward units now within 6 mi. of the airdrome. West of Lae, in the Markham R. Valley, Allied troops establish road block 1 mi. E of Nadzab.            Twenty-four B-24's drop 96 tons of 1,000-lb. bombs on enemy positions at Lae, while 9 B-26's drop 54 500-lb. bombs on same area; clouds prevent accurate assessment of damage. Markham Valley road between Yalu and Jacobsen's Plantation bombed and strafed by 18 B-25's. During night Allied PT's strafe coastal area N of Finschhafen.            Sixteen Allied fighters intercept formation of 27 Japanese bombers escorted by 30 fighters over Morobe, forcing bombers to jettison their bombs and destroying 4 hostile fighters. Dobodura area unsuccessfully bombed at night by 6 enemy planes.  <u>N.E.I.:</u> Four Dutch B-25's bomb Laha airdrome at Ambon during night; clouds prevent observation of results.  <u>Australia:</u> Spitfires intercept force of 21 enemy planes over Darwin area during morning with following results: 5 enemy fighters destroyed, 2 probably, and 7 damaged; 3 Spitfires lost.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)            by 15 September may be inducted before 1 October deadline.            The Republican Post War Advisory Council at Mackinac Island unanimously approves "responsible participation by the U.S. . . . in cooperative organizations among sovereign nations to prevent military aggression, to attain permanent peace and justice in a free world," but specifies that all actions must be in the national interest and follow "constitutionalism." As for domestic policies, the Council advocates aid to veterans and others in the shift to peacetime employment, a quick return to private enterprise, and the end of price-fixing, rationing, and other federal wartime powers and bureaucratic decrees, which are called "instruments of fascism."  <u>U.S.-Argentina:</u>            In answer to a note received earlier in the week from Argentine Foreign Minister Vice Admiral Segundo Storni, Secretary of State Cordell Hull assails Argentina's relation with the Axis powers and its failure to join in the defense of the Americas. He</p>	7 C'd

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8	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> One Japanese prisoner taken on Attu, bringing total captured to 28.</p>	<p><u>Spitzbergen:</u> German naval force, believed to consist of BB's Tirpitz and Scharnhorst, 7 DD's and 1 other vessel, raid Spitzbergen; subsequent rcn reveals the Meteorological Station destroyed and no signs of German or the Allied force of 140 Norwegians and 1 British Liaison Officer.</p> <p><u>France:</u> Force of 137 B-26's escorted by 25 squadrons of RAF Spitfires attacks the Lille-Nord and Lille-Vendeville airfields with fairly good results; intense flak but weak fighter opposition met. RR at Abbeville is target for attack by 17 B-34's, while 6 Typhoons attack Mardyck airfield. Sixty-eight B-26's with Spitfire escort bomb enemy defense positions near Boulogne with fair results; intense AA fire but no enemy fighters encountered; 42 B-26's damaged. Boulogne area also attacked at night, by about</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviet forces in Donets Basin capture Stalino and Yasinovatoye; other units, which crossed the middle Donets, occupy Krasnoarmeiskoye. SW of Khar'kov, determined enemy forces continue to oppose Soviet advance. Red Army units in Kono-top sector push NW of Bakhmach, capturing Borzna. Heavy fighting continues in Bryansk and Smolensk areas where Soviets report improvement of their positions.</p>	<p><u>Italy:</u> General Eisenhower announces the unconditional surrender of Italy; armistice terms are: that Italy transfer her naval and air units to Allied territory; that Italian merchant shipping may be used against Germany; that all Italian territory, including Corsica, be surrendered immediately; that all Italian forces be withdrawn to Italy; that all Allied prisoners be handed over. Allied military governments will be established in Italian territory wherever necessary for military interests.</p> <p>Canadians continue advance inland and up E coast of toe; Plistena, Cittanova, and Locri are occupied without contacting the enemy. Rosarno, on W coast road, captured by 13th Brig. These divisions are moving up the E and W coasts in parallel advances, gaining control of the lateral roads. In early morning, small group of Comandos and the 231st Brig are landed at Marina di Vibo Valentia by force of landing craft with warship escort against considerable opposition; ships are shelled by enemy guns and twice attacked by dive bombers; British cruisers bombard shore targets in area at intervals during the day. Late in evening, 231st Brig is contacted by 13th Brig, which has pushed N from Rosarno.</p> <p>Forty-six B-24's drop 130 tons of bombs on a satellite field at Foggia airdrome; hits scored on landing and dispersal area; grounded aircraft and oil supplies set on fire; of about 35 Axis planes attempting interception, 13 destroyed, 2 probably, and 3 damaged. Frascati (SE of Rome) is target for 389 tons of explosive dropped by 131 B-17's; much destruction caused throughout the town; of intercepting</p>

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<p>Burma: Nine B-25's in 3 flights attack the Gokteik viaduct for the 2d consecutive day; direct hits are scored under the bridge and on the base; 1 B-25 scores direct hits in the town of Kamaing, destroying several barracks and leaving 1 large fire; U.S. bombers hit Myitkyina and Tengchung, starting fires in both towns.</p> <p>China: Two P-40's, on a strafing mission off Hengyang between Yochow and Hankow, destroy 1 locomotive as well as 1 wrecking crew train; at Yunglostung they fire a RR station and destroy 1 truck.</p>	<p>Ellice Is.: Nanumea, northernmost island of the Ellice group, raided by 12 Japanese planes during afternoon; no damage or casualties reported.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Allied ground units make slight gains on NE Arundel I. Airstrip and supply areas at Vila, Kolombangara I., are targets for 144 fragmentation clusters dropped by 12 B-25's; hits scored in target areas.</p> <p>New Guinea: East of Lae, Allied ground forces occupy Hopoi without opposition and advance to E bank of Busu R., 4 mi. E of Lae. In the Markham Valley, Allied patrols push 4-6 mi. N, E, and SE of Nadzab without encountering any Japanese.</p> <p>Early in the morning U.S. DD's shell Lae waterfront; DD's attacked by 3 enemy planes, of which 2 are destroyed and the 3d probably destroyed. Lae airdrome and surrounding area bombed by total of 10 B-17's, 14 B-24's, and 7 B-26's; 73 tons of bombs dropped; AA positions hit, buildings destroyed, and fires and large explosions caused. Lower Markham Valley road bombed and heavily strafed by 12 B-25's, which destroy bridge at Heath's Plantation and silence AA positions. Seven P-39's intercept 6 Japanese bombers escorted by 6 fighters over Hopoi during morning; no damage sustained by enemy or Allied aircraft. Trail S from Salamaua bombed and strafed by 6 A-20's and MG positions silenced.</p> <p>Nine B-24's bomb Babo, Dutch New Guinea, hitting barracks, administration buildings, and dispersal area; many large fires, including 1 oil fire, observed.</p> <p>Kei Is.: Langgoer airdrome bombed during evening by 5 RAAF Hudsons.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>also refuses a request to supply Argentina with American arms and machinery while she maintains her present stand.</p> <p>France: The French Committee of National Liberation votes to allocate 1/2 of the seats in the newly formed Consultative Assembly to representatives of the resistance movement.</p> <p>U.S.: General George Marshall makes a biennial report to the nation on the progress of the war. He asserts that a United Nation's victory is certain although "the end is not yet in sight."</p> <p>President Roosevelt opens the Third War Loan drive with a nation-wide radio address.</p> <p>The War Food Administration cuts the farmer-support hog price from \$13.75 to \$12.50 a cwt to check production and divert corn to other channels.</p> <p>U.S.-Argentina: Argentine police take control of the Compania de Electricidad los Andes, subsidiary of the American Foreign Power Company in Mendoza.</p> <p>Spitzbergen: Although the German press claims the object of the raid on Spitzbergen was to destroy military establishments and</p>

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8 C'd	NORTH AND LATIN AMERICAN THEATERS	(Cont'd) 250 RAF planes and 5 B-17's; clear weather permits good concentration in the selected areas; flak is moderate and only 1 FW-190 attempts to intercept; 1 Stirling crashes over England. <u>England:</u> Eight enemy aircraft are over England during the night, bombing targets in Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Sussex; slight damage results; Mosquitoes destroy 2 of the attackers and damage another		(Cont'd) enemy aircraft, 19 shot down, 5 probably, and 4 damaged for loss of 1 B-17. Force of 105 B-26's bombs bridges at Sapri, destroying RR bridge and scoring possible hits on highway bridges. Enemy roads at Lauria and Trebisacce attacked by B-25's; hits scored on bridges and RR installations; slight opposition encountered. Gun positions in Vibo Valentia area and MT concentrations on Catanzaro-Leonardo road attacked by 91 P-40's; several vehicles destroyed and damaged. Medium and light bombers make about 112 sorties against Axis communications to Salerno beaches and on towns in surrounding districts. During night 37 Wellingtons bomb Battipaglia RR yards, starting numerous fires; 42 Wellingtons attack Eboli RR yards, causing fires and explosions. Gaeta, Forio, and Formia also attacked, by small numbers of Wellingtons, which damage shipping, roads, RR's, and gun positions. <u>Mediterranean:</u> In the evening, British battle fleet is attacked by about 20 Axis torpedo bombers; no damage results; 2 of the attackers shot down. SS Maloja (Swiss cargo ship, 1,788 tons) torp. and sunk at 42-00 N, 07-30 E.



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			<p>(Cont'd) the coal mines, it is believed that the real reason was to boost German morale.</p> <p><u>France-Liberia:</u> Liberia recognizes the French Committee of National Liberation.</p> <p><u>Spain:</u> The Secretary General of the Falange Party in Spain, Jose Arrese, in a speech at Burgos occasioned by Italy's capitulation, stresses the Catholic character of the Falange, its opposition to Communism, defends the Blue Division, and indicates that the Falange is not a program, and hence can be adapted to changing circumstances.</p> <p><u>Greece:</u> Prime Minister Emanuel Tsouderos in a press interview says that the Greek Government-in-exile officially demands the cession of the Dodecanese Is. by a defeated Italy. He also requests that Greek officials be permitted a share in the administration of any interim Allied occupation or military government of these islands.</p> <p><u>Balkans:</u> Lt. Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Allied Commander in the Middle East, announces that Italian troops in the Middle East are obeying his, not German, orders.</p>	8 Cá

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9	.. ..	<p>France: During the day 253 B-17's and 65 B-24's hit airfields and other targets in N France: airfields at Beauvais-Tille, Lille-Nord, Lille-Vendeville, Longuenesse, and Vitry en Artois are bombed by 184 B-17's, while 65 B-24's attack Abbeville-Drucat and St. Omer; slight to medium flak and weak fighter opposition encountered at above targets; 19 B-17's raid Ball Bearing Aero Engine Works at Bois Colombes, Paris, and 50 others hit the secondary target, Beaumont sur Oise airfield, with fair success; flak encountered is medium and fighter opposition fairly strong; 16 enemy planes destroyed, 4 probably, and 9 damaged as against 2 B-17's missing. Enemy defensive positions near Boulogne bombed by 198 B-26's with poor to good results; considerable flak is encountered over target, and 3 B-26's are missing.</p> <p>England: During the day 4 enemy aircraft are over England on rcn; 1 is destroyed off the Isle of Wight.</p>	<p>Russia: Soviet troops occupy Starobyshevo, SE of Stalino, Staraya Karan, NE of Mariupol, and Aleksandrovka, NE of Budennovka. Heavy fighting continues in Kharkov area. Soviet forces W of Konotop capture Bakhmach, on RR to Kiev; other units approaching Romny, occupy Nedrigailiov and Sinevka. Troops S of Bryansk reach the Desna R. on a broad front; forces N of Bryansk capture Lyudinovo, on Bryansk-Vyazma RR.</p>	<p>Italy: At 0330 forces of 5th Army, with strong naval and air support, land at points along Gulf of Salerno against heavy opposition: British 46th and 56th Divs move in on beaches N of Sele R. and seize Montecorvino airfield; U.S. 36th Div lands S of the river and moves toward Ogliastro, Capaccio, Roccadaspide, and Albanella. Enemy gunfire is heavy and several small Axis tank attacks are beaten off; Allied cruisers and DD's shell shore targets throughout the day. Additional troops, Rangers, land W of Salerno, between Amalfi and Maoiri, push into the hills, blocking the roads leading S, and patrol to Salerno. In Calabrian sector units of 5th Div continue up W coast road and reach Angitola; Canadians advance along E coast road and occupy Badolato; this force encounters considerable demolitions and mines; only contact with enemy is light rear guard action. In afternoon, British 1st Airborne Div lands at Taranto from naval force; no opposition encountered; troops push inland in pursuit of enemy units; British CM, Abdiel, sunk in Taranto Bay, probably because of mine.</p> <p>Bridges at Capua bombed by 61 B-17's which drop 172 tons of bombs, hitting N highway bridges and possibly destroying the RR bridge; extensive damage also caused in town area. Sixty B-17's attack Cancellio bridges, cutting approaches to highway and RR bridges. Bridges and communications to Potenza attacked by 111 B-25's; hits claimed on buildings, tracks, and entrances to tunnel; 1 bomber missing. Force of 288 Spitfires, 309 P-38's, and 199 A-36's patrols invasion beaches at Salerno; 4 enemy planes reported shot down. Other Allied planes continue efforts to tie up Axis communications and transport supplying enemy fighting forces: 24 A-20's bomb MT moving toward Ajello; 123 Kittyhawks and 107 P-40's bomb MT in Catanzaro-Nicastro area and around Rogliano and Nocera, destroying about 90 and damaging 150 vehicles; Auletta road junction attacked by B-25's and Bostons; MT concentrations in Cosenza-Castrovillari area bombed and strafed by 35 Bostons and Baltimores. Foggia landing ground attacked by 41 B-24's which cover landing and dispersal areas and repair shop area with bombs; of about 40 enemy planes intercepting, 9 destroyed, 1 probably, and 5 damaged; 6 fires observed. Sixty-seven B-26's damage landing strip at Scanzano and destroy 8 of an estimated 30 aircraft on the ground. Attacks on enemy airdromes are continued during</p>

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<p>China: Four P-38's bomb the Whampoa dock warehouses in the Canton area; all bombs hit the target, starting fires; Eight B-25's escorted by 11 P-40's attack the White Cloud airdrome at Canton, scoring a direct hit on a large hangar and fuel dump and starting a large fire; formation is attacked by 20 Japanese fighters of which 5 are destroyed and 4 more possibly. Between Hengyang and Hankow, 2 P-40's on offensive reconnaissance strafe various RR and river communications.</p> <p>Arabian Sea: SS Larchbank (British cargo ship, 5,151 tons) sunk by SS at 06-00 N, 72-00 E.</p>	<p>Baker-Howland Is. Navy air patrol destroys Japanese 4-engined flying boat about 50 mi. SE of Baker I.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: On Arundel I., Allied artillery positions being set up approximately 2,400 yards SE of Bomboe village. First Bn of the 35th Inf starts advance against Japanese at Boko, Vella Lavella I., encountering only enemy working parties.</p> <p>In the Bougainville area, 18 B-24's escorted by 28 fighters bomb Kahili, starting fires along both sides and at S end of landing strip; photographs show hits on taxiways and among buildings and probable destruction of 2 coast defense guns as well as a fuel dump; of 10 enemy fighters attempting to intercept, 1 shot down for loss of 1 F4U. In the vicinity of Fauro and Ballale Islands, 29 Allied fighters engage 23 enemy fighters, destroying 2 Zeros; 2 F4U's lost. Sixty-five TBF's, SBD's, and B-25's, with fighter cover, bomb Vila during morning, destroying 3 enemy guns, damaging a bridge, and inflicting many casualties; AA fire damages 1 TBF, causing it to crash land.</p> <p>New Britain: RAAF Beaufighters strafe AA positions at Jacquinet Bay and Garove I.; 2 probably silenced at the latter target; AA fire destroys 1 Beaufighter.</p> <p>New Guinea: Allied advance units cross Busu R., 4 mi. E of Lae, despite enemy resistance. In Salamaua area, Allied ground forces S of the Francisco R. capture ridge N of Lokanu.</p> <p>During coastal sweep from Finschhafen to Madang, 12 B-25's destroy 6 trucks at Alexishafen, probably destroy 15 barges in Bostrem Bay, and strafe other barges and villages along the coast; AA fire destroys 1 B-25 and damages 2 others. Nine B-25's, during sweep along N coast of Huon Peninsula, damage 2 hostile barges.</p> <p>In Dutch New Guinea, 16 Japanese bombers escorted by 15 fighters bomb Merauke airdrome, destroying 1 Boomerang on the ground; 18 Allied planes intercept, shooting down 3 enemy fighters; another possibly destroyed by AA fire.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Ambon bombed during early morning by 3 RAAF PBV's, which hit jetty area and start fires near warehouses. Two Dutch B-25's bomb and strafe Selaru I., Tanimbar Is.</p>	<p>U.S.: The National Democratic Club and the National Republican Club, in a joint statement in New York, ask Congress to legislate to permit the entry into the U.S. during the war of all refugees seeking asylum from religious persecution.</p> <p>The War Department discloses that 110,000 of 141,000 Axis war prisoners in the U.S. are working on farms and public works projects.</p> <p>U.S.-Argentina: Foreign Minister Vice-Admiral Segundo Storni resigns as a result of U.S. refusal to sell Argentina arms while she maintains relations with the Axis. The Government also suspends the newspapers <u>Noticias Graficas and Union de Tucuman</u> for comment on the U.S.-Argentina note exchange.</p> <p>France-Paraguay: Paraguay recognizes the French Committee of National Liberation.</p>	9

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10	.. .. .	.. .. .	<p>Russia: Berlin announces landing of Soviet amphibious forces in Novorossisk area of the Kuban and claims that German army and navy units sink or set on fire 3 gunboats, 1 patrol boat, and 11 landing craft. Red Army units advancing along coast of Sea of Azov capture Mariupol. In Donets Basin, enemy is forced to withdraw to Lozovaya-Pavlograd area; Volnovakha, SW of Stalino is occupied; Chaplino, on S loop of Krasnoarmeiskoye-Dnepropetrovsk RR, and Petropavlovka, NE of Chaplino on road to Pavlograd, captured. W of Izyum, Soviet troops capture Petrovskaya and, on Slavyansk-Lozovaya RR, Barvenkova. Forces in Konotop area are threatening Romny and capture Lipovaya Dolina, SE of the city. In Bryansk sector, Red Army units cross the Desna R., establish a bridgehead on the W bank, and are fighting in the vicinity of Novgorod-Severski; N of the city, Soviet troops reach Sukremil, on Bryansk-Lyudinovo RR.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) the night: 20 B-25's cause fires and explosions at Frosinone; 52 Wellingtons drop 81 tons of bombs on Grosseto, where results are believed good; 34 B-25's and 4 Bostons attack Grazzanise landing ground successfully. <u>Mediterranean:</u> Two Italian DD's sunk off Sardinia. <u>Corsica:</u> Bastia shelled by small naval force. Italians and patriots make local gains in S. <u>Aegean:</u> British troops from the middle East occupy Castellosso I., during night, without opposition.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Thirty-sixth Div extends its beachheads about 4 mi. inland, moving toward positions in hills NE of Agropoli and occupying Albanella. Units of 45th Div land to L of 36th Div. Other forces advance N, capture Salerno, and push into the hills N. British troops engage in heavy fighting with German armored units near Battipaglia, 6 mi. E of Montecorvino; on Calabrian front 231st Brig advances up W coast road, reaching point just SE of Nicastro; 3d Cdn Brig pushes up E coast occupying Monasterace di Marina. In Taranto sector 1st Airborne Div moves NW, E, and NE, occupying Palagiano, S. Giorgio, Grottaglie, and Francavilla (half way across the heel, on road to Brindisi). Allied warships bombard enemy positions in Mt. Soprano area during day. Italian BB, Roma, is sunk by Nazi aircraft as it is fleeing to an Allied port. Allied aircraft, in support of ground operations, attack Axis roads and communications throughout the day. Thirty-four B-17's attack roads and bridges at Ariano, Cancelli, Benevento, on Roccheta-San Antonio road, at Monteleone and Grottaminorda, inflicting considerable damage in all target areas; bridges at Bovino also attacked but results are unobserved. Formia marshalling yards are target for 35 B-26's, which destroy warehouse and dock area. Thirty-six B-25's bomb Cassino road junction, scoring many hits; 36 more B-25's bomb Castelnuova road junctions; of 10-12 enemy planes encountered, 5 destroyed. Force of 12 Baltimores and 22 B-25's bombs MT on Lagonegro-Auletta road, damaging vehicles and roads; same area bombed and strafed by 76 A-36's which destroy 100 MT and damage about 200. Attacks continue during the night: medium and light bombers make 85 sorties against roads between</p>

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<p>Burma: Twelve B-25's in 4 flights bomb the Naba Junction and shipping on the Irrawaddy R.; small buildings W of Junction hit and 1 boat severely damaged at Katha. Other B-25's bomb buildings and RR tracks at Hopin in N Burma with excellent results, while the Gokteik viaduct is attacked by 5 B-25's; N approach along the E side of the bridge hit. Saging, SW of Gokteik, is attacked by 9 B-25's in 3 flights, causing damage to the tracks, hitting 4 boats, and destroying 12 RR cars.</p> <p>RAF Vengeance dive bombers escorted by fighters attack oil jetty at Satyoga Creek, Akyab, scoring hits S of the jetty; after bombing target is machine-gunned both by Vengeances and their escorts; damage inflicted on 10 large motor boats, a loaded cargo boat, and 3 loaded sampans. Along the Arakan</p>		<p>Solomon Is.: Allied advance on Japanese at Boko, Vella Lavella I., continues without opposition; considerable enemy equipment and supplies captured; 400 Japanese believed to be on N portion of the island. Reinforced Allied troops on Arundel I. are preparing for final assault on the enemy.</p> <p>Japanese barge depot and bivouac area in vicinity of Dulo Cove, Kolombangara I., raided by 16 B-25's and 1/2 hour later by 20 SBD's; many hits scored and a possible ammunition dump blown up. Munda fighter patrol furnishes cover for raids.</p> <p>New Britain: Photographs reveal new enemy airstrip with 9 revetments on Hoskins Peninsula (E of Stettin Bay).</p> <p>New Guinea: Allied ground forces advance on Salamaua, moving along coast and down Francisco R.; enemy strong-points on heights S of Nuk Nuk captured. In Markham R. Valley, extensive patrolling by Allied units continues; small hostile force encountered N of Heath's Plantation. Allied artillery supports ground action in Huon Gulf area.</p>	<p>U.S.: Vice-President Henry Wallace tells a Chicago press conference that President Roosevelt should be named permanent chairman of the peace conference.</p> <p>President Roosevelt names James M. Landis Minister to the Middle East to be in charge of economic operations there.</p> <p>U.S.-Great Britain-Italy: A joint Roosevelt-Churchill statement to the Italian people urges them to join the Allies in driving the German invaders from Italian soil.</p> <p>Germany-Denmark: Stockholm reports that German occupation authorities in Denmark imposed a fine of 1,000,000 crowns on the city of Copenhagen in reprisal for the murder of a Nazi corporal on 7 September.</p> <p>Germany-Sweden: It is reported that pro-Nazi feeling in Sweden has become largely nonexistent as a result of Germany's recent acts in Den-</p>	10

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10 C'd			<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Fighting continues in Smolensk area but no significant change is reported.</p> <p>Soviet aircraft make heavy night attacks on Axis trains and ammunition dumps at Gomel, Nezhin, Krasnograd, and Verkhne Tokmak.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Corleto and Auletta with good results; 4 B-24's and 9 Halifaxes cause fires at Potenza road junction; 49 Wellingtons bomb Formia road junction, damaging roads, tunnel mouth, RR's, and buildings and causing fires and explosions. A Foggia satellite field is target for daylight raid by 24 B-24's which damage dispersal area; of about 22 enemy planes intercepting, 1 shot down and 2 probably.</p> <p><u>Aegean:</u> Heavy fighting between Italians and Germans on Rhodes is reported.</p>

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>coast Beaufighters damage a number of sampans near Ramree, while others along the Irrawaddy R. score hits on an oil tank at Chauk, another tank, oil barge, and several craft at Yenangyaung, and on an oil pipe line at Kyukye. In the same area Hurricanes attack a group of 100 sampans heading N at Yenangyaung and also damage 4 barges and a steamer.</p> <p>China: In 3 flights 10 B-25's escorted by 7 P-40's attack Wuchang and the Hankow dock area; several large fires started on the Hankow docks; on return from mission the formation is attacked by about 20 Japanese fighters from below with the result that 9 enemy aircraft are shot down, possibly 4 more, 1 damaged, and 1 B-25 damaged. Six P-38's bomb the Whampoia docks near Canton, hitting dock area and starting large fires; 2 P-38's encounter 10 Zeros with the result that 1 Zero is shot down, probably 1 more, and 1 P-38 damaged. Ten B-25's, escorted by 11 P-40's, bomb the Hankow warehouses and Wuchang cotton mills, scoring direct hits on the warehouses; formation is attacked by 5 Zeros; 1 Zero and perhaps 1 more are shot down, and 1 B-25</p>			<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>mark.</p> <p><u>Germany-Italy:</u> A German communique announces that the Italian commander of Rome has capitulated and that the Wehrmacht has taken over the "protection of Vatican City." The negotiations between the German and Italian authorities are concluded by an agreement providing that German troops shall stop at the limits of the free city of Rome except for the German Embassy and Telephone Central.</p> <p>In a broadcast to the German people Hitler says that Italy's betrayal of the Axis by capitulation means little in the military sense, hails Mussolini as the greatest Italian since the days of the Roman Empire, and tells the Allies that they will never break the ring of steel that protects the German Reich.</p> <p><u>Iran-Germany:</u> Iran declares war on Germany.</p>	10 C'd

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11	.. ..	<p><u>France:</u> Ship-building yards at Le Trait attacked by 18 B-26's with 11 squadrons of RAF Spitfires as escort; results are reported as good; 8 enemy aircraft destroyed in combat and 5 damaged, while 2 Spitfires are missing. Thirty-three B-26's and 10 B-25's escorted by 10 squadrons of RAF Spitfires bomb Beauumont le Roger airfield with good results; 1 enemy fighter destroyed in combat; 1 B-26 crashes at base. Beauvais-Tille airfield raided by 8 escorted Typhoons; 20 enemy aircraft encountered, of which 3 are damaged; 2 Typhoons destroyed.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Germans report bitter fighting at Novorossisk, claiming annihilation of part of Soviet landing force. Soviet forces in Donets Basin advance W and SW of Stalino and SW of Chaplino toward Zaporodzhe, capturing numerous towns and villages. Red Army units NW of Leyum occupy Lozovenka; enemy counterattacks strongly in this area. Moscow claims slight gains SW of Kharkov. Soviet troops pushing toward Nezhin from Konotop make gains; Pliski, E of Nezhin, is occupied. SW and NW of Bryansk, Soviet troops advance toward Desna R.</p>	<p><u>Corsica:</u> Italians and patriots fighting the Germans in N and W parts of island; Italians gain control of Ajaccio.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Rangers occupy a position on high ground just S of line Pagani-Nocera, in area NW of Salerno; 46th Div pushes into hills about 4 mi. N of Salerno; 56th Div continues to engage Axis forces which are counterattacking in Battipaglia area, repelling tanks and infantry. Forty-fifth Div engages enemy in area between point S of Eboli to point near confluence of Cosa and Calore rivers; 36th Div advances slightly inland toward Roccadaspide and Torchiara on the coast road; Altavilla is occupied by 1st Bn of 142d Rgt. Eighth Army forces advance steadily: 5th Div captures Nicastro; 1st Cdn Brig occupies Catanzaro, patrols reaching Pentone and along E coast to Carrao; rcn elements of Cdn Div enter Crotona. Brindisi is occupied by British troops; advance also made NW and SW of Taranto where Mottola and Castellaneta are reached.</p> <p>RR installations and road junctions are again chief targets for Allied planes. Benevento bombed by 39 B-17's which drop 117 tons of explosive, damaging track, warehouses, roads, and rolling stock. Castelnuova and Ariano areas are targets for 33 and 36 B-25's, respectively; Mignano and Isernia attacked by 36 and 35 B-26's; 2 explosions caused at latter. During night Auletta and Corleto bombed by formations of B-25's which cause large fires; 1 bomber missing. Nine Bostons make night attack on Sapri, causing a fire. Roads in advance of 8th Army attacked by 16 Bostons and 8 Baltimores; about 300 MT bombed and strafed. A-36's, in sorties against enemy MT, destroy 61 vehicles and damage 39. Frosinone air-</p>



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<p>(Cont'd) severely damaged; on the return trip 1 P-40 is lost. The gasoline and ammunition warehouses at Shueh are target for a 3 P-38 bombing attack; hits scored in target area; P-38's go on to strafe the Yangsie barracks and warehouse area. Japanese aircraft bomb Kienow airfield, scoring 7 hits on the field.</p> <p>Burma: Six B-24's bomb the Chauk oil fields; hits on a building and tank cause 2 large fires and explosions, while 1 B-25 bombs rolling stock at Ngapayin, 20 mi. NE of Monywa. The Pinyinana RR yards are target for an attack by 7 B-24's which score hits in the N end of the yards and in the business district; several large fires caused.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Preparations for Allied attack on Arundel I. completed. Twenty-four SBD's and 15 TBF's bomb and strafe Japanese positions along S coast of Kolombangara I.; fire and large explosion result at Bambari Harbor; 1 TBF makes forced landing. At about the same time, 18 B-25's bomb enemy gun positions NE of Vila Strip and W of Disappointment Cove, scoring many hits and starting 1 fire. Four F4U's strafe same area; barge and fuel dump set on fire.</p> <p>New Guinea: Allied troops swim the flooded Francisco R. and capture Salamaua airfield, town, Isthmus, and Kela village; heights SW of Kela remain in Japanese hands. In Lae area, Allied ground forces are hampered by swollen Busu R., but inflict heavy casualties on Japanese during clash on E bank.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Total of 9 RAAF Beaufighters, in 3 flights, attack Selaru I., Tanimbar Is., strafing the runway and bombing villages; fires started and a truck and lugger destroyed. Laha airdrome on Ambon I. and Langgoer, Kei Is., bombed during evening by 2 Dutch B-25's and 5 RAAF Hudsons, respectively; fires observed in dump area at the latter. Makassar, Celebes, bombed night of 11/12 by 13 B-24's; 27 tons of bombs plus incendiaries dropped; large fires result among fuel tanks, warehouses, and barracks; intense AA fire encountered; 1 B-24 missing.</p>	<p>U.S.: Vice-President Henry Wallace in a Chicago speech before the United Nations Committee to Win the Peace assails cartels and monopolies, and attacks isolationism as "the screen behind which special privilege seeks to entrench its control."</p> <p>Finland: Premier Edwin Linkomies announces that he is instructed by the government to state that Finland desires peace with Russia if she can be assured her independence and pre-1939 territorial status.</p> <p>France: The French Committee of National Liberation has sent Roger Carreau to Moscow as its representative. He is known to be anti-British and anti-American.</p> <p>Greece: The Hellenic News Agency reports that German troops have taken over all of Greece including zones</p>	<p>11</p>

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				<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>drome is target for night attack by 96 Wellingtons which drop 167 tons of bombs, causing fires in dispersal areas and among hangars. Total of 196 Spitfires, 119 A-36's, and 326 P-38's patrol beaches in Salerno sector; of enemy planes encountered, 8 destroyed, 2 probably, and 2 damaged for loss of 6 Allied aircraft.</p> <p>USS Rowan, DD, sunk in Italian waters by enemy E-boat.</p> <p><u>Aegean:</u> Maritza airdrome, Rhodes, bombed by 5 Beaufighters with unobserved results. Calato airdrome is target for night raid by 3 Wellingtons; many fires started in dispersal area.</p>
12	.. .. .		<p><u>Russia:</u> Germans report annihilation of further Soviet forces landed in Novorossisk area. Red Army advances W and SW of Stalino, capturing Alekseyevka, Bogatyr, and many other towns and villages; forces SW of Kharkov make slight gains, despite enemy resistance, and capture Levantolovka, Kosteva, and Litvinovka. S of Konotop, Soviet forces surround Romny on 3 sides; Gadyach, SE of Romny, is occupied; units astride the Konotop-Kiev RR make further gains toward Nezhin. In Bryansk sector, Red Army units capture Belye Berega, on Orel-Bryansk RR; forces N of the city advance slightly; minor gains toward Roslavl also reported by Moscow.</p>	<p><u>Italy:</u> Heavy, fluctuating fighting continues in Salerno area; enemy counterattacks in Altavilla area, forcing us to withdraw from the town; during night 3d Bn of 142d Rgt recaptures Altavilla. Axis troops are concentrating S of Sele R. in direction of Persano. In Battipaglia sector, 56th Div engages Nazi troops in heavy fighting; remainder of 10th Corps continues consolidation of positions at Salerno and pushes into the surrounding hills. Fifth Div moves NW and N of Nicastro, patrolling along the coast to area N of Amantea and along road to Cosenza. Patrols advance 2 mi. N of Crotone. Units of 1st Airborne Div push N of Mottola and down the coast road along the Gulf of Taranto; 4th Para Brig still being engaged by Axis rear guards near Castellaneta.</p> <p>Capri (in gulf of Naples) occupied by Allied forces; island's defense then taken over by cooperating Italian authorities.</p> <p>Benevento attacked by 19 B-17's which damage roads; Mignano bombed by 36 B-17's which score hits on bridges and their approaches. Isernia road junction is target for 35 B-26's and Formia road junction, for 40 B-26's; both targets covered with bombs and a large explosion caused at latter. Twenty-four B-25's damage roads, buildings, and MT in Ariana area; 36 B-25's inflict severe damage at Castelnuova. Same target bombed during night by 65 Wellingtons, which crater roads in the area. Twelve Bostons attack MT on Lagonegro-Auletta road while 12 B-25's bomb Corleto. Transport in Potenza area attacked by A-36's; roads around Sapri and Corleto also attacked; 80 vehicles are reported destroyed and many others damaged. During night Bostons, Baltimores, and B-25's attack road junc-</p>

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<p><u>Burma:</u> Twelve B-25's bomb Meiktila barracks; 6 ships score hits in barracks area; the rest score hits on RR yards W of Pakokku. Later 7 B-24's hit end of the runway at Meiktila airdrome with unobserved results. Pyawbwe and Thazi are targets for an attack by 12 B-25's deployed in 4 flights; several buildings in the barracks area at Pyawbwe, 2 cars at Thazi, and 10 at Budalin are destroyed, and several hits are scored among large buildings in factory area at Pyawbwe. At Yamethin, 7 B-24's bomb the RR yards, causing heavy damage to tracks and rolling stock, scoring additional hits on buildings E of target, and destroying 2 engine sheds.</p> <p>RAF Beaufighters attacking rail and road communications between Pyinmana and Myingyan in central Burma, cause considerable damage. Other Beaufighters patrolling Ramree I.</p>	<p><u>Ellice Is.:</u> Several flights of Japanese planes, totalling 15, drop 70 bombs on Funafuti, setting 2 planes on fire and causing light casualties; AA fire destroys 1 attacking plane.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Allied ground forces launch attack on Japanese positions on Arundel I.: some units advance E from Bomboe village, while others from NE sector hold their position; Japanese pocketed between the 2 groups.</p> <p>Twenty-five B-24's with fighter cover heavily bomb Kahili, hitting runway, revetments, and shore installations; 13 planes in repair area E of strip hit and 3 others in another region left burning; of about 27 enemy fighters intercepting over the Shortland area, 7 are destroyed for loss of 1 F6F. Kahili and barges off shore later strafed by 4 F4U's; 1 grounded plane and 1 barge set on fire; 1 F4U fails to return. On Kolombangara I., Japanese gun positions at Bambari are targets for 12 TBF's covered by 16 fighters; 500-lb. bombs accurately dropped in target area; light AA fire damages 1 Allied plane.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Wireless station at Gas-mata bombed by 4 RAAF A-20's. Nine B-25's destroy 4 barges along SW coast of New Britain and damage power launch at C. Busching.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Activities of Allied ground forces in Lae area still hampered by the flooded Busu R.; Japanese equipment captured on W bank of the river; enemy positions N of Heath's Plantation successfully attacked by Allied units.</p> <p>Japanese defenses N of Lae airdrome are targets for 49 tons of bombs dropped by 10 B-24's and 12 B-17's; bridge and houses destroyed and AA positions silenced. Burep R. mouth (E of Lae) bombed by 12 enemy planes; some damage and casualties result. Nine B-25's strafe enemy villages along N coast of Huon Peninsula. Allied shipping at Morobe attacked by 10 enemy dive bombers covered by fighters; 1 Allied vessel damaged; 2 of the attacking bombers destroyed by AA fire.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) formerly occupied by Italian forces.</p> <p><u>U.S.:</u> Secretary of State Cordell Hull, in a radio address to the nation, advocates "organized international cooperation with use of force, if necessary, to keep the peace." He defends expediency with regard to Vichy and Spain, asserting that it prevented Spain from going to war and made impossible the surrender of the French African colonies and the French fleet to Germany.</p> <p><u>Germany:</u> Stockholm reports that Germany has called up men from 50-60 years of age for military service and has ordered the removal of women and children from all large cities.</p> <p><u>Germany-Italy:</u> The Germans announce that Mussolini has been rescued from an Allied prison by German paratroops and SS men.</p>	<p>12</p>

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NORTH AND LATIN AMERICAN THEATERS				<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>tions at Potenza, Auletta, and Brienza, inflicting severe damage on roads, crossroads, and MT concentrations. Frosinone airdrome bombed in daylight raid by 67 B-17's which damage dispersal areas and destroy about 8 grounded aircraft. Force of about 72 Spitfires and 46 A-36's patrols Salerno beaches; enemy aircraft make about 100 sorties during day in Salerno area.</p> <p><u>Aegean:</u> Fighting between Germans and Italians on Rhodes is still in progress but island is now believed to be under German control.</p> <p>Calato airdrome on Rhodes bombed by 15 B-24's which damage dispersal area. Twenty-three B-24's attack Maritza airdrome; living quarters, workshops, and airdrome covered with bombs; fires in dispersal areas destroy 6 grounded aircraft.</p>
13	.. .. .	<p><u>North Sea:</u> Typhoons attack shipping off Dutch coast, sinking 2 small coastal vessels and a barge and damaging other shipping; 2 Typhoons missing.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Fort Babine (British cargo ship 7,100 tons) sunk by</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviet troops are fighting in the streets of Novorossisk. Soviet units continue to advance on lower Donets front, pushing the enemy W; Bolshaya Yanisol, a road junction W of Stalino, is occupied; in upper Donets area, stiff Axis resistance</p>	<p><u>Corsica:</u> French DD's land troops at Ajaccio.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Forty-sixth Div maintains positions in passes in Salerno area but is subject to enemy infiltrations from N; strong Axis counterattack forces 56th Div out of Battipaglia. Axis troops make strong thrust S from Eboli, cross Sele R., and create a salient N of confluence of Sele and Calore rivers; another attack, between Altavilla and Albanella, inflicts heavy casualties on U.S. troops and forces a general with-</p>

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<p>(Cont'd) and Kaladan R. areas attack enemy supply sampans, sinking 9 and damaging others, while Hurricanes inflict casualties on Japanese troops on the Mayu peninsula.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Ten P-38's bomb Hong Kong harbor, hitting 2 boats and attacking merchant vessel and DD; 3 P-40's bomb a Japanese camp S of Kiukiang. Four P-40's strafe the area between Tichanpu and Shihhweyaio with considerable success. Japanese planes raid Kienow airfield in Tukien.</p> <p><u>Kurile Is.:</u> Eight B-24's and 12 B-25's based in the Aleutians attack enemy installations on Paramushiru and Shimusu islands; in the straits between the islands 2 enemy ships are probably sunk and at least 1 damaged. After the run our bombers are attacked for 50 minutes by 25 enemy fighters with the result that 10 enemy aircraft are destroyed, probably 3 more, while 4 U.S. planes are lost and 6 others missing.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> Twelve B-25's score hits on the sidings, rolling stock, and along the waterfront at Sagaing. At Meiktila, the barracks area is attacked by 6 B-25's which score a hit in the designated area while 6 other B-25's</p>		<p>(Cont'd) <u>N.E.I.:</u> Six RAAF Beaufighters carry out bombing and strafing raid on Selaru I., Tanimbar Is.; runway and nearby villages are targets.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Large enemy bivouac area reported by Allied patrol to be 1,000 yards inland from Buri, Ganongga I.; patrol captures considerable Japanese equipment and supplies.</p> <p>During the morning 15 Japanese fighters engaged by 7 F4U's over Baga I.; 3 enemy planes and 1 F4U destroyed. Allied rcn plane destroys enemy SS 70 mi. SW of Rendova I. Lambu Lambu area, Vella Lavella I., unsuccessfully bombed by 3 hostile planes and Allied positions on Russell I. by another. During the night</p>	<p><u>Germany-Italy:</u> Field Marshall Albert Kesselring, commander-in-chief of German forces in southern Italy, decrees martial law in the territory under his jurisdiction.</p> <p><u>China:</u> The central executive committee of the</p>	<p>13</p>

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		(Cont'd) aircraft at 41-38 N, 14-30 W.	(Cont'd) delays Russian ad- vance. Red Army troops make gains SW of Romny, push- ing toward Priluki. Forces astride the Konotop-Kiev RR capture Kruty, 12 mi. E of Nezhin. Soviet troops in Bryansk sector oc- cupy RR junction on E bank of Desna R; units are at out- skirts of the city, from the N, E, and S; units moving to- ward Roslavl also make slight gains.	(Cont'd) drawal to line along the W bank of Co- sa R.; units of 36th Div establish de- fensive positions NE of Capaccio. Dur- ing night 2 Bns of U.S. 82d Airborne Div land at mouth of Sele R. Eighth Army moves ahead steadily: 5th Div advances inland and along W coast, reaching Cosenza and Belvedere; Ca- nadians push N of Crotone to Strongoli; troops of 1st Airborne Div enter Bari. Allied aircraft hammer enemy's trans- port and communication lines in battle areas. Thirty-three B-17's bomb roads around Torre del Greco; area believed temporarily blocked. Force of about 72 B-25's and B-26's bombs road junction at Pompeii, covering target area with explosive; same target suc- cessfully attacked during night by 92 Wellingtons and by 23 B-25's with 3 Bostons as pathfinders; explosions re- sult from last attack. Avellino and road junctions around Benevento are target for attack by small group of Bostons; B-25's bomb San Severino, damaging road and RR and causing a fire. Forty- seven B-25's and 8 Baltimores carry out night attack on roads leading S to Salerno; other B-25's damage roads, factory, and RR at Battipaglia and start fires. Eboli is target for 36 Baltimores; entire town covered with bombs. In 8th Army sector, heavy and medium bomb- ers attack roads, bridges, and RR's at Sala Consilina and Atena Lucana, in- flicting severe damage; Potenza is tar- get for successful night attack by 3 B- 24's and 2 Halifaxes. Axis fighter planes fly over 100 sorties against Allied beachhead in Salerno sector; 10 of these shot down. Allied naval vessels continue to sup- port ground operations by bombarding targets in Salerno area; enemy planes attack ships with rocket bombs; a Brit- ish and a U.S. cruiser damaged. Three hospital ships off Salerno also attacked; one, the Newfoundland, is set on fire and later sinks. <u>Aegean:</u> Germans and Italians on Rhodes carry on artillery battles around Maritza, at Tolos, and at Soroni.
14	.. .. .	.. .. .	<u>Russia:</u> Heavy fighting continues at Novorossisk and in Krymskaya area. Soviet troops along Sea of Azov occupy Yalta, W of Mariupol; units W of Stalino occupy Gavrillovka. In N part of Donets area, troops along	<u>Italy:</u> Positions of 46th Div N of Sal- erno threatened by enemy infiltration; Axis artillery shells Salerno. Shortly before midnight, enemy launches strong inf and tank attack against Allied forces NW of Sele R. where 56th and 45th Divs have consolidated their positions on a coordinated front; attack main- tained for 3 hours but fails to gain any ground against stubborn resistance of British and U.S. units. Another Nazi

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>bomb the RR yards W of Pakokku with unobserved results. At Ywataung 8 B-25's drop demolition bombs on the train tracks and yards, scoring direct hits on cars; 2 B-25's are hit.</p> <p>RAF Beaufighters carry out offensive patrols along the Irrawaddy R. and over the Arakan coast in the Ramree I. area: large numbers of sampans and other river craft are sunk, set on fire, or damaged; hits also observed on a 200-ft. steamer and a factory. In the Arakan area, a formation of Vengeances dive-bombs enemy positions E of Maungdaw, while Hurricanes machine-gun a large group of Japanese army huts N of Rathe-daung.</p>		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Japanese planes bomb Lunga area on Guadalcanal I., causing minor damage.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Allied ground forces occupy Salamaua Peninsula, forcing Japanese to flee northward toward Asini; considerable enemy equipment captured.</p> <p>West of Lae, Heath's Plantation and positions to the N are reported clear of Japanese; E of Lae, Allied troops advance 2,700 yards W of the Busu R.</p> <p>Dagua and But airdromes in the Wewak area bombed and strafed by 16 and 5 B-24's, respectively, with 4 squadrons of P-38's as cover; large fires and explosions result at both targets; hits scored on several grounded planes at But and 16 set on fire at Dagua; of 30-40 intercepting enemy fighters, 8 are destroyed and 4 probably destroyed. Supporting ground operations in the Markham R. Valley, 12 B-25's raid Japanese positions along the Markham road, setting a native village on fire; Labu I. also strafed.</p> <p>Twelve enemy bombers escorted by 30 fighters unsuccessfully raid runway at Marilinan, W of Lae in the Watut R. Valley; intercepting Allied fighters destroy 1 bomber and 1 fighter, probably destroy another fighter, and damage 1; 1 P-40 missing. Morobe bombed during evening by enemy planes; no damage results.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Ambon town and Halong sea-plane base on Ambon I. are targets for night bombing and strafing attack by 4 RAAF PBY's; 3 floatplanes damaged, AA positions silenced, and large fires started. Single RAAF PBY, failing to reach Babo, bombs Langgoer, Kei Is.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Kuomintang names Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to a 3-year term as President of China. He has been Acting President since of death of Lin Sen last month.</p>	
<p><u>Burma:</u> Nine B-25's in 3 flights bomb river shipping in the vicinity of Bhamo on the N Irrawaddy R.</p> <p>At Kanbalu 9 B-25's attack the RR yards, scoring hits in or near the target area.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Allied troops continue active against strong enemy positions on Arundel I.; enemy reinforced during night from 4 barges. Allied ground forces on Vella Lavella I. active against Japanese in Valpata area.</p> <p>Kahili airdrome is target for 4 attacks by total of 47 Army and Navy Liberators with 76 fighters as escort; revetment, dispersal, repair, and supply areas heavily bombed; of approximately 70</p>	<p><u>Bulgaria:</u> DNB reports that Finance Minister Dobri Bojilov has been named Premier of Bulgaria succeeding Bogdan Filov, who resigned to join the Regency. In addition to Filov the</p>	<p>14</p>

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14 C'd	NORTH AND LATIN AMERICAN THEATERS		(Cont'd) Slavyansk-Lozovaya RR capture Gavrilovka and Dubovo; units N of the RR occupy Alekdeyevskoye. Axis defense at Romny still holds, but N of the town Red Army units occupy Rubanka; N of Nezhin, RR to Chernigov is cut by advancing Soviet forces. Russians are reported to be fighting in outskirts of Bryansk; Red Army units make slight gains in Roslavl sector.	(Cont'd) attack also takes place NW of Sele R.; enemy troops also attempt to cross Calore R. Shattering naval bombardment by British and U.S. cruisers and DD's is vital factor in repelling these attacks; Altavilla, in particular, is heavily shelled. British 5th Div advances up W coast to Scalea; Canadians reach area E of Spezzano; 4th Para Brig, in defensive positions on Mottola-Gloia road, engages enemy rear guard in skirmishes.  Allied aircraft in tremendous effort against enemy attacks in Salerno sector hammer Axis troops, transport, and communications throughout the day and night; extensive damage is inflicted on Battipaglia, and roads throughout the area Torre Annunziata-Avellino-Auletta- Allied line are badly cratered. Thirty-five B-17's drop 105 tons of bombs on roads around Pompeii, hitting junction and bridges and possibly destroying bridge over the Sarno R. Roads, bridge, and RR installations at Torre Annunziata damaged as result of attack by 37 B-17's which drop 105 tons of bombs. Eboli is target for 20 more B-17's; 60 B-25's and 62 B-26's score hits on barracks, RR, and roads, and start fires at same objective; town is again attacked, during night, by 24 B-25's and 3 A-20's which cause large fires and explosions; MT on roads out of Eboli attacked by 32 A-36's, which destroy 47 vehicles and damage others. Eboli and Torre Annunziata are targets for 20 P-40's; results at former unobserved but fires started in RR yards at latter. Force of 58 B-25's and 38 B-17's bombs Battipaglia, destroying barracks area and severely damaging industrial section. Thirty-six B-26's and 41 B-17's drop 115 tons of bombs on Battipaglia-Eboli road with good results; 127 Wellingtons drop 237 more tons during the night, scoring numerous hits on both towns and starting large fires; 52 Kittybombers attack MT along the road.  Road junction at Avellino bombed by 36 B-26's; good concentration in target area achieved. Baronissi-San Severino road is target for another formation of 36 B-26's which scores many hits. Thirty-four B-26's bomb Auletta road but bombs fall to N of objective. Road and RR crossings S of Pellazzano attacked by 36 B-25's; dust prevents observation of results. Roads around Eboli, Contursi, Potenza, and NE of Naples attacked during night by Bostons and Baltimores; fires started at Controne as result of raid by 10 B-25's.



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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Burma 6 B-24's bomb installations at Myitkyina, starting fires and scoring direct hits on buildings in the target area. This bomber activity is complemented by 7 P-40's rcn in the N Hukawng Valley, resulting in the destruction of 4 Bashes at Sharaw Ga.</p> <p>RAF Beaufighters continue their attacks on enemy shipping along the Irrawaddy R.; 2 steamers damaged; between Minhla and Allanmyo more than 50 sampans are left burning.</p> <p><u>French-Indo-China:</u> Seven B-24's bomb the cement plant, docks, and shipping in Haiphong Harbor, scoring direct hits on a drydock and boat, near misses on a freighter, and hits in a warehouse and building area.</p> <p><u>China:</u> On rcn 3 P-40's strafe a barracks and buildings in the Yangsin area. At Kiukiang 4 P-40's hit the ammunition and storage dump at Nanchang with unobserved results; 1 pilot and plane missing from these operations. An attempted 9 B-25 attack on the Kowloon dock area near Hong Kong is intercepted by a round 10 Japanese fighters N of target with the result that 4 Zeros</p>		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>intercepting enemy fighters, 8 are destroyed; 2 P-40's missing and another crash lands; 5 F4U's and 1 Liberator damaged by AA fire. Three F4U's strafe Ballale airdrome, destroying 1 fighter and damaging another and 1 bomber on runway; fires started at S end of strip. Shortly afterwards 24 TBF's and 34 SBD's covered by 41 fighters bomb and strafe Ballale; fires and explosions result NE of runway, 1 enemy plane destroyed on ground, and an ammunition dump possibly destroyed; 21 hostile fighters intercept, of which 8 are shot down; 2 F6F's lost; 5 TBF's damaged by AA fire. At night 6 B-34's raid Ballale and 24 B-24's, Kahili; results unreported.</p> <p>Japanese planes active over New Georgia area: 2 enemy planes bomb Munda before dawn, damaging 2 F4U's on runway, and force of 40-60 hostile planes attacks Munda-Barakoma area during night, destroying 1 F6F, damaging 5, and causing some casualties.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Allied ground forces closing in on Lae are within 2 mi. of the airdrome on the E and 4 mi. on the W. In the Salamaua area, Japanese remnants are now 10 mi. NW of the Peninsula.</p> <p>Enemy positions along the lower Markham Valley road bombed and strafed by 9 B-25's, which destroy buildings. On sweep along NE coast, 13 B-25's bomb and strafe Sepik R. and Hansa Bay areas, destroying buildings at Marienberg and Angoram, silencing AA positions at Awar, and starting fires at Nubia. Moro be ineffectively bombed during night by 6 hostile planes.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Selaru I., Tanimbar Is., bombed and strafed 3 times by total of 6 RAAF Beaufighters and 3 RAAF Hudsons; fires started in warehouse area. Kendari, Celebes, is target for 27 tons of bombs dropped at night by 12 B-24's; large fires started in airdrome, wharf, and town areas. Three RAAF PBYS carry out night raid on Ambon, starting fires in barracks, town, and along wharf.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Regency consists of Prince Kyril, brother of the late King Boris and ex-War Minister Lt. General Nickola Mihov.</p> <p><u>China-Japan:</u> Chinese Foreign Minister Dr. T. V. Soong says at a Washington press conference that his government has rejected a Japanese offer to withdraw troops from all of China except Manchuria in return for Chinese collaboration.</p>	14 C'd

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				(Cont'd) Marshalling yards at Pescara bombed by 37 B-24's; engine sheds hit and fires and explosions caused. A-36's carry out 236 sorties, patrolling the beaches and bombing and strafing MT in Torre Annunziata and Battipaglia areas; 69 vehicles destroyed and 35 damaged; P-38's make about 321 sorties, bombing and strafing roads, troops, bridges, and MT and acting as cover for bombers; Spitfires carry out about 200 cover missions. About 75 Axis planes operate against Allied ground forces during the day; 6 enemy planes shot down in all missions. <u>Greece:</u> During night RR installations at Khalkis are target for successful attack by Wellingtons.
15	.. ..	<u>France:</u> At dusk 305 heavy bombers, 77 B-26's, and 232 fighters dispatched against targets in N France; during 4 coordinated attacks, approximately 800 tons of bombs are dropped, the largest load to date for a day's operations by the 8th Bomber Command; attacks are made as follows: 93 B-17's bomb GAF Storage Depot and airdrome at Romilly-sur Seine with excellent results; 149 B-17's, in 2 flights, attack the Caudron-Rennault, Villancourt, and the Hispano-Suiza factories as well as a ball bearing factory adjoining the last, each in the Paris area, scoring many direct hits in all target areas; 63 B-24's successfully bomb Chartres; in conjunction with heavy bomber raids, 70 B-26's strike Merville airfield with fair to good results; escort for attacks furnished by P-47's and Spitfires; bombers carry maximum load, and fighters operate in relays, some of them	<u>Russia:</u> Heavy fighting continues in Novorossisk area. Soviet troops make gains in direction of Melitopol, capturing Gulyai-Pole and Kulbyshevo; other forces driving toward Lozovaya reach point about 12 mi. E of the city. In Kharkov sector, forces SW of Merefa capture Novaya-Vodolaga. In Konotop area, Red Army units in Romny sector occupy Sencha; forces astride Konotop-Kiev RR capture Nezhin. Fighting continues at Bryansk; N of the city, Soviet troops occupy Dyatkovo. Berlin announces new Soviet attacks against Smolensk, one W of Yelnya and another S of Byelyi; enemy also reports unsuccessful Soviet attack S of Lake Ladoga.	<u>Italy:</u> Enemy pressure in Sele area lessens somewhat and Germans organize defensive positions N of the river; units of 45th Div cross Calore and Sele rivers and reach area NW of Persano; 142d Rgt repels Axis attack near Persano; 7th Armored Div lands in Salerno area. Thirteenth Brig moves toward Sapri from Scalea. In the Italian heel patrols operate NE to the Adriatic; Canadians continue advance along Gulf of Taranto and toward Castrovillari. Allied forces occupy Procida and Ponza islands, SW and NW of Naples. British BB's, Warspite and Valiant, bombard objectives in Salerno area. Communications in Salerno area are again principal target of Allied aircraft. Thirty-six B-26's attack Battipaglia-Eboli road, possibly blowing up ammunition dumps; 56 B-17's bomb same target, dropping 124 tons with good results; 46 B-26's attack Serre-Eboli road, causing many craters; 26 B-26's hit road junction at Eboli. Force of 183 A-36's attacks MT at Eboli, Avellino, Auletta, and Potenza, reporting about 100 MT destroyed and 70 damaged; of small number of enemy planes encountered, 1 shot down, 1 probably, and 2 damaged. Thirty-one Bostons and Baltimores on armed rcn of Auletta-Potenza area strafe and leave burning many vehicles and start fires in the area. During night, Bostons and B-25's bomb road junctions at Contursi and Auletta. Torre del Greco road bombed by 36 B-17's which damage highways and RR's; Torre Annunziata road attacked with good results by 48 B-25's which also hit marshalling yards near Pompeii; same road is target for night attack by 123 Wellingtons which drop 242 tons of bombs, hitting junctions, RR bridge, and highway. Forty-eight Baltimores and B-25's attack Axis troop concentrations

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<p>(Cont'd) and probably 1 more are shot down; no bombs are dropped.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> Six P-40's attack an enemy supply dump 6 miles SE of Maingwan in the Hukawng Valley; all bombs hit in target area and town; town is also thoroughly strafed with at least 20 buildings left in flames. At Sedaw 11 B-25's bomb the RR switchback hits on tracks and hillside nearby cause a landslide; 1 flight abandons primary target and attacks Myingyan, scoring hits among barracks and destroying perhaps 4 buildings. Myingyan is target for a fairly successful raid by 7 B-25's later in the day.</p> <p>RAF Beaufighters again carry out a number of offensive patrols despite adverse weather conditions; in the Shwebo area severe damage is inflicted on RR installations; along the Irrawaddy and Chindwin rivers an oil tank at Yen-angyat and a landing stage at Monywa are heavily</p>		<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Reinforced Japanese troops on Arundel I. counterattack against Allied positions on NE coast; attacks repulsed and casualties inflicted on the enemy; from Bomboe village a Bn of Inf and tanks move in to reinforce Allied forces. Artillery and mortar fire frustrates enemy attempt to reinforce Sagakarasa I. (opposite Vila) by barge during night. On Vella Lavella I., Allied troops fail to encounter any Japanese, but discover 15 dead from Allied arty fire.</p> <p>Simultaneous pre-dawn raids are made from low altitude on Kahili and new Japanese airstrip at Kara, 10 mi. NW of Kahili, by total of 11 B-25's; fires and explosions caused at both targets. Later in the morning Kahili bombed by 3 waves of B-24's, totalling 32, with 79 fighters as cover; 840 fragmentation clusters dropped on runway, revetments, dispersal and supply areas; hits scored on all targets; raids opposed by intense AA fire and 41-43 enemy planes; 8 hostile planes destroyed; 2 P-40's missing, another crash lands, and 1 B-24 is damaged by AA fire.</p> <p>Lunga area, Guadalcanal I., bombed before dawn by 4 hostile planes; 1 SBD destroyed and other Allied planes are slightly damaged; few casualties result. Munda raided 3 times during night by Japanese planes; ammunition dump set on fire and minor casualties inflicted; 1 enemy plane destroyed.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Allied troops approaching Lae gain 1/2 mi. on the E and reach point 1 mi. E of Edward's Plantation (about 1 mi. S of Heath's Plantation) on the W; Japanese sustain heavy casualties; Allied reinforcements land 10 mi. S of Markham R.</p> <p>Wewak and Boram airdromes are targets for 66 tons of bombs dropped by 22 B-24's with fighter cover; accurate as-</p>	<p><u>Germany-Italy:</u> A manifesto read over the radio in the name of Benito Mussolini proclaims the reconstitution of the Fascist Party in Italy under the name of the "Republican Fascist Party" with Mussolini as its supreme leader.</p>	15

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		<p>(Cont'd) carrying belly tanks; intense AA fire encountered only in Paris area; the few enemy fighters opposing attacks employ air to air bombing and rockets; 15 Axis fighters destroyed, 2 probably, and 4 damaged; 5 B-17's, 1 B-24, and 3 fighters missing.</p> <p>Dunlop tire factory at Montlucon is target for 1,017 tons of bombs dropped at night by 369 RAF planes and 5 B-17's; bombing fairly well concentrated, and factory is later observed burning fiercely; 3 RAF planes missing.</p> <p><u>England:</u> Of 17 enemy planes over England, 3 reach London; 3 Axis planes destroyed for loss of 1 British night fighter.</p>		<p>(Cont'd) N of Roccadaspide, covering area thoroughly and causing fires and explosions. Potenza marshalling yards are target for 17 B-24's which pulverize W part of objective; 19 more B-24's miss Potenza but 8 planes drop bombs along Potenza-Altamura-Gravina RR and near warehouses at Matera. Supply dumps at Potenza attacked during night by 7 B-24's and Halifaxes; results unobserved. About 212 Spitfires patrol the beaches during the day; about 48 Axis planes encountered, of which 2 are shot down.</p> <p><u>Corsica:</u> Two squadrons of Italian planes from a Sardinian base make night attack on German craft in Straits of Bonifacio and on Ghisonaccio airfield.</p> <p><u>Tyrrhenian:</u> SS Bushrod Washington (U.S. cargo ship, 7,191 tons) and SS James W. Marshall (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons) sunk by aircraft off Salerno at 40-40 N, 14-43 E.</p>
16	.. ..	<p><u>France:</u> Total of 295 B-17's dispatched in 3 forces to bomb targets along W coast of France. First force of 147 bombers, in 3 waves, attacks airdrome and naval installations at Nantes; hits scored in dispersal areas and among workshops; 1 DD sunk and another damaged;</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Berlin announces evacuation of Novorossisk; Soviet forces NW of Krymskaya make slight gains. In N Donets sector, Red Army units capture RR junction of Lozovaya; troops astride the Khar'kov-Krasnograd RR advance toward latter. Soviets in Konotop area capture Romny, advancing</p>	<p><u>Italy:</u> British forces N of Salerno repulse Axis attack at Capezzano; Ranger units maintain their positions NW of Salerno and continue harassing action against the enemy. Two strong enemy attacks in Montecorvino sector repulsed by 56th Div. Enemy salient between Sele and Calore rivers reduced by U.S. forces and Albanella recaptured; to the N, Altavilla is recaptured during the night, after severe fighting, by units of 82d Airborne Div. Fifth and Eighth Army forces join at Vallo where patrols of 5th Div contact units of 36th Div which have pushed S along road from Torchiaro; 1st Cdn Div contacts 5th Div at</p>

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>attacked and many rivercraft damaged; along the Arakan coast more than 30 sampans SW of Ramree I. are sunk or damaged; attacks also made on a jetty and buildings at Kyaukpyu.</p> <p><u>French Indo-China:</u> Five B-24's bomb the cement plant at Haiphong with unobserved results; on the bombing run the formation is attacked by over 50 Japanese fighters; 3 B-24's are shot down and 1 is missing, while 10 Japanese fighters and perhaps 8 more are destroyed.</p> <p><u>China:</u> The cotton mills at Wuchang are target for a raid by 6 B-25's escorted by 14 P-40's; buildings to the left of the target are damaged; on return from the mission the formation is intercepted by 12 Zeros of which 1 is shot down and 4 more damaged; 1 P-40 missing.</p> <p>The Kienow air-drome is bombed by 8 Japanese aircraft; 15 bombs hit on the runway.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> Four P-40's on offensive rcn in N Hukawng Valley bomb and strafe the target area in Ninghku Ga., 6 miles SE of Maingkwan. To the S, Maymyo, Wetween, and other targets are bombed by 11 B-25's in 4 flights; extensive damage is done to barracks and RR installa-</p>		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>assessment of damage hampered by clouds and 60-70 intercepting enemy fighters, but about 10 planes destroyed on the ground, and large fires as well as 1 large explosion observed; 48 intercepting enemy planes destroyed and 11 others probably destroyed for loss of 1 P-38. Nine B-17's drop 32 half-ton bombs on Lae, silencing an AA battery and causing large explosion; 1 B-17 crashes near Wau. Targets from Mardang to Finschhafen receive about 44 tons of bombs and are also strafed by force of 23 B-25's; AA position and ammunition dumps destroyed and villages set on fire; 15 barges destroyed and others damaged offshore.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is:</u> Large party of Japanese lands night of 16/17 at Warambari Bay, NW Vella Lavella I., it is reported. Ballale runway and gun positions bombed and strafed by 31 SBD's and 24 TBFB's covered by 61 fighters; hits scored among parked planes and trucks; 50 enemy fighters intercept, of which 14 are destroyed; 2 F6F's and 1 P-39 lost. Sixteen B-24's escorted by 26 fighters attack Kahili; bombs well concentrated on runway and along both sides of runway; several fires result; intense AA fire damages 2 Allied planes. During night 9 B-25's carry out surprise low-level raid on Kahili; intense AA fire</p>	<p><u>Great Britain-Russia:</u> The latest British move in the direction of closer relations with Russia is the proposed visit of the Archbishop of York to Moscow. He will stress the ties between the Arglican Church and the Russian Orthodox Church and will invite a delegation from</p>	16

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16 C'd		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>oil and coaling station set on fire and ship-building yards severely damaged; 50 enemy planes oppose 1st wave and 35, the 3d; 7 B-17's missing. Second force of 105 B-17's attacks La Rochelle airdrome and La Pallice submarine installations; direct hits scored on large repair hangar at the airdrome, and bombs well concentrated on new lock area and submarine pens; fighter opposition weak, but accurate AA fire destroys 2 B-17's; 1 B-17 crashes. Third force of 43 B-17's raids Cognac-Chateau Bernard airdrome; clouds prevent observations of results; weak fighter opposition again encountered. During heavy bomber missions 44 enemy fighters destroyed, 5 probably, and 13 damaged. Tricqueville and Beaumont le Roger airdromes each bombed by 36 escorted B-26's; good results reported at the latter and fair results at Tricqueville. About 30 RAF medium bombers raid Serqueux RR center and a power station near Rouen.</p> <p>Night of 16/17, 296 RAF planes bomb Modane RR center near the Italian border, scoring well concentrated hits on freight yards at entrance to Mont Cenis tunnel into Italy; 1 enemy night fighter destroyed and 3 RAF planes</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>the Send of their salient; units pushing W of Nezhin reach Novosovka. Soviets enlarge bridgehead on W bank of Desna R. with occupation of Novgorod-Severski; evacuation of Bryansk by Nazi troops is announced from Berlin.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Castrovillari and 1st Airborne Div at Villapiana (on coast S of Rotondella) to form continuous Allied line across S Italy. Patrols of 2d Para Brig continue up Adriatic coast, reaching Bisceglia area.</p> <p>Ischia I. is occupied by Allied naval forces. Targets in Salerno area heavily bombarded by 2 British BB's, Warspite and Valiant; former is severely damaged by rocket bomb.</p> <p>Benevento bridges are target for 68 B-17's; bridge approach is cratered; RR, highway, and MT are hit. Isernia and Capua bombed by 59 and 50 B-25's, respectively; RR and road installations at latter damaged; 1 bomber missing. Total of 54 B-26's bombs Mignano road and Foggia road junction. Thirty-eight B-17's carry out highly successful raid on Caserta area; RR cut, approaches to overpass cratered, fires and explosions caused in freight yards; 1 bomber fails to return. Huge fires and explosions caused at Potenza road junction and supply dumps as result of attack by 38 B-24's; Potenza is also target for successful night raid, by 7 B-24's and Halifaxes. Caserta and Benevento bridge attacked during night by 44 B-25's and 6 Bostons; fires and explosions result; 26 Bostons and 3 Baltimores carry out armed rcn over battle area, possibly blowing up an ammunition dump and bombing and strafing 80 MT. MT and roads in battle area attacked by about 70 A-36's, which destroy 16 vehicles and damage many more. P-38's make 269 sorties, patrolling the beaches and attacking targets of opportunity; RR yards and bridge at Avellino, station at Lioni, and towns of Eboli, Campagna, and Montecorvino hit. Night of 16/17, 84 Wellingtons bomb airdrome at Cisterna Littoria, leaving it a mass of flame.</p> <p><u>Aegean:</u> RAF aircraft now based on Cos I.</p>

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>tions. Monywa and Sagaing are hit by 15 B-25's with excellent results, especially on the Ywataung RR siding at Sagaing; 1 B-25 is damaged.</p> <p>RAF Vengeances dive-bomb and strafe the courthouse and other buildings at Buthedaung in W Burma; bombs seen to burst in target area. Beaufighters continue their attacks on enemy communications and troop positions; on a RR near Sagaing 5 locomotives and a number of trucks are severely damaged; in the Ramree I. area more than 30 sampans are sunk or damaged, and fires are left burning after an attack on the Japanese occupied village.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Eight B-25's escorted by 9 P-40's bomb an ammunition dump 13 mi. SW of Tayeh, scoring direct hits on the ammunition dumps, barracks, and warehouses, and causing numerous fires.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UNCLASSIFIED</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>damages 3 B-25's. Ballale raided simultaneously by 5 B-34's, 1 of which is missing. Eight B-24's bomb Buka airdrome with good results; bursts observed in runway and revetment areas and 2 fires started. Enemy positions at Parapatu Pt., Kolombangara I., bombed by 5 B-24's.</p> <p><u>New Ireland:</u> B-24 scores 2 near misses on enemy medium AK in convoy N of Mussau I.; when later seen the convoy lacks 1 ship. PBV on night patrol attacks 3 hostile vessels 52 mi. SE of C. St. George; 1 vessel left on fire and sinking and another damaged.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Allied troops, with artillery and air support, occupy Lae about noon. Prior to occupation of Lae, 4 destructive raids are made on enemy defenses in the area by total of 12 B-17's, 9 B-26's, 8 B-25's, and 9 A-20's. Seventeen B-24's drop 61 tons of bombs on Alexishafen airdrome, concentrating on dumps and personnel areas, when weather prevents them from bombing Wewak; 1 runway left unserviceable and many fires started.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> Fenton airdrome in Darwin area bombed early in the morning by 12-15 enemy planes; slight damage results. Two hostile planes raid Onslow during morning without effect.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>the Russian Church to visit England.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Marshall Pietro Badoglio calls on the Italian people to take up arms against Germany beside the "Anglo-Americans who have accepted our armed support in chasing the Germans out of our peninsula."</p>	<p>16 C'd</p>

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17	.. .. .		<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviets' L flank moves for- ward along coast of Sea of Azov; Osipen- ka is occupied; gains also made in Melitopol-Zaporod- zhe area, where Grigoryevka and Verkhne-Tokmak are captured. Sov- iet troops capture Vasilkovka and Dmitriyevka, SE of Pavlograd; some gains also made to- ward Krasnograd but stiff enemy re- sistance in this area delays Red Army advance. Russians driving to- ward Poltava-Kiev RR, roughly paral- lel to Dnepr R., make slight gains. Soviet troops storm Bryansk, occupying the city and also Bezhitsa, just S of Bryansk. Nazis report heavy fighting W of Vyaz- ma and claim that all Soviet attacks in this area are repul- sed.</p>	<p><u>Sardinia:</u> Evacuation of Germans to Corsica is believed almost completed. <u>Italy:</u> Slight advances on road N of Salerno made by 46th Div; 56th Div reoccupies Battipaglia, forcing slow withdrawal of enemy units in the area. Forty-fifth Div makes slight gains in Persano sector; 36th Div advances NE and SE of Albanella, occupying Con- trone and Roccadaspide. Inland from Sapri, enemy units are contacted by British troops at Lagonegro; in Taran- to sector, enemy evacuates Gioia del Colle which is subsequently occupied by 4th Para Brig; 2d Para Brig, advan- cing up Adriatic coast, reaches Trani. Allied warships continue to support ground operations in Salerno area by destructive bombardment of enemy positions. Pescara RR and road junction and marshalling yards bombed by 40 B- 24's; junction and adjacent buildings believed destroyed; bridges and track hit; large oil fire started in yards and smaller fires on N edge of town. Fog- gia RR yards attacked during night by 8 Halifaxes and B-24's, which score hits in yards and on warehouses and cause violent explosions. Airdromes in Rome area heavily bombed: 75 B-24's and 60 B-25's attack Pratica di Mare, causing fires and explosions and de- stroying an estimated 39 planes and 23 gliders on the ground; 55 B-17's drop 106 tons on Ciampino, damaging han- gars, buildings, and barracks, cutting RR track, destroying 18 grounded air- craft and damaging 17; during night 64 Wellingtons attack Cerveteri, leaving numerous grounded planes burning and starting fires among buildings visible 50 mi. Enemy troops and communica- tions in battle area are under constant fire from Allied aircraft: 64 A-36's attack Sarno, Campagna and Ariano areas and destroy 1 of 12 Axis planes encountered; 219 P-38's attack Eboli,</p>



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<p><u>Burma:</u> RAF Beaufighters continue attacks against Japanese communications over a large area of W and central Burma: RR buildings at Tin-deinyan, and Ley-wa in the Katha district and various river craft on the Upper Irrawaddy R., including 2 steamers and several barges, are severely damaged and an oil barge is left burning; farther S, targets include 3 trucks on a road E of Chauk, about 20 river craft on the Yeu R., and army huts on the Taungup Pass road. Hurricanes attack Japanese army huts at Kyaukpandu on the Mayu Peninsula, damaging more than 24; at Apaukwa on the Kaladan R. Vengeances dive-bomb and machine-gun buildings in the target area.</p>	<p>.. ..</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Seven B-25's make low-level bombing attack on Kahili airdrome at 0155, starting a fire; intense AA fire encountered; 1 B-25 missing. Ballale bombed during afternoon by 30 SBD's and 24 TBF's escorted by 73 fighters; gun positions, revetments, supply and bivouac areas well covered and fires started; unidentified vessel S of runway set on fire; 2 TBF's missing; 50-60 enemy planes intercept over the Shortlands area and in ensuing engagement 14 are destroyed for loss of 1 F4U and 3 F6F's. Four Japanese planes drop parachutes on Vila during night; Japanese prisoners later report that Vila is being supplied by floatplanes and SS's. Allied rcn plane bombs and strafes an AK and DE about 90 mi. E of Kavieng, leaving the AK afire amidship. During night total of about 12 enemy planes bomb Munda causing minor damage.</p> <p><u>New Ireland-New Britain:</u> Small Japanese AK's W of Mussau I. skip bombed and strafed by B-24 on rcn; 1 left stationary and listing. Further damage inflicted on enemy AK's by 6 RAAF Beaufighters, which set 4 on fire and damage 3 others in Kimbe Bay.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Sixty Japanese killed during Allied advance from Salamaua area toward Markham R. mouth. Six B-25's sweep E coast of Huon Peninsula, strafing Finschhafen and coastal villages. B-25 destroys 1 of 5 intercepting enemy fighters over Markham Valley.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Five RAAF Hudsons followed by 7 RAAF Beaufighters raid Taberfane seaplane base during early morning; floatplane and fuel barge destroyed, AA position hit, and fires and explosions caused.</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> In a report on war industry manpower problems, Bernard Baruch, advisor to War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, outlines the need for a labor priorities system. The report also recommends enlistment of all labor sources, the curtailment of less essential activities, the improvement of labor efficiency and management techniques, the combatting of labor hoarding, and experimentation with wage incentive schemes.</p> <p>In a message to Congress, President Roosevelt reports on the events of importance foreign and domestic, that have occurred during the two-month recess of Congress, including the Quebec Conference.</p> <p><u>France:</u> The French Committee of National Liberation presents a memorandum to Robert Murphy and Harold Macmillan, British and American ministers in North Africa, to the effect that</p>

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18	.. ..	<p><u>France:</u> Twenty-six escorted B-26's attack Beauvais-Tille airfield, while 10 B-25's bomb Rouen airfield; at the latter, 1 FW-190 destroyed and another damaged for loss of 1 Allied fighter.</p> <p><u>North Sea:</u> Typhoons inflict some damage on enemy shipping off Dutch coast.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviet forces in Caucasus make slight gains W of Novorossisk. Left flank of Red Army advances along Sea of Azov and captures Nogaisk; slight progress also made by troops E of Zaporodzhe; Pologi and Verkhne-Tokmak occupied. Russians driving toward Dnepr bend capture RR junction of Pavlograd; units heading toward Poltava occupy Kolomak. Enemy's vital RR line from Krasnograd to Kiev is cut as Soviet troops capture Mirgorod and Romodan. Soviet forces advancing along Nezhin-Kiev RR occupy Kobyzhchi; progress is made also by troops moving W of Desna R., in Novgorod-Severski sector. In Bryansk sector, Soviets make gains on RR's to Gomel and to Roslavl from Bryansk, capturing Barachevka and Zhukovka. Berlin again reports heavy fighting W of Yelnya and S of Byelyi but Soviets in this area do not make any</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Avellino, Serre, Campagna, and cover the beaches; 24 B-25's bomb Eboli-Auletta roads; 80 A-36's bomb and strafe targets in Battipaglia area; during night total of 44 B-25's, 32 Bostons, and 8 Baltimores bomb RR and road communications in Torre Annunziata area, inflicting considerable damage. Groups of Spitfires and P-40's carry out patrol of the beaches in Salerno sector.</p> <p><u>Aegean:</u> Germans are known to have occupied islands of Karpathos and Scarpanto.</p> <p>In cooperation with naval units, 3 Wellingtons attack Axis convoy off Nios I; 13,000-ton tanker destroyed and 1 escort vessel probably sunk.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> In Salerno area British troops make slight gains N and NE of the city; Ranger units continue to operate in Sorrento Peninsula. U.S. 36th Div moves into area between Battipaglia and Eboli and occupies high ground N, E, and SE of Altavilla. Eighth Army forces advance N towards Potenza; units of 1st Airborne Div occupy Laterza.</p> <p>Axis airdromes are chief target for Allied aircraft during day and night. Viterbo airdrome is target for 125 tons of bombs dropped by 70 B-17's; landing area cratered; many grounded planes destroyed; fuel stores hit; fires started in buildings. Same target attacked during night by 55 Wellingtons, which score hits in dispersal areas and start numerous fires. Force of 35 B-25's bombs Ciampino; of 3 Axis planes encountered, 1 is shot down; 1 Allied bomber destroyed and 1 missing. Eighty-six B-26's bomb landing ground at Pratica di Mare; explosions result from hits on fuel dump; several grounded planes destroyed; 1 bomber missing. Four satellite fields at Foggia strafed by 91 P-38's; 33 Axis aircraft destroyed on the ground and 43 damaged. Pescara RR yards are target for successful, unopposed attack by 31 B-24's, which cover area thoroughly with bombs. Eighteen B-17's bomb Salerno-Avellino road, scoring hits and near misses on roads and RR's. Road network in battle area attacked during night by 29 Bostons and 8 Baltimores; about 30 vehicles probably carrying fuel are set on fire near Potenza; bombs also dropped on Benevento; 1 Boston missing. Spitfires carry out '83 sorties over Salerno beaches.</p> <p>Montecorvino airdrome attacked by 4 FW-190's; 3 Allied planes destroyed on the ground and 6 damaged.</p>

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<p><u>Burma:</u> Eleven B-25's in 4 flights bomb Bongyaung Gorge SW of Katha, in W Burma, scoring hits on the tracks and to the W of the target, while 7 B-25's bomb the engine shed at Naba Junction with poor results.</p> <p>RAF Beaufighters attack targets in the Promea area in S Burma damaging 2 locomotives, 5 military trucks, 20 sampans, and troops barracks in the same area. Hurricanes are again active over the Mayu Peninsula, attacking enemy-occupied villages S of Buthedaung.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Four B-25's, escorted by 7 P-40's, bomb the foundry and installations at Shihhweiyao, scoring hits on cranes in RR yards, on blast furnaces, on warehouses and on ore cars; 3 U. S. aircraft fail to return.</p> <p>Nine Japanese aircraft bomb</p>	<p><u>Gilbert Is.:</u> Seven U.S. land-based bombers raid Tarawa night of 18/19, damaging runway, barracks, and supply areas with 1/2 tons of bombs; enemy plane destroyed as it attempts to take off.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Allied troops on Arundel I. make some gains against enemy positions. On Vella Lavella I., units of 3d NZ Div land without opposition at Barakoma; Major General Barrowclough, Commanding General of 3d NZ Div, takes over command of the island at midnight.</p> <p>Twenty-four SBD's and 15 TBF's covered by fighter patrol bomb Japanese gun positions at Bambari Harbor, SE Kolombangara I., and strafe others at Parapatu Pt., causing explosions and fires. Formation of 30 enemy dive bombers and 20 fighters intercepted over Barakoma by 17 F4U's and 4 P-40's; during ensuing engagement enemy loses 12 bombers and 2 fighters, another bomber to AA fire from Barakoma, and 2 others to U.S. crash boat; Allied losses are 3 F4U's.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> C. Hoskins runway and small shipping offshore strafed by 5 RAAF Beaufighters.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Finschhafen raided 3 times by total of 14 RAAF A-35's, 9 B-26's, and 1 B-24; about 20 tons of bombs dropped during the 3 attacks and the area strafed. Nine A-20's strafe Tami Is. (20 mi. SE of Finschhafen). North of Finschhafen, Allied PT's sink 1 enemy troop barge and set another on fire.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>France, because of Italian occupation, should have priority on property seized by Italy under the French-Italian Armistice of 1940 and that French forces should have special consideration with regard to Italian materiel coming into Allied hands.</p> <p><u>U.S.:</u> Lt. General Delos C. Emmons announces in San Francisco that no Japanese evacuees will be returned to western military areas. He says that "the possibility of enemy action in this area remains real."</p> <p>The Office of War Information announces the separation of propaganda and information activities in Europe and Africa. James P. Warburg is to direct propaganda and Ferdinand Kuhn, information.</p> <p><u>U.S.-Great Britain-Russia:</u> It is announced that a conference of the foreign secretaries of the U.S., Great Britain, and Russia will be held in Moscow in October.</p> <p><u>France:</u> The French Committee of National Liberation appoints Andre Henri Hoppenot as representative of the Committee in the U.S., and also as head of</p>	18

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			(Cont'd) apparent gains. Local fighting continues S of Lake Ladoga.	(Cont'd) <u>Aegean</u> : Maritza airdrome, Rhodes, is target for night attack by 1 Wellington; fire started among buildings on the airdrome. <u>Greece</u> : During night 4 Wellingtons attack RR junction near Argos and Preveza.
19	...	<u>France</u> : Eighteen escorted B-26's attack the Lille-Nord airfield under difficult weather conditions; results obscured by clouds; 4 enemy aircraft destroyed and 3 damaged as against 3 Allied aircraft lost. Merville airfield is target for 8 escorted Typhoons; no opposition encountered except heavy flak barrage in Boulogne area. In the Bethune area,	<u>Russia</u> : Pressure of Soviet units in the Kuban forces enemy westward toward debarkation points. In Melitopol-Zaporodzhe sector, Soviets move closer to the latter; Zherebets, on RR running SE from Zaporodzhe is occupied. Units SW of Kharkov capture Krasnograd. Enemy is forced to retire toward the Dnepr all along the lower front as junctions of Khoral, Lubny, Piryatin, and	<u>Corsica</u> : Zonza occupied by Italian troops who are also holding Vezzani; Allied patrols are active on Ponte Leccia-Casamozza road. <u>Italy</u> : Enemy resistance in Salerno area decreases and 5th Army makes slight gains E and NE of the city; 45th Div occupies Eboli and 56th Div captures Olevano. Fifth Div advances toward Potenza: 13th Brig reaches Caggiano; 15th, Montesano; 17th, Auletta. Cdn forces reach area of S. Arcangelo. Roads NE of Eboli attacked by 32 Bostons and 8 B-26's; 1 Bostons fails to return. MT moving N from Conturni are target for A-36's and P-40's; 109 reported destroyed and 137 damaged; hits also scored on roads in area. Bostons attack road and RR communications in battle area during night.

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<p>(Cont'd) Yangshan, 140 mi. SE of Kweilin, and an unknown number of enemy planes bombs Linwu, 130 miles E of Kweilin.</p>	<p><b>UNCLASSIFIED</b></p>	<p><b>UNCLASSIFIED</b></p>	<p>(Cont'd) the Committee's civilian mission. Italy: Mussolini speaks from a German radio station, asking the Italians to resume the fight beside Germany and accusing King Vittorio Emanuele and Marshall Pietro Badoglio of treachery. Russia: Pravda publishes an article discussing the extent to which the 1944 Presidential elections are already engaging the attention of the U.S. It states that "such preoccupation with elections which are a year off, during a war which will decide the destiny of the U.S. must seem unnecessary to any attentive observer." China: Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek observes the 12th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Manchuria with a pledge to the Chinese people that all lost territory will be recovered.</p>	
<p>Burma: The Monywa RR yards and barracks are targets for 3 heavy and medium bomber raids; in 1 raid 11 B-25's score direct hits on the barracks, wharf area, power station, and adjacent buildings, starting fires in warehouses; a 2d raid is carried out by 10 B-25's which score hits along the edge of the shore and in buildings along the shore</p>	<p>Nauru I.: Twelve B-24's and 2 PB4Y's drop 236 100-lb. bombs on 2 runways and near radio station and phosphate plant during early morning; 1 searchlight destroyed; intense AA fire slightly damages 3 B-24's; interception unsuccessfully attempted by 1 or 2 enemy night fighters. Gilbert Is.: Following up night raid of 18/19,</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Increased Japanese resistance checks Allied troops on Arundel I. On Kolombangara I., gun positions at Vila and Disappointment Cove are targets for 34 tons of bombs dropped by 28 SBD's, 14 TBF's, and 10 B-25's with fighter cover; ammunition dump exploded and fires started at both objectives; intense AA fire damages 1 TBF. Guadalcanal bombed before dawn by 2 or 3 hostile planes; 29,000-gal. gas tank destroyed and minor casualties suffered. Enemy bombers lightly and ineffectively raid Munda during night; 3 intercepting F4U's shoot down 1 Japanese plane. Enemy barges active during night between Vila and Arundel; Allied Inf destroys 2 and artillery shells 4. New Britain: C. Gloucester airdrome is target for over 80 tons of bombs</p>	<p>U.S.: Ambassador William H. Standley returns to Washington to consult with officials on the imminent Moscow meeting of Russia, Great Britain, and the U.S. The U.S. Navy announces that it now has the "greatest sea-air power on earth," consisting of 14,072 vessels of 5,000,000 tons and 18,269 planes. Russia: The</p>	19

NORTH AND LATIN AMERICAN THEATERS		EUROPEAN AND NORTH AFRICAN THEATERS		
		Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Mediterranean
1949 Sept		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>12 escorted B-25's drop bombs, with unobserved results.</p> <p><u>Holland</u>: Woensdrecht airfield raided by 8 escorted Typhoons; negligible opposition encountered.</p> <p><u>North Sea</u>: British light naval units set 2 enemy trawlers on fire off Dutch coast.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Priluki are seized by Red Army units. Forces advancing toward Chernigov capture Mena and Berezna. From Chernigov N to Smolensk, Soviet troops W of the Desna R. progress: SW of Bryansk, Trubchevsk is occupied; on Bryansk-Roslavl RR, Dubrovka is captured. <del>Mos</del>cow announces gains in Smolensk sector as Red Army forces capture Yartsevo, on Vyazma-Smolensk RR, and Dukhovshchina, NW of the latter</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Force of 39 Wellingtons makes night attack on road bridge over Calore R. N of Benevento; bridge and approaches believed damaged; 1 large explosion and 2 fires also result.</p> <p><u>Aegean</u>: Two Wellingtons make night attack on quay on Santorin I.</p> <p>Five JU-88's and 10 ME-109's attack Antimachia airdrome on Cos I.; 2 C-47's destroyed and 2 of intercepting Spitfires missing; 1 JU-88 shot down.</p> <p><u>Crete</u>: Maleme airdrome machine-gunned by 2 Beaufighters during night.</p>
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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>starting fires that spread to the center of the town and demolishing several buildings; a 3d raid is executed in 2 flights, by 14 B-24's, on the RR yards and barracks; many direct hits are scored in the target areas. At Ninchangyang 8 P-40's bomb and strafe the target area, starting a large fire.</p> <p>A formation of RAF Wellingtons bombs Akyab, scoring many hits in the W part of the town and starting several large fires; bombs also are dropped on Taungup and fires are left burning. In the morning Beaufighters on patrol along the Irrawaddy R. damage a locomotive and some rolling stock at Alon, 2 steamers and other craft near Monywa and steamers and an oil barge at Pakinokku. In Arakan dive bombers attack enemy occupied buildings E of Maungdaw, scoring many direct hits.</p> <p>China: Six Japanese bombers escorted by 3 fighters bomb and strafe Wuchow.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Allied carrier-based and land-based planes bomb Tarawa, Makin, and Abemama; attacking force includes 20 B-24's, which drop 36 tons of bombs on Tarawa with 95% of them hitting the target; 8-10 enemy planes intercept, of which 1 is destroyed, 1 probably destroyed, and 2 damaged; 1 B-24, damaged by AA fire, makes forced landing.</p> <p>Comq. from Admiral Nimitz's Hq announces following damage inflicted on the enemy as result of 200 sorties, night of 18/19 and large portion of day of 19th against Tarawa, Makin, and Abemama in the Gilbert Is. and on Nauru I.: at Tarawa, airfield facilities heavily damaged, 8 grounded bombers destroyed, and small vessel sunk; at Makin, airbase sustains some damage and 3 seaplanes and a patrol plane destroyed; at Abemama camp installations damaged; at Nauru, installations damaged; in addition to planes destroyed on the ground, enemy loses 6 Zeros and 2 medium bombers in combat, while 4 fighters are probably destroyed and 8 damaged; total U.S. losses are 4 planes.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>dropped by 24 B-24's and 11 B-17's; 6 grounded planes believed destroyed and 2 runways left unserviceable. On Hoskins Peninsula, AA positions, supplies, and beached vessels strafed by 4 RAAF Beaufighters, 1 of which is shot down by AA fire.</p> <p>New Guinea: Kaiapit, about 60 mi. NW of Lae, occupied by Allied troops transported by air.</p> <p>Finschhafen and villages from Finschhafen to Sio attacked by 4 Allied missions consisting of 12 B-25's, 7 B-26's, and 1 B-24.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Twelve B-24's carry out pre-dawn raid on Ambon I. and Namlea, Boeroe I., dropping 26 tons of bombs plus incendiaries on the 2 targets; explosions and numerous fires result at Ambon airdrome; workshop and possible fuel dumps at Namlea hit. Selaru, Tanimbar Is., bombed by 2 B-25's; 2 fires started.</p> <p>Australia: During early morning 9 enemy planes bomb Fenton airdrome in Darwin area without effect.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Russian magazine <u>War and the Working Class</u> hails statements by U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull urging closer U.S.-Russian relations and declares that "this is also the aim with which the people of the U.S.S.R. are imbued." The magazine also attacks Allied Military Government as "opposed to the principles of democracy."</p>	<p>19 C'd</p>

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20	<p><u>North Atlantic:</u> Allied west-bound convoy attacked by Axis SS's at 57-29 N, 28-26 W and the following 2 vessels sunk: SS Theodore Dwight Weld (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons) and SS Frederick Douglas (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons). Canadian DD, St. Croix, escorting a convoy, torpedoes and sunk S of Iceland.</p>	.. .. .	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviet L flank advances closer to Melitopol; Novovasilevka is occupied, bringing them a few mi. SE of the city; N of Zaporozhze, the RR to Sinelnikovo is cut by the capture of Slavgorod. Red Army units are approaching Poltava, the last major RR junction held by the Germans in this area; Karlovka, on Poltava-Krasnograd RR, captured. Russians in Kiev area make slight gains, occupying Grebenka, S of Piryatin, and Markovitsky, 27 mi. from Kiev; forces on Chernigov-Kiev road capture Kozelets. Red Army units W and SW of Novgorod-Severski reach the Snov R. Nazis are forced back in area W of Desna R. where the advancing Russians capture Kletnya and Gremyach. In Roslavl-Smolensk area, Kholm is occupied by Soviet troops; NW of Smolensk, Velizh is captured.</p>	<p><u>Corsica:</u> Germans are moving from the Bonifacio area to Bastia where evacuation to the mainland is beginning.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Allied forces advance steadily against decreasing Axis pressure: patrols of 45th Div reach Contursi and those of 3d Div reach Montecorvino area. Canadians reach Potenza, which is reported clear of the enemy.</p> <p>RR yards near Venice bombed by 9 B-24's; heavy explosion results but further observation of results prevented by heavy cloud. Fifteen B-24's, unable to locate primary target, attack Pescara, scoring hits on grounded aircraft, approaches to bridge, buildings, and hangars. Torre Annunziata road and Sarno junction hit by 31 B-17's. Road junctions at Castelnuova and Calabritto bombed by 35 and 24 B-25's, respectively; 24 B-25's attack Avellino causing a large explosion; 10 aircraft damaged by AA fire at last. Thirty-six B-26's make successful raid on roads and RR yards at Formia, temporarily blocking traffic to the S. Benevento is target for night attack by 50 Wellingtons, which damage RR yards and cause explosions in the town. Force of 31 Bostons and 8 Baltimores attacks MT and roads in Benevento area during night, damaging MT, RR, and buildings. Fighter bombers attack an enemy convoy, probably carrying fuel, near Potenza; 30 vehicles set on fire. A-36's make successful raids on Axis troop and tank concentrations NW of Salerno, breaking up the formations. P-40's make 74 beach diversion missions; 86 Spitfires carry out patrol and escort missions in battle area; it is estimated that 67 enemy MT are destroyed during the day and 56 damaged.</p> <p>SS Almenara (British cargo ship, 1,851 tons) sunk by mine at Taranto.</p> <p><u>Greece:</u> Force of 18 Wellingtons and Hudsons dispatched to attack Hassani airdrome (near Athens) during night; 1 attacks target in W Greece and 2 others unable to locate target bomb burning ship in Piraeus area; remainder bomb target, causing many fires among buildings and dispersal areas.</p> <p><u>Aegean:</u> British garrisons now entrenched on Cos, Leros, Stampalia, Samos, and Sima islands.</p> <p>Maritza airdrome, Rhodes, is target for night attack by 11 Beaufighters, which start fires in dispersal areas, along main runway, among grounded planes, workshops, and buildings; AA gun silenced; 1 Allied plane missing. Force of 8 Beaufighters attacks shipping (400-ton vessel, 2 E-boats, and 2</p>



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<p>Burma: Thirteen B-24's attack Sedaw in 2 flights scoring hits S of Rua bridge and in the town. At Katha in N Burma, 10 B-25's in 3 flights do extensive damage in the RR area, and destroy a boat S of Katha. In the same general area Naba Junction and Indow are targets for a bombing and strafing raid by 9 B-25's attacking in 3 flights; at Naba tracks, rolling stock and buildings W of tracks are hit and 2 fires are started.</p> <p>RAF Beaufighters carry out attacks on Japanese road and rail communications over an area in W Burma from Yeu to Taungup Pass Road in the S; 7 locomotives are damaged or destroyed on the RR near Thazi Junction; attacks also are made on Japanese Army huts at Yebawgyi on Taungup Pass Road and on riverside buildings and motor vehicles at Thayetlebin on the Yin R. E of Magwe. E of Maungdaw, in the Arakan area, Vengeances dive-bomb enemy buildings successfully. In the afternoon Mohawks bomb Japanese villages near Kawlin in the Katha area, in N Burma, starting fires and scoring direct hits on buildings and huts; locomotives in the Kin station also damaged.</p> <p>China: Four B-25's escorted by 7</p>		<p>Solomon Is.: Sagakarasa I., off NE Arundel I., now clear of Japanese. Allied troops on Vella Lavella I. consolidating positions and patrolling.</p> <p>Japanese barge staging areas at Ringa and Vovohe Coves, W of Vila, bombed and strafed by 4 B-25's. Twenty-four SBD's and 12 TBF's with fighter patrol as cover bomb and strafe enemy gun positions at Parapatu Pt., SE Kolombangara I., with good results; 1 TBF and 1 SBD crash in water. Eight F4U's strafe 8 hostile barges off SW Choiseul I., setting 3 on fire and damaging the others.</p> <p>Six Japanese planes raid Allied positions on Guadalcanal before dawn, causing some damage and destroying 1 grounded plane.</p> <p>New Guinea: Twelve B-24's bomb Wewak and Boram airdromes, dropping over 46 tons of bombs on the 2 targets; large fuel fires started and 1 grounded plane destroyed; of 7 airborne enemy fighters, 2 are shot down. Japanese communications lines in Bogadjim area bombed and heavily strafed by 3 missions of Allied planes, comprising 47 B-25's, 8 B-17's, and 2 P-39's; 65 tons of bombs dropped and about 120,000 rounds expended in strafing; 3 bridges and 5 trucks destroyed; other bridges, trucks, barges, roads, and buildings damaged.</p> <p>During morning 9 enemy bombers escorted by 10 fighters raid Nadzab, causing some damage and casualties; 16 intercepting P-38's destroy 3 enemy fighters and probably destroy another.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Namlea, Boeroe I., bombed by 4 RAAF PBV's, which start 2 large and 7 smaller fires. In the-Kei Is., Langgoer and Doela bombed by 4 and 2 RAAF Hudsons, respectively; fires result at both targets.</p>	<p>U.S.: The War Production Board procurement division announces that future contracts will be placed with consideration to the availability of manpower, ease of transportation, and nearness to raw materials. No other contracts requiring increased manpower will be placed on the Pacific coast or other labor shortage areas.</p> <p>General George Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, and Admiral King, Navy Commander-in-Chief, warn a joint Senate-House Military Affairs Committee that delay in drafting fathers will prolong the war and increase losses.</p> <p>Great Britain: Sir Samuel Hoare, British Ambassador to Spain, declares that Russia must take her "rightful place in any stable Europe." Hoare, admittedly a leader of the right wing of the Conservative Party, goes on to say that Communism is a national, not an international product.</p> <p>Denmark: Stockholm reports that a committee of Denmark's leading political parties has rejected a German plan to withdraw its military control and make Nazi Minister Werner Best "protector."</p>	20

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				(Cont'd) barges) in Vronti Bay, Scrapanto I.; near misses scored on barges and cannon hits on all vessels; 1 Beaufighter fails to return. Antimachia airdrome, Cos I., attacked by 2 HE-111's; 1 destroyed and the other probably. Same target unsuccessfully attacked later in the day by 2 JU-88's and 6 ME-109's. Third attack on Antimachia is carried out in late evening by 2 JU-88's and 5 ME-109's; buildings are destroyed and a Spitfire is damaged on the ground; 1 JU-88 shot down. Crete: Three Hudsons and 6 Baltimores attack Heraklion airdrome, night of 20/21; hits scored on runways, buildings, and SW dispersal area.
21	<u>Bering I.</u> : Small fishing vessel near Bering I. fires on Allied rcn plane, slightly damaging it.	<u>France</u> : Forty-three B-26's with Spitfire escort attack Beauvais-Tille airfield with fair to poor results; intense flak, but mediocre fighter opposition encountered; 1 enemy plane destroyed and 1 B-26 shot down. Synthetic petrol plant near Lens is target for attack by 14 escorted B-25's; results obscured by clouds and haze; a number of enemy fighters encountered, of which 2 are damaged; 2 B-25's lost. <u>England</u> : Of about 30 Axis planes over E and SE coasts during night, 2 are shot down.	<u>Russia</u> : Heavy fighting continues in the Kuban, NE of Anapa; Soviet troops capture Varenikovskaya. Enemy forces continue to retreat in Zaporodzh-Dnepropetrovsk area; Russians capture Sinelnikovo, a RR junction SE of Dnepropetrovsk, Soviet forces reach point about 4 mi. NE of Poltava and make slight gains SW of Priluki. On the central front, Russian forces cross the Desna R. and occupy Chernigov; units pushing toward Gomel and Smolensk make gains; NW of Smolensk, several towns captured by Soviets. Soviet aircraft report sinking of sev-	<u>Corsica</u> : Sartene occupied by Italian units without opposition; French forces move toward Bonifacio and Porto Vecchio. Polish SS sinks 2 ships in Bastia harbor. Force of 20 B-24's, unable to locate Leghorn because of cloud, bombs Bastia, damaging RR yards and town and scoring hits and near misses on 4 ships in the harbor. Bastia again attacked, during night by 75 Wellingtons; 125 tons of bombs dropped, hitting oil storage tanks, docks, and harbor; large explosions and fires visible 70 mi. result; large merchant ship straddled and 2 others hit; 2 bombers fail to return. <u>Italy</u> : In 10th Cbr ps sector San Cipriano, Ogliara, and Montecorvino Rovella occupied without opposition by British forces; 45th Div captures Campagna; 3d Div advances to point S of Acerma. Leading brigades of 5th Div are delayed by demolitions and mines. Patrols of Canadian Div contact 5th Corps at Ginososa, which is reported clear of the enemy, and forward troops occupy Avigliano. Benevento bridge and roads bombed by 33 B-17's, which drop 96 tons of

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>P-40's bomb the Kiukiang docks, causing explosion on a DD, and damaging dock installation.</p> <p>At Nanning in SE China, 9 enemy aircraft drop 50 bombs, causing very little damage</p> <p>Farther to the N and W, Kunming is attacked by 27 bombers escorted by 20 fighters; 24 P-40's and 3 P-38's intercept with the result that 15 enemy bombers and 2 fighters, probably 7 more bombers and 2 fighters are destroyed, and 3 bombers and 4 fighters are damaged; U.S. losses are 1 P-38 and 1 P-40; some damage is done by the enemy aircraft to the field and a few grounded planes.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> In the Hukawng Valley 6 P-40's start several fires at Lalawng Ga with a bombing and strafing attack, while 5 more P-40's start several fires among buildings at Mingbyen. Wetlet is the target for an attack by 6 B-24's and 11 B-25's; the B-24's bomb the RR yards with excellent results, scoring hits across the yard center and destroying siding, rolling stock, main line, and adjacent buildings; of the 11 B-25's which set out to bomb Wetlet, 1 bombs Songon and another Monywa, the remaining 9 attack</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5;">UNCLASSIFIED</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Enemy resistance on Arundel I. ceases at 1445; Allied forces now control the entire S side of Blakett Strait; 345 enemy dead counted, indicating that total Japanese casualties are between 500 and 600.</p> <p>Twenty-three B-24's bomb Buka airdrome, scoring hits in runway, dispersal, and revetment areas; 10 fires started, 1 of which is believed to be burning planes; of 15-18 intercepting enemy fighters, 2 are destroyed; 1 B-24 damaged. Kahill is target for surprise strafing raid by 4 F4U's covered by 24 fighters; 6-8 Zeros on runway destroyed or damaged; AA fire hits 2 F4U's, 1 of which crashes into the water. Japanese barge off W central Choiseul I. and 170-foot AK of Redman I., N of Choiseul, set on fire during attacks by 6 F4U's.</p> <p>Force of 12-16 hostile bombers raids Guadalcanal airdrome before dawn, destroying 1 F4U and damaging 5 others, slight casualties inflicted; 2 enemy bombers shot down by 1 P-38. Munda raided simultaneously by Japanese planes; minor damage results.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> B-24 attacks 1,500-ton AK 56 mi. N of Garove I. and leaves it</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Spain: Foreign Minister Francisco Jordana tells Ambassador Carlton Hayes of the U.S. that Spain will not recognize any Italian government other than the Badoglio one</p> <p>Hayes also refuses Spain's request for arms as long as the Blue Division stays on the Eastern Front. This stand is taken despite Jordana's protest that Spain must have arms to defend herself against Germany in order to change her foreign policy.</p> <p><u>U.S.:</u> The House of Representatives passes by a vote of 360-29 the Fulbright Resolution favoring post-war participation by the U.S. in international machinery to maintain the peace.</p> <p>The State Department joins the British Foreign Office in warning neutral countries that purchases of enemy-owned stocks or other assets in Italian property may not be recognized.</p> <p><u>Great Britain:</u> Prime Minister Winston Churchill in a war progress speech tells the House of Commons that Britain and the U.S. will launch a</p>	<p>21</p>

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			(Cont'd) eral enemy troop barges off Caucasian coast.	(Cont'd) explosive, scoring numerous hits in target area; 1 bomber missing. Bridges NE of Capua are target for 36 B-25's; hits observed on RR, RR bridge, and roads. Thirty-six B-26's attack Canello bridges, cutting the highway and damaging small marshalling yard. Force of 83 B-25's bombs Axis troop concentrations, roads, and gun positions in vicinity of Solofra, inflicting heavy damage and causing fires and explosions. Fighter bombers strafe roads in battle area; only slight MT movement observed; 3 vehicles destroyed and 6 damaged. Roads and RR installations in Naples-Caserta-Benevento-Andretta area attacked during night by 27 Bostons and 8 Baltimores. Total of 195 Spitfires and 78 P-40's carries out patrols in Salerno area during day. Harbor installations at Leghorn attacked by 32 B-24's; RR line damaged and a merchant ship left burning; 1 bomber, unable to locate target, attacks Marina di Pisa. <u>Cephalonia</u> : German forces land and occupy the island. <u>Albania</u> : Valona harbor entered during night by force of Allied PT's; 1 medium-sized ship loaded with ammunition and 1 small merchant vessel sunk; hits scored on 2 other ships; shore batteries engage force as it is retiring and damage 1 PT. <u>Crete</u> : Maleme airdrome is target for night raid by 3 Wellingtons; explosions and fires in dispersal areas result. <u>Tyrrhenian</u> : SS William Gerhard (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons) sunk by SS off Salerno.
22	<u>West Atlantic</u> : SS St. Usk (British cargo ship, 5,472 tons) sunk by SS at 16-30 S, 29-00 W.	<u>France</u> : Seventy escorted B-26's attack the Evreux-Fauville airdrome with good results; flak and fighter opposition weak; 1 enemy fighter destroyed. <u>Germany</u> : In a destructive night raid, approximately 700 RAF planes drop 2,358 tons of bombs on Hannover; bombing well concentrated; moderate flak and strong fighter opposition encountered; 26 RAF planes missing. About 25	<u>Russia</u> : Soviet forces further constrict enemy in Kuban area with capture of Anapa. In Zaporozhne-Dnepropetrovsk area, Russians make move forward, penetrating into the 20-mi. defense zone of both cities; NE of the latter, Novo Moskovsk is occupied. Germans announce evacuation of Poltava as Soviets move closer to the city; localities N, E, and SE are captured. In Kiev area, Red	<u>Corsica</u> : German troops carry out continuous patrolling on approaches to Bastia; patriot forces push S from St. Florent, E from Corte, and S from Zona. <u>Italy</u> : N of Salerno, Axis forces oppose advance of Allied units. Third and 45th Div's make slight gains in Acerno and Oliveto areas. On 8th Army front 5th Div, in area W of Potenza, reaches Buccino; patrols of 1st Cdn Div reach Matera and Irsina. Enemy positions and communications in Naples area are primary target for Allied aircraft. San Martino roads and bridge damaged by 36 B-25's; Grotaminarda junction and nearby roads damaged by 32 B-25's; 24 more attack Axis troops and gun concentrations SE of Avellino, causing 5 large explosions; town of Nocera and surrounding roads damaged by 24 more. Twenty-five

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Wetlet, scoring hits on tracks, cars, and buildings in the towns.</p> <p>N of Toungoo, RAF fighters on offensive patrol attack 2 trains, 1 just N of Pyinmana and the other at Shweda. Other targets damaged or destroyed include tower, rolling stock, and MT in Yeu area, at Myingyan, and craft on the Chindwin and Kaladan rivers.</p> <p>China: Eight B-25's escorted by 8 P-40's effectively hit the RR yards and shipping facilities of Kiukiang; in addition 1 ship is hit and damage done to waterfront installations.</p> <p>Eight Jap planes bomb Kunming, and an unreported number bomb Chengshien.</p> <p>Arabian Sea: SS Cornelia P. Spencer, (U.S. cargo ship, 7,177 tons) is sunk by SS at 02-08 N., 50-10 E.</p>		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>sinking. Fourteen RAAF Beauforts and 3 RAAF A-20's raid Gasmata, dropping about 12 tons of bombs. C. Gloucester bivouac and supply areas receive 66 tons of bombs dropped by 22 B-24's; results obscured by clouds and dust.</p> <p>New Guinea: Japanese communications S of Bogadjim again successfully bombed and strafed, by 16 B-25's; 4 bridges destroyed and a jetty damaged. Twelve A-35's, 9 B-26's, and 7 A-20's bomb and strafe enemy positions and installations on the Tami Is., SE of Finschhafen, with good results.</p> <p>Formation of enemy bombers and fighters unsuccessfully attacks Allied shipping in vicinity of Lae; 16 intercepting P-40's destroy 4 bombers and 5 fighters and probably destroy 1 other bomber; 1 P-40 missing. Twelve Japanese bombers attack Tsili Tsili runway, near Marilinan, causing some damage and casualties. Eighteen enemy bombers and 25 fighters encountered in same area by 8 P-47's, which damage 1 enemy fighter.</p> <p>N.E.I.: On Timor, Penfoei airdrome, C. Chater, and Lautem attacked by 2 Dutch B-25's, 2 RAAF Hudsons, and 1 RAAF Hudson, respectively; large fires started at Penfoei airdrome.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>2d front through Western Europe and that he has never regarded the Mediterranean Campaign as a substitute. Churchill likewise defends Allied operations in Italy against critics who maintain that much time was wasted needlessly before the landings were made on Italian soil.</p>	
<p>Burma: Sixteen B-25's set out to bomb Sedaw; 15 hit the switchhouse and track, while 1 B-25 bombs Wetlet. At Sedaw the switchback and tracks are further damaged by 10 B-25's.</p> <p>RAF Beaufighters make attacks in the Katha district near Kyungon; rolling stock is heavily damaged and many sampans on the Irrawaddy R. are either sunk or damaged. N of</p>		<p>New Britain: At dawn 21 B-24's and 12 B-25's attack C. Gloucester airdrome, dropping about 73 tons of bombs and heavily strafing it; both strips left unserviceable; AA positions, fuel dumps, and 1 grounded plane destroyed. Gasmata airfield bombed with unobserved results by 12 P-40's.</p> <p>New Guinea: Australian troops land S of Song R., about 6 mi. N of Finschhafen, capture enemy defenses on the beach, and advance rapidly southward toward airfield against light opposition; landing supported by air and naval bombardment. Since June 30, 6,382 Japanese dead have been counted in Lae-Salamaua area.</p> <p>Cooperating with Allied landing operation, 18 B-25's and 7 A-20's bomb and heavily strafe Finschhafen area. Allied surface forces participating in Finschhafen landing unsuccessfully attacked by 20-30 enemy bombers under escort</p>	<p>Great Britain: Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden gives the House of Commons the official version of the flight of Rudolf Hess in 1941 from Germany. According to Eden, Hess came to England, without Hitler's knowledge, to deliver peace terms to the British Government.</p> <p>Germany: A Berlin private dispatch states that Mussolini after his visit to</p>	22

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		(Cont'd) RAF planes carry out diversionary raid on Oldenburg. <u>England:</u> Ten enemy planes operate over East Anglia during night, without success; 2 destroyed.	(Cont'd) Army forces are driving toward the Dnepr R. on a broad front, making substantial gains; Zolotonosha, N of Cherkassy, Pereyaslav, on Kremenchug-Kiev highway, and Oster, between Chernigov and Kiev, are captured. Soviet troops advancing toward Gomel occupy Starodub, between Bryansk and Gomel, Mglin, SW of Bryansk, and Pochev, on Bryansk-Gomel RR. Soviets also advance slightly in Roslavl and Smolensk areas; NW of the latter, Demidov is captured, despite fierce Axis resistance. Soviet aircraft claim sinking of several enemy ships in Novorossisk area.	(Cont'd) B-26's bomb road and RR bridge near Amorosi, cutting road and RR S of the bridge; 36 B-26's cut auxiliary road at Mignano. Force of 24 B-25's attacks gun positions E of Castel San Giorgio. Force of 46 Wellingtons makes night attack on Formia RR installations, dropping 90 tons of bombs; hits scored on marshalling yards, RR lines, and a factory. A-36's attack Nocera-Pagani area with good results; P-40's attack MT and harbor at Manfredonia; hits scored on merchant ship and quay. <u>Aegean:</u> Force of 23 B-24's drops 51 tons of bombs on Maritza airdrome, Rhodes; entire landing area covered, runway, buildings, and hangars damaged, and 6 grounded planes destroyed. During night 5 B-24's and 7 Halifaxes attack Maritza and Calato airdromes, hitting dispersal areas and runways and starting fires. <u>Greece:</u> Eleusis airdrome (near Athens) is target for 27 B-24's, which drop 64 tons of bombs on runways and dispersal area and among parked aircraft; a number of JU-88's believed damaged or destroyed on the ground.
23	<u>North Atlantic:</u> In further SS attacks on Allied west-bound convoy, attacked first on the 20th, following vessels sunk: SS Fort Jemseg (British cargo ship, 7,134 tons) and SS Skjelbred (Norwegian cargo ship, 5,096 tons) at 53-18 N, 40-24 W; SS Oregon Express (Norwegian cargo ship, 3,642 tons) at 53-25 N, 39-42 W. Another Allied convoy attacked by Axis SS's at approximately 53-00 N, 40-00 W and SS Steel Voyager (U.S.	<u>France:</u> Force of 117 B-17's bombs Nantes port area with following results: 4 large vessels hit, of which 3 are set on fire; floating dock severely damaged and several fires started among port buildings; moderate AA fire and 30-50 enemy fighters encountered. Shipping and port facilities at Nantes further damaged during afternoon by 91 B-17's; hits scored on 2 tankers and smaller vessels; same force attacks Rennes airdrome with good results; enemy fighters de-	<u>Russia:</u> Heavy fighting continues in Kuban area. In Zaporozhe-Dnepropetrovsk area, fierce Nazi counterattacks partially restore enemy positions although Moscow reports slight gains in drive toward Dnepropetrovsk. Red Army units occupy Poltava and make some progress toward Kremenchug. In Kiev sector, Soviets capture Bobrik and Dimirka, NE of the city, on RR to Konotop; SE of the city, on RR to Lubny, Barishevka is occupied. In Gomel-Smolensk area.	<u>Italy:</u> During night 46th and 56th Div's begin attack into hills N of Salerno in attempt to break through to Neapolitan plain: Axis troops offer determined resistance to former on Vietri-Nocera road and only slight progress made; 56th attacks on Salerno-San Severino road and reaches Capezanno area. U.S. units continue advance NE of Salerno: 45th Div occupies Oliveto and advances NW toward Calabritto; 3d Div captures Acerno and forward troops penetrate several mi. N toward Montella. On 8th Army front Canadians contact enemy in Spinnazola and Atella areas and 1 Brig of 1st Air-borne Div moves in direction of Altamura. Road bridge at Canello attacked by 18 B-26's; 2 hits scored and approaches cratered. Eighteen B-26's attack bridge at Capua; no hits scored on target but road and RR cut; intense, heavy AA fire encountered. Force

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Toungoo severe damage is inflicted on transportation facilities; along the coast attacks are made on barracks at Sandoway and Gwa where army huts and sampans are damaged and on the barracks on Cheduba I.</p> <p>China: Three B-25's escorted by 6 P-40's bomb a vessel in the Yangtze near Shihhweiyao, scoring 2 near misses. At Nanking 3 B-25's escorted by 4 P-40's bomb a large freighter; damage unknown.</p> <p>Nine Japanese planes bomb Nomyung, Kukong, and Lungmoon with unobserved results.</p> <p>Burma: RAF Beaufighters attack Jap road, river and RR communications along the Irrawaddy between Promé and Magwe, near Minbu, between Meiktila and Mandalay, and in the Shwebo district; locomotives, vehicles and river craft destroyed.</p>		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>of 30-40 fighters; attack opposed by 88 Allied fighters and AA fire from ships; 10 enemy bombers and 29 fighters destroyed and 5 other fighters probably destroyed; 3 Allied planes lost.</p> <p>Enemy planes bomb Nadzab area during early morning without effect, while 6 hostile bombers raid Buna area, causing some damage and casualties.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Enemy floatplane base at Halong, Ambon I., bombed by 12 B-24's, which drop 23 tons of bombs; hangar and adjacent building hit and fires started. Three B-24's bomb Langgoer, Kel Is.; 6 of 12 intercepting enemy fighters destroyed, 1 probably, and 2 damaged; 1 B-24 missing; 3 other B-24's which set out to bomb Langgoer have not reported.</p> <p>Solomon Is.: On Vella Lavella I.; units of 35th NZ Bn CT land at Mundi Mundi on NW coast, while elements of 37th NZ Bn CT land at Paraso Bay on the N coast, to establish beachheads at the 2 points for landing of remainder of the 2 CT's during 23-26 Sept.; enemy planes unsuccessfully bomb NZ units at Paraso Bay night of 23/24; large group of Japanese reported moving toward Umomo. Allied troops on Arundel I. consolidating their positions and preparing for artillery bombardment of enemy positions on Kolombangara I.; Japanese prisoners report that about 500 casualties were sustained by the Japanese 13th Inf Regt on Arundel.</p> <p>Japanese gun positions at Jakohina and Kangu Hill in Kahili area bombed by 23 B-24's, 22 SBD's, and 12 TBF's, escorted by 59 P-38's, F4U's, NZ P-40's, plus unspecified number of P-39's; ton, half-ton, and quarter-ton bombs dropped with good results; several buildings destroyed and 6 fires started; of 50-60 intercepting</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Hitler's Headquarters "left for a southern point where he will, on the spot, endeavor to obtain precise information regarding the situation in Italy." It adds that Mussolini's attention is now devoted to the building up of Fascist militia as a kernel of a new republican Fascist Army, and to the reorganizing of the Fascist Party.</p> <p>Japan: Premier Hideki Tojo announces the evacuation of unnecessary government offices, factories, and civilians from Tokio and other large cities in order to perfect aerial defenses.</p> <p>France-El Salvador: The Front Committee of National Liberation is recognized by El Salvador.</p> <p>U.S.: The American Legion at its national convention in Omaha adopts a resolution approving U.S. participation in a post-war organization to keep the peace.</p> <p>The U.S., Great Britain, Russia, and China agree on the creation of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration to function in liberated areas when the military asks for assistance.</p> <p>The United Mine Workers of America and the Illinois</p>	23

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	cargo ship, 6,198 tons) sunk.	<p>stroy 1 B-17 and AA fire another. Vannes-Meucon and Kerlin-Bastard airdromes bombed during morning by 67 and 63 B-17's, respectively; at the former, 2 small hangars destroyed and 2 damaged, several buildings believed to be barracks destroyed, and many hits scored on runway, dispersal area, and roads; at Kerlin-Bastard airdrome, N dispersal main hangar destroyed and 11 others damaged; other buildings, dispersal area, and airfield hit; 10-15 enemy fighters encountered; 1 B-17 shot down. As diversion from afternoon attack on Nantes, 74 B-26's bomb Beauvais airfield with good results. Fighter support for above operations furnished by P-47's and Spitfires. Total enemy fighter losses to bombers are 24 destroyed, 1 probably, and 3 damaged.</p> <p><u>Germany:</u> At night Mannheim is target for 1,861 tons of bombs dropped by more than 600 RAF planes under favorable weather conditions; large and well concentrated fires started; strong fighter opposition is met and 32 RAF planes are missing; 3 enemy planes destroyed.</p> <p><u>England:</u> During the night 9 enemy planes unsuccessfully attack targets along E coast.</p>	<p>Russians force Nazis back; Unecha, junction on Bryansk-Gomel RR, is captured; Ryabtsevo and Panskaya, on Smolensk-Roslavl RR, and Kardimovo, between Smolensk and Yartsevo, are occupied by advancing Soviets; slight gains also made NW of Smolensk.</p>	<p>of 70 B-25's makes attacks on San Severino, Sarno, and Avellino, hitting towns and road junctions; many fires started. P-40's and A-36's make successful attacks on enemy troops and transport concentrations in battle area; Spitfires and P-40's make about 200 sorties over the beaches. During the night, 12 A-20's attack Naples-Capua area, bomb RR and roads at Torre Annunziata, and towns of Benevento and Avellino; 200 MT moving N from Naples toward Aversa machine-gunned. Eighty Wellingtons make night attack on airdrome and RR installations at Pisa; bursts observed among parked aircraft and on hangars; landing field cratered; rolling stock in RR yards damaged, explosions caused, and fires visible 90 mi started; 2 planes missing.</p> <p><u>Corfu:</u> German aircraft carry out heavy attack on the island. Three formations of Axis transport planes attacked off Corfu by Beaufighters; 4 SM-82's and 3 JU-52's destroyed for loss of 1 Allied plane.</p> <p><u>Aegean:</u> Maritza and Calato airdromes, Rhodes, are targets for successful night raid by 5 B-24's and 7 Halifaxes; fire, followed by explosion, caused at former; bursts observed on runway at latter.</p> <p><u>Crete:</u> Maleme airdrome bombed during night by 11 Hudsons and 1 Baltimore; fires started on airdrome and in dispersal area.</p>



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		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>enemy fighters, 9 are shot down; 2 F4U's shot down, 2 NZ P-40's missing, 1 F4U crash lands. On return trip from Kahili 21 B-24's drop 34 tons of bombs on Vila with unobserved results. Japanese 50-foot steam launch off Faisi explodes as result of strafing attack by 4 F4U's.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Four RAAF Beauforts raid C. Hoskins, bombing runway and supply areas; a number of fires started.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Allied troops advancing southward on Finschhafen from beachhead N of the town capture the airfield and cross the Bumi R. (1 mi. N of town). Fifteen P-38's intercept formation of 9 enemy bombers escorted by 25-30 fighters over Finschhafen area, forcing bombers to jettison their bombs and destroying 1 enemy fighter and probably another; 2 P-38's missing. Later, enemy planes bomb Allied beachheads S of Song R. (N of Finschhafen) without effect.</p> <p>Japanese-held villages in the Kaiapit-Marawasa area (NW of Lae) bombed and heavily strafed by 12 B-25's; dump exploded and fires started.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Coal Operators Association submit a revised wage agreement providing an 8 1/2 hour day and eliminating portal-to-portal pay. Total wage increases amount to \$2 per day for a 5 day week.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Benito Mussolini is named President and Foreign Minister of the puppet Fascist Republican Government of Italy and immediately forms a cabinet of 12.</p> <p><u>Belgium-Netherlands:</u> The Belgium and Netherlands governments-in-exile announce in London an agreement to stabilize their currencies in an exchange agreement along lines of United Nations financial plans.</p>	23 C'd

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24	.. ..	<p>France: Total of about 200 U.S. and RAF escorted B-25's and B-26's bomb airfields at Beauvais, Evreux, St. Omer, and Brest and RR targets at Amiens; total of 21 enemy planes destroyed, 9 probably, and 13 damaged for loss of 9 Allied fighters.</p> <p><u>English Channel:</u> Axis E-boat destroyed by 2 British launches off SE coast of England</p>	<p>Russia: Soviets further constrict enemy forces in Kuban; Berlin reports successful attack by Nazi units on N coast of Sea of Azov. Russians NW of Dnepropetrovsk make slight gains; those in Zaporozhne-Dnepropetrovsk area are delayed by strong Axis counter-attacks. Reshetilovka, on Poltava-Kremenchug road, and Novi Senzhari and Leshchinovka, on Poltava-Kremenchug RR occupied by Red Army units. Soviet forces push closer to Kiev, occupying Borispol, SE of the city. Red Army troops move toward Gomel, occupying many localities; Klimovo, on Gomel-Konotop RR captured. Heavy fighting continues in Smolensk and Roslavl sectors; Berlin announces evacuation of these towns; Soviets also make gains NW of Smolensk. Germans report successful counter-attacks S of Lake Ladoga and repulse of several Soviet thrusts on Murmansk front.</p>	<p>Corsica: Bonifacio and Porto Vecchio occupied by French units as Germans are compressed into a still narrower strip on the E coast; enemy has been forced out of Marato.</p> <p>Beaufighters attack Axis aircraft which are attempting to evacuate troops; 19 JU-52's shot down, 3 probably, and 7 damaged for loss of 2 Beaufighters.</p> <p>Italy: Forty-sixth Div makes slow progress in attack toward Nocera; terrain and weather hamper troops and Nazis oppose advance with determined opposition from mortar and machine gun positions, but leading elements reach Cava di Tirreni. Mt. Stella, about 5 mi. NE of Salerno, captured by units of 56th Div. Third Div, advancing in 2 prongs toward Avellino and Montella, makes slight gains; 45th Div reaches line S of Calabritto, holding positions running from Quaglietta through Valva to Colliana. In central sector 5th Div advances SW of Muro. First Airborne Div occupies Altamura; British 78th Div lands at Taranto and moves into forward area along line of Ofanto R.</p> <p>Pisa marshalling yards are target for 52 B-24's; 120 tons of bombs dropped, hitting RR, overpass, roundhouse, bridges, and gas works where fires are started; highway crossings cratered and main RR E of Florence cut. Seventy B-25's attack Grottaminarda, Maddaloni, and Benevento bridge; numerous hits scored on first and last targets. Sixty-eight B-26's, in 6 missions, bomb road junction at Avellino, Canello bridge, RR bridge at Amorosi, Mignano roads, bridge at Ponte, and bridge NE of Capua, dropping 158 tons of explosive; considerable damage believed inflicted on all target areas although definite results are difficult to observe. Baltimores, Bostons, and B-25's of Tactical Air Force attack roads, troops concentrations, and transport in Benevento-Avellino, Nocera, St. Lucia, and Calabritto areas; 22 MT are reported destroyed. Force of 79 Wellingtons makes night attack on Leghorn harbor, concentrating on small craft and medium-sized motor vessels; entire area covered and many fires and several explosions caused; 1 bomber is missing.</p> <p>Corfu: Enemy lands on island at Cape Lefkimo and San Giorgio Bay in early morning and gains foothold despite heavy resistance; San Giorgio occupied.</p> <p><u>Crete:</u> Kastelli Pediada airdrome is</p>

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<p>Burma: Five B-25's bomb shipping at Katha, scoring hits on 5 large river boats; at Naba, RR junction is attacked by 10 B-25's with hits scored near the center of the yards.</p> <p>RAF Beaufighters make an offensive patrol along the RR's near Mandalay N of Shwebo and along the Irrawaddy and Chindwin rivers severely damaging rail and river communications. On the Upper Chindwin a formation of Mohawks bombs and strafes Japanese camp near Tamanthi, scoring direct hits on a number of army huts.</p> <p>China: Eleven Japanese aircraft bomb Changsha, and 9 attack Kienow with unobserved results.</p>		<p>Solomon Is.: On Vella Lavella I., 35th NZ Bn CT patrols Mundi Mundi area, while 37th NZ Bn CT moves NW from Paraso Bay to Doveli Cove.</p> <p>In the Vila area, Japanese installations at Ringa Cove, Kape Harbor, and Bambari Harbor bombed by 30 SBD's and 18 TBF's; fires started and 2 barges believed destroyed; 4 B-25's set out for same target but find area closed in by weather.</p> <p>New Ireland: Single B-24's attack Japanese 2,000-ton vessel 17 mi. S of Mussau I., leaving it sinking.</p> <p>New Guinea: Allied troops advancing on Finschhafen from the N encounter stiff enemy resistance S of Bumi R. In vicinity of Lae, other Allied units, moving E along Huon Peninsula toward Finschhafen, contact the enemy 13 mi. E of Hopoi; Allied troops also in contact with Japanese 6 mi. W of Kalapit and 3 mi. W of Musom.</p> <p>Enemy planes bomb Finschhafen air-drome.</p> <p>Manokwari, Dutch New Guinea, bombed by 3 B-24's, 1 of which also bombs Sorong; barracks and other buildings at the former hit.</p>	<p>U.S.: The National War Labor Board orders the Brewster Aeronautical Corporation and the United Automobile Workers, local 365, to sign agreements already acceded to, covering four Brewster plants, to continue negotiations on unsettled matters.</p> <p>Senators Richard B. Russell, Ralph O. Brewster, and James M. Mead back in Washington after their globe-girdling inspection trip, make a report in their press conferences.</p> <p>Senator Millard Tydings offers the Senate a resolution to give the Philippine Is. their independence now rather than in 1946, as scheduled. He maintains that such action will checkmate Japan's independence propaganda in that area.</p> <p>Argentina: President Pedro F. Ramirez in an address at Tucuman says that Argentina will adhere to its policy of "fraternal love" for the American republics and "peace and friendship" for all free peoples.</p>	24

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25	.. .. .	<p>France: Seventy-two escorted B-26's raid St. Omer-Longuenesse airdrome; results unobserved because of clouds.</p> <p>North Sea: Enemy convoy off Holland attacked with some success by escorted Beaufighters; several vessels damaged; 2 Beaufighters missing.</p>	<p>Russia: Soviet troops in the Kuban area continue to force withdrawal of enemy forces although Berlin announces annihilation of newly landed Red Army units. Petrikovka, NW of Dnepropetrovsk, and Kobelyaki, SW of Poltava, are captured by Soviet forces but enemy resistance along a line E of the Dnepr is strong. Brovary, a junction NE of Kiev on the highway to Chernigov and the RR to Konotop, is captured by Soviet forces. Units advancing along the Bryansk-Gomel RR occupy Klinty. Roslavl and Smolensk occupied by Russians; Soviet troops also advance NW of Smolensk.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>target for night attack by 5 Hudsons and 5 Baltimores; several fires started.</p> <p>Gulf of Aden: SS Elias Howe (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons) torpedoed and sunk at 11-35 N, 45-50 E.</p> <p>Corsica: French and patriot forces occupy Oletta and Vallecalle and the junction of roads running from Nonza and St. Florent to Bastia. Nazis abandon Ghisonaccia airfield.</p> <p>Borgo airdrome at Bastia bombed by 36 B-25's which drop 54 tons of explosive; W side of field covered and hangars hit.</p> <p>Italy: Progress N of Salerno is slow and gains are made against determined opposition; Rangers reach slopes of Mt. Angelo and 48th Div reaches Pregiato, N of Cava di Tirreni; 56th Div maintains line generally along San Cipriano road. Third Div reaches general line running from S of Bagnoli to S of Montella to E of Solofra; 45th Div occupies Castelnuova and Calabritto. In central sector rcn forces of 5th Div capture Muro and advance on Highway 7, contacting Nazis at Castelgrande. Canadians make general advance inland; 2d Brig reaches Palazzo and advances toward Forenza. Fifth Corps also makes steady progress; units of 1st Airborne Div capture Spinnazola, which is later occupied by Canadians, and 78th Div clears Barletta and Andria, crosses Ofanto R., and reaches point just E of Cerignola.</p> <p>USS Skill, AM, torpedoed and sunk off Salerno.</p> <p>Seventy-one B-17's bomb RR yards at Bologna; results unobserved because of clouds; 21 more attack Budrio, in same area; 10-15 ME-109's attack formation on return trip; 3 shot down for loss of 2 bombers. Bolzano bridge bombed by 14 B-17's through very heavy clouds; Verona and Florence marshalling yards also attacked, by 6 and 11 B-17's, respectively. Force of 17 B-26's and 34 B-25's bomb road curve at Mignano; total of about 90 B-26's attack Canello bridges, Mignano road, Caizzo bridge, Ponte bridge, and road junction at Maddaloni, damaging roads, RR's, bridges, and towns. Seventy-two B-25's and 24 Baltimores attack enemy positions in the Nocera area; fighter bombers attack same area and strafe 300 MT between Formia and Frosinone; 14 vehicles destroyed and others damaged; 3 gun positions damaged. Coast</p>

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<p>Burma: Ten B-25's attack the Moksogyon and the Ywataung RR yard areas; barracks at Mokso-gyon and at Ywataung are destroyed. The Thanbyuzayat RR yards serve as target for an attack by 7 B-25's; hits are scored on the S end of the yards; a formation of 6 enemy fighters intercepts the B-25's and 5 B-25's are damaged, as are several of the enemy aircraft; 1 B-25 is missing.</p> <p>RAF Beaufigh- tters attack RR targets near Maymyo and Sagaing, in central Burma, damaging 5 locomotives, a number of freight cars and stations buildings; river craft off the Irrawaddy R. N of Prome also are heavily attacked, and damage is inflicted on a large steamer, on more than 35 sampans, and various other craft.</p>		<p>Solomon Is.: NZ Bn CT's on Vella Lavella I. patrolling NW toward Liang Anchorage from Dovell Cove base and N toward Matu Soroto Bay from Mundi Mundi area without encountering any Japanese; 180 Japanese reported to have arrived at Timbala from Warambari.</p> <p>Vila gun positions attacked by 10 B25's, 19 TBF's, and 29 SBD's with fighter escort; target area well covered with approximately 29 tons of bombs. Eighteen Japanese dive bombers escorted by 20 fighters attempt to bomb Allied convoy E of Barakoma, Vella Lavella I.; 8 F6F's intercept, breaking up the formation; dive bombers start large fire at Kundurumbangara and 3 of them set an Allied LST on fire off Ruravai, while 4 Zeros strafe Biloa area; 1 Zero shot down over central Vella Lavella.</p> <p>Allied rcn plane attacks enemy barges off West Cape, Cholseul I., and leaves a 50-ft. sampan sinking off Luti.</p> <p>New Britain: Nine B-25's bomb and strafe AA positions at Rein Bay after fruitless search for barges.</p> <p>New Guinea: Allied advance on Finschhafen continues S of the Bumi R. and E along Huon Gulf; latter group reaches C. Gerhards.</p> <p>Japanese planes raid Allied positions in Finschhafen area 4 times. Ten RAAF A-35's attack Finschhafen, bombing and strafing buildings. Eight A-20's carry out low-level bombing and strafing attacks on enemy villages in Finschhafen area, starting numerous fires. Enemy communications lines in Bogadjim area bombed and strafed by 2 air missions, totalling 5 B-24's and 4 P-39's; 1 bridge destroyed and another damaged and large landslide caused. Two other missions, totalling 24 B-25's, 6 B-17's, and 3 B-24's, strike enemy villages, trails, and defenses in the upper Ramu Valley; 46 tons of bombs dropped and the area thoroughly strafed; many fires result.</p>	<p>P.I.: The Tokyo radio reports that Jose P. Laurel, Interior Commissioner of the puppet Philippine government is chosen "President-elect of the future Republic of the Philippines." This may possibly be a counterstroke against the Tydings proposal in the Senate yesterday.</p> <p>U.S.: President Roosevelt announces the resignation of Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles and the appointment to that position of Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., former Lend-Lease Administrator. The President also combines Lend-Lease, the Office of Foreign Economic Co-ordination, the Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operation, the Office of Economic Warfare into the Foreign Economic Administration under Leo T. Crowley. It will operate on the basis of "policies</p>	25

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25 C'd				<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>road at Formia bombed during night by 49 Wellingtons; results unobserved because of weather conditions.</p> <p>*Greece: Hassani airdrome is target for night raid by 6 Halifaxes and 5 B-24's; airdrome and dispersal areas hit; 2 violent explosions result.</p> <p>Agean: Four Beaufighters attack Syros Harbor; 2000-ton ship damaged. Leros attacked twice by escorted JU-88's.</p>

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			<p>(Cont'd) defined by the State Department."</p> <p><u>U.S.-France:</u> The U.S. signs a lend-lease agreement with the French Committee of National Liberation for the shipment of goods to North Africa and West Africa. A similar agreement is being considered by the British.</p> <p><u>Russia:</u> The Russian Information Bureau in London announces that Andrey Vishinsky, Vice-Commissar of Foreign Affairs, is appointed to the Allied Mediterranean Commission. Harold Macmillan will represent Great Britain.</p> <p>Moscow announces that 7 U.S. planes landed in Kamchatka after a raid on the Kuriles on 12 September and that the crews have been interned.</p>	25 C'd

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26	.. .. .	<p>France: Forty escorted B-17's bomb Junkers aircraft assembly and repair works at the Rheims-Champagne airdrome, hitting workshops, barracks, and hangar areas.</p>	<p>Russia: Heavy fighting continues in the Kuban where enemy is withdrawing to the tip of the peninsula. Moscow reports that Soviet troops reach the Dnepr R. at some points in the Dnepropetrovsk, Kremenchug, and Kiev areas. Repki, on Chernigov-Gomel highway, is occupied by Russians. Red Army units NE of Gomel advance along RR from Bryansk, capturing Novozybkov and Zlinka. Units in Roslavl sector capture Khotinsk; forces in Mogilev-Vitebsk area capture Monastyrshchina and Kasplya.</p> <p>Soviet aircraft make successful night attacks on RR junctions of Orsha, Gomel, Rudnya, and Liozno, on the N front, on Dzhankoi, in the Crimea, and on Bobrynskaya, in Cherkassy area; fires and explosions result. Red Army planes also attack enemy troops and equipment at river crossings.</p>	<p>Corfu: Island surrenders to the Germans.</p> <p>Italy: Axis forces strongly oppose attempts of 10th Corps to advance N of Salerno: Rangers make slight gains SW of Pagani, occupying Sala; 46th Div, in heavy fighting in hills to the E, loses San Martino but regains it later in the day; 56th Div, NE of Salerno, captures Capriglia, and moves N toward Baronissi. In 6th Corps area, 3d Div makes progress, occupying Montella and Cassano; patrols reach Bagnoli and move N to Castelfranci, cutting Highway 7. Forty-fifth Div occupies Lioni and Teora; patrols then advance NW along Highway 7. Second Cdn Brig moving N from Atella on Highway 93 contacts Axis units at Rionero; other units of the division advance N on road from Spinnazola and reach Minervino; Forenza and Venosa reported clear of the enemy. Cerignola occupied by 78th Div which then moves NW to Ortanuova; patrols SW of Cerignola contact Nazi troops at Ascoli Satriano.</p> <p>Adverse weather prevents any operations of Strategic Air Force and greatly limits those of Tactical Air Force. Axis concentrations S of Sarno attacked through heavy cloud by 24 B-25's; results unobserved. Fighter bombers attack MT and landing ground at Pomigliano with fair results. Road movement at Benevento and N of Foggia attacked by 48 Kittyhawks and 28 P-40's; 10 vehicles destroyed and 25 damaged.</p> <p>Aegean: Leros harbor attacked by 13 JU-88's in morning; Greek DD, Queen Olga, sunk and British DD damaged; dockyard damaged and fires started. In afternoon 2 waves of JU-88's with escort of ME-109's again bomb Leros; British DD again hit.</p> <p>RAF Beaufighters carry out daylight attack on harbor at Syros I.; hits scored on a merchant ship. During night Syros I. is bombed by small force of Wellingtons; fires started in warehouse area and explosions caused on quay.</p> <p>Mediterranean: SS Christian Michelsen (Norwegian cargo ship, 7,176 tons) torpedoed and sunk at 37-12 N, 08-26 E.</p>



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<p><u>Burma:</u> Sixteen B-24's attack the Letpadan RR yards, heavily damaging the W and S ends of the yards and scoring hits on the engine shed and adjacent buildings on the E and W sidings. The Kyaukse RR sidings and main tracks are hit directly by 8 B-25's. While Hurricanes concentrate attacks on river craft in W and Central Burma, RAF Beaufighters attack RR targets. In the morning locomotives and boxcars are damaged on RR running N and W from Pyinmana; other targets in the area include the station building at Pyawbwe, a barracks at Kyiddaungan, and a building at Myinhin; in the afternoon 10 freight cars are set on fire a few miles S of Yeu, horse transport is effectively attacked at Saingbyin, and a number of sampans are damaged on the Mayu R.; SW of Buthedaung, a formation of Vengeances dive-bombs Japanese positions.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Kanchow is bombed by 6 Japanese aircraft, while Kian is attacked by 8 enemy planes. At Suichwan, 9 enemy bombers damage the field.</p>	<p><u>Nauru I.:</u> Allied rcn plane attacks 2,500-ton AK about 170 mi. NNW of Nauru; vessel left listing, afire, and trailing oil.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> NZ patrols on NW coast of Vella Lavella I. contact Japanese in Banganang Ana-Timbala Bay area; other NZ patrols from Dovel Cove area continue to advance on Liang Anchorage and Vango I. without opposition.</p> <p>Kahili area is target for 2 attacks by total of 21 B-24's, 24 SBD's, and 12 TBF's with 77 fighters as cover; over 50 tons of bombs dropped in supply, bivouac, and hangar areas and on gun positions with good results; buildings destroyed and fires started; more than 60 enemy fighters intercept, of which 2 are shot down; 1 P-38 crashes in water Japanese barge center at Ringa Cove, Kolombangara I., heavily bombed by 18 SBD's and 15 TBF's; 2 fires started. Four F4U's strafe Japanese positions on Gizo I. during morning, and 8 others strafe same target during afternoon; houses and huts set on fire. At night Japanese planes lightly and ineffectively bomb Munda, New Georgia I., and Kundurumbangara Pt., Vella Lavella I.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Six B-24's drop 18 tons of bombs on But airdrome, while 5 others drop 15 tons of bombs on Dagua airdrome; at Dagua 6 grounded planes destroyed or damaged and fires started; smoke obscures results of raid on But; 11 P-38's covering the 2 raids destroy 6 and probably another of 15-20 intercepting enemy fighters. Nubia is target for 28 tons of bombs dropped by 8 B-24's; bridge destroyed and many fires started. During night enemy planes twice raid Allied positions in the Finshhafen area.</p> <p><u>Kei Is.:</u> Three RAAF PBY's carry out night raid on Langgoer, starting a number of fires.</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> Count Carlo Sforza and Leon Henderson in addresses before an Italian unity meeting in New York City assail the Badoglio regime in Italy and criticize the Allies for not making use of "proved anti-fascist" elements in the reconstruction of Italy. Sforza calls King Vittorio Emanuele the "hidden, frightened, in-existent King of Italy," and Henderson declares that "Badoglio and his reactionaries" will develop "something just as bad as fascism."</p> <p><u>Great Britain-Argentina:</u> Great Britain chides Argentina for her Axis relationship at the same time that she concludes a trade agreement with Argentina.</p> <p><u>Great Britain:</u> Sir Stafford Cripps advocates an alliance of Great Britain, China, Russia, and the U.S. in the post-war period.</p> <p><u>Switzerland:</u> Karl Kobelt, chief of the Swiss Department of War, declares that Switzerland's "policy of neutrality is immutable" toward all belligerents irrespective of which side at the moment seems to be winning.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> AP dispatches from Italy report that King Vittorio Emanuele, Crown Prince Umberto, and Marshall Pietro Badoglio are</p>	26

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27	<p><u>NORTH AND LATIN AMERICAN THEATERS</u></p> <p>West Atlantic: SS Itapage (Brazilian cargo ship, 4,998 tons) presumed sunk by SS at 10-00 S, 35-50 W.</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> Port of Emden attacked in 2 waves by total of 322 B-17's, including 3 Pathfinders; target bombed through overcast which hampers bombing and prevents observation of results; large force of P-47's with long-range tanks supports bombers; enemy fighter opposition unusually strong and daring, and 7 B-17's and 1 P-47 fall to return; fighters and bombers claim 38 enemy planes destroyed, 23 probably, and 21 damaged.</p> <p>Night of 27/28 about 680 RAF planes and 4 B-17's drop 2,207 tons of bombs on Hannover, with good concentration on target area; numerous enemy fighters encountered, of which 2 are destroyed; 37 RAF bombers and 1 B-17 missing.</p> <p><u>France:</u> Beauvais and Conches airdromes bombed by about 70 B-26's each; results believed fair at Beauvais and good at Conches; fighter escort provided by</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviet troops reduce enemy bridgehead to narrow strip on Taman Peninsula with capture of Temryuk and occupation of N bank of Kuban R. Axis counterattacks in Zaporozhe area prevent further Red Army advances. Russians reach outskirts of Dnepropetrovsk, capturing Nizhne-Dneprovsk. Soviet troops reach the Dnepr R. at several points, occupying Kaliberda, near Kremenchug, and Irkleyevo, near Cherkassy; forces driving toward Gornel capture Terekhovka and, SE of the city, Gorduny. In Mogilev-Vitebsk area, Soviet forces continue to advance, occupying numerous localities; Susloviichi, SW of Smolensk, and Seltso, NW of Smolensk, are captured.</p>	<p><u>Italy:</u> Axis troops, in bitter fighting, are forced to withdraw from commanding heights NW of Salerno and to retire in direction of Avellino; 46th Div captures Camerelle and 56th, Baronissi. Divisions of 6th Corps hold a line generally along line of Highway 7 S and W of San Angelo dei Lombardi; 34th Div joins Corps and moves into Teora area. In central sector 2d Cdn Brig moves through Rioneri to Melfi area. Patrols of 78th Div reach outskirts of Foggia and Manfredonia; 4th Armd Brig captures Foggia during afternoon.</p> <p>Air operations again restricted by bad weather. Forty A-36's attack road junction and enemy troops in San Severo area; 15 A-36's strafe Viterbo airdrome; 5 grounded planes left burning and 4 are damaged; 13 seaplanes at Lago di Braccioni strafed; 2 left burning and several damaged.</p> <p><u>Greece:</u> Larissa airdrome is target for night attack by 13 B-24's and Halifaxes; only 3 planes able to bomb because of dense haze; results unobserved.</p> <p><u>Aegean:</u> Antimachia landing ground on Cos I. is target for 15 JU-88's with ME-109 escort; landing ground rendered temporarily unserviceable; intercepting Spitfires shoot down 1 Axis plane and damage another; 2 Spitfires destroyed. Harbor of Leros I. bombed by 8 HE-111's preceded by strong force of ME-109's; 2 seaplanes destroyed and hangar damaged; 1 ME-109 shot down and 1 Spitfire lost.</p> <p>Three Wellingtons make night raid on harbor at Syros I.; bursts observed on quay.</p> <p><u>Crete:</u> Heraklion airdrome attacked by Hudson which scores hits on main runway. Force of 5 Baltimores and 2 Hudsons makes night raid on Kastelli Pedlada airdrome; large fire started</p>

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<p>Burma: Nine B-25's bomb the Kyaukse Junction, hitting R and L of target and starting a small fire. The RR yards at Pyawbwe are bombed by 8 B-25's with direct hits scored in the yards and on buildings NE of the yards; 25 cars and some of the tracks destroyed and fires started. RAF Beaufighters patrolling the RR S of Yeu and road W of Yeu toward the Chindwin R attack and damage transport facilities; at Henzada damage is inflicted on 3 steamers, about 25 smaller river craft, and 2 lorries. In the Baronga-ga I. vicinity Hurricanes attack sampans, sinking 6 and damaging others.</p> <p>French Indo-China: Six B-25's ranging the Gulf of Tongking sink a 200 ft. Japanese tanker; bomb exploding beneath another vessel causes it to be abandoned; 1 B-25 is missing from the action.</p>	<p>Nauru I.: Five Zeros attack Allied rcn plane 10 mi. E of Nauru; during running battle, Allied plane shoots down 1 Zero and probably destroys another.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: On Vella Lavella I., Liang Anchorage and Bai Pt. on N coast and area between Matu Soroto and Pakoi Bay on NW coast reported free of Japanese by NZ patrols; 35th NZ Bn CT now based at Pakoi Bay and patrolling toward Timbala Bay. Large group of Japanese reported landing in Bambatani area, Choiseul I. Allied artillery and mortar fire on Japanese positions in Vila area increases.</p> <p>Allied planes destroy 3 enemy barges and set 2 others on fire off W Choiseul I. During night Allied DD's attack enemy barges in Vella Gulf, sinking 3 and possibly another.</p> <p>New Britain: Four RAAF Beaufighters set launch on fire and damage barge during sweep over island.</p> <p>New Guinea: Enemy troops in Finschhafen area suffer heavy casualties.</p> <p>Allied positions near Song R. ineffectively raided by 9 enemy bombers.</p> <p>Japanese shipping in Wewak area skip-bombed and strafed by 25 B-25's, while airdromes at Wewak, Boram, Dagua, and But bombed by 2 missions totalling 17 B-24's and 68 B-25's; 121 Allied fighters provide cover for the 3 attacks; at least 164 tons of bombs dropped and targets also strafed with following results: 3 tankers set on fire and left sinking, 4 merchant vessels destroyed or probably destroyed, 9 luggers, 5 launches, and 10-14 barges destroyed or severely damaged; an estimated 50 grounded planes demolished; 20 enemy planes attempt interception, of which 8 are shot down and 3 others probably; 3 B-25's destroyed by AA fire.</p> <p>Australia: Drysdale Mission raided during morning by 21 Japanese medium bombers; bombing and strafing of airdrome and buildings causes some damage and casualties.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) established in a town in southern Italy.</p> <p>Japan-Burma: Berlin broadcasts quote a Japanese Information Department announcement of the signing yesterday of a treaty by which Japan recognizes the incorporation into Burma of the northern territory of the Shan States.</p> <p>Uruguay: Two Argentineans are arrested in Uruguay for distributing pro-Nazi, anti-U.S. propaganda. These arrests lead to the dis-closure of wide-spread anti-Allied propaganda ring in Uruguay.</p> <p>Germany-Italy: German authorities in Milan announce that only those Italians who re-sume work will receive food rations and that those disturbing order will be sentenced by a German military court.</p> <p>Germany-Japan: On the 3d Anniversary of the Rome-Berlin-Tokio Axis agreement Foreign Ministers Joachim von Ribbentrop of Germany and Mamoru Shigemitsu of Japan and a voice reputed to be that of Benito Mussolini's assure the peoples of the Axis countries that Japan, Italy, and Germany will fight on to victory.</p> <p>Lebanon: A constitutional and independent ministry is set up in</p>	<p>27</p>

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	NORTH AND LATIN AMERICAN THEATERS	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Spitfires; AA fire destroys 1 B-26; 17 enemy planes claimed destroyed for loss of 5 Spitfires.</p> <p>England: Fifteen enemy aircraft are over East Anglia and Lincolnshire during night, bombing Ipswich and Norfolk with little effect.</p> <p>North Sea: Two small Axis ships sunk off Holland by Typhoons. N of Havre, British gunboats blow up a trawler, set another on fire, and damage a 3d.</p>		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>near runway and 2 small ones in dispersal areas.</p>
28	.. .. .	.. .. .	<p>Russia: Nazi forces on Taman Peninsula continue withdrawal. Berlin reports heavy fighting and successful German counterattacks in Zaporozzhe sector. From Kremenchug to Kiev area, Russians reach Dnepr R. on a broad front, occupying numerous towns and villages: Potoki and Galeshchina, on Kremenchug-Poltava RR, Rublevka, N of Kremenchug on RR to Romny, and Gradizhsk, NE of the city on the highway to Kiev, are all occupied, partially encircling the city; Bubnovo and Prokhorovka and scores of other towns on Dnepr's L bank are captured. S and E of Gomel Soviet troops advance, capturing Teryukha and Zakopytye; Klimovichi and Kostyukvichi, near Mogilev-Roslavl RR and Mstistavl, E of Mogilev, occupied by Red Army units. In Vitebsk area,</p>	<p>Corsica: Allied forces occupy Piedicroce; enemy evacuates mountainous area between Corte and the sea.</p> <p>Italy: Rangers occupy Nocera and advance about 3 mi. NW; 46th Div progresses about 3 mi. N of town; Sorrento Peninsula virtually cleared of all opposition. Twenty-third Armd Brig passes from Pagani area into Neapolitan plain, occupies Castellamare di Stabia, and turns NE toward Scafati; 131st Brig of 7th Armd Div passes through 46th Div on Nocera-Scafati road, captures the bridge over Sarno R. at Scafati, repulsing all Nazi attempts to regain it, and clears the town of the enemy after bitter street fighting. Fifty-sixth Div pushes N from Baronissi, occupies San Severino, and moves toward Sarno. Third Div makes progress in area SE of Avellino, occupying Volturara and Solofra. Forward troops of 45th Div make triangular advance, reaching San Andrea on R flank, where they contact rcn units of 5th Div, road junction N of Andretta in the center, and San Angelo and Torella on the L flank. Pescopagano, NW of Muro, is occupied by 5th Div. Advance of 1st Cdn Div is considerably slowed by mines and demolitions but rcn elements reach Ofanto R. in area of Crociffiso, S of Cerignola, and 2d Brig captures Melfi. Units of 78th Div make gains N and NW of Foggia and occupy San Severo and Lucera.</p> <p>Again unfavorable weather limits air activity but Tactical Air Force carries out a few missions. Twelve Kittyhawks and 24 P-40's on armed rcn between</p>

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<p>Burma: Eight B-25's attack Myotha in the Mandalay area, scoring hits in the main section of the town, destroying many buildings, and causing small fires. At Taungtha to the SW, the RR yards are objective for a raid by 9 B-25's; hits are scored on the rolling stock, tracks, and warehouses.</p> <p>RAF Beaufighters on patrol in the Chindwin and Irrawaddy R. area damage more than 100 sampans, 2 steamers, and 2 large barges on the lower Chindwin between Kalewa and Yessagye. At Magwe, 5 small oil storage tanks are left in flames, and between there and Pakokku, 45 river craft and 3 barges are heavily damaged. W of Meiktila damage is inflicted on RR installations at Taungtha and on vehicles in the</p>	<p>Nauru I.: Japanese fighters attack and slightly damage Allied rcn plane over Nauru I.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: NZ patrol kills 13 Japanese for loss of 2 men in vicinity of Matu Soroto, NW Vella Lavella I.</p> <p>Twenty-seven B-24's escorted by 36 fighters drop 37 tons of bombs on Kahili; several buildings hit and 6 fires started during pattern bombing; 12 of 25-35 Zeros intercepting during and after attack are destroyed; 1 F4U missing and 1 NZ P-40 crash lands. Eight Japanese DD's with 8 Zeros as cover sighted by Allied rcn plane about 60 mi. N of Buka; 2 of 3 covering Zeros engaging the rcn plane are shot down and the 3d probably destroyed. F6F's sink 1 100-ft. and 2 40-ft. enemy barges off W central Choiseul I. Japanese 11-ship convoy NW of Choiseul, proceeding toward Bougainville, attacked intermittently during night by single Allied rcn planes with following results: 1 ship sunk, explosions caused on 2, and hits scored on a 4th vessel; AA fire slightly damages 1 B-24. Vila, Kolombangara I., bombed by 18 B-25's, 48 SBD's, and 26 TBF's; over 46 tons of bombs dropped on gun positions and in bivouac areas; many hits scored on 7 gun positions and fires started in target areas. F4U's sink enemy barge off N Kolombangara and kill or wound 12-15 Japanese on another off SE coast. One or more enemy planes drop 8 bombs on Munda airfield, causing slight casualties but no damage.</p> <p>New Guinea: Allied ground forces advancing on Finschhafen make some gains and inflict heavy casualties on the enemy.</p> <p>Forty B-24's escorted by 37 P-38's drop 145 1/2 tons of bombs on supply</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Lebanon for the first time. It is formed by Raid Bey Salh, leading Moslem nationalist, who is expected to cooperate closely with Syria.</p> <p>China: The People's Political Council in Chungking assails the Communists as "disobedient and subversive" and calls on them to disband the Communist Army and permit it to become part of the National Army.</p> <p>U.S.: President Roosevelt assails the press for publishing rumors that U.S. Army Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall's possible elevation to the role of Allied European Commander is a political kick upstairs.</p> <p>Argentina: The Argentine Foreign Ministry issues a communique that "it is regrettable" that people think "that plots are being hatched on Argentine territory against the interests and security of the United Nations." It continues with the assertion that all complaints of such activity are investigated and punitive measures taken.</p> <p>Great Britain: Prime Minister Churchill warns the British people in a speech today against any slackening in the war</p>	28

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NORTH AND LATIN AMERICAN THEATERS			(Cont'd) Staroselye, E of Orsha, Krasnoye, on Smolensk-Orsha RR, and Ploskoye, SE of Vitebsk, occupied by advancing Russians. During night Gomel heavily bombed by Soviet aircraft, which destroy trains, fuel dumps, and materiel.	(Cont'd) Benevento area and Termoli attack a small MT convoy, a train, and a camp; 48 A-36's attack roads and bridges in Benevento area. Total of 152 Spitfires and 42 P-40's carry out patrols in Salerno area. <u>Aegean:</u> Enemy aircraft make 2 raids on Cos I.: in morning 24 JU-88's render new landing strip temporarily unusable; in afternoon 15 JU-88's with escort of ME-109's carry out second attack; Spitfires, 2 of which are shot down, attempt interception. Maritza airdrome, Rhodes, is target for 2 Beaufighters. Syros harbor attacked by 3 Baltimores; 80-ton caique sunk; explosions caused among warehouses. <u>Greece:</u> During night 11 Halifaxes and B-24's attack Argos S landing ground; bursts observed on field; 1 large, 1 small fire started.
29	.. .. .	<u>Germany:</u> Bochum bombed at night by 350 RAF planes; 1,318 tons of bombs dropped with good concentrations; negligible AA fire and a few night fighters oppose attacks; 3 enemy planes destroyed in combat and 7 British planes missing.	<u>Russia:</u> Berlin reports repulse of Soviet attempts to break through German defenses in Zaporodzhe area. Soviet troops capture Kremenchug and occupy E bank of Dnepr in this area. Enemy claims that Russians are forced out of a bridgehead established on W bank of the river although Moscow has not reported any crossings of the Dnepr. At Kiev, Red Army units occupy islands in the Dnepr and	<u>Corsica:</u> French Spitfire squadron intercepts Axis transport aircraft near Bastia; 4 JU-52's and 2 Arado float-planes destroyed, 1 JU-52 and 2 Arados probably destroyed. An LST sunk and French DD damaged as result of attack by Axis aircraft on Ajaccio. <u>Italy:</u> Pompeii occupied by units of 7th Armd Div which then moves to road around N side of Mt. Vesuvius; 23 Armd Brig captures Torre Annunziata and moves along coast road between Mt. Vesuvius and the sea toward Naples. In 58th Div sector, 167th Brig passes through 169th and occupies Sarno. Thirty-fourth Div advances N to area SE of Benevento and occupies Luogosano; 45th Div pushes NW from San Angelo, reaching Mirabella. On Eighth Army front, patrols of 79th Div report Gargano Promontory and Apric-

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<p>(Cont'd) neighborhood of Kyaukpadaung, including 2 oil lorries, 1 of which is left on fire.</p>		<p>(Cont'd). areas at Wewak, destroying ammunition and supply dumps and causing large explosions and fires throughout target areas; of 30-40 intercepting enemy planes, 8 are destroyed and 3 others probably. Seven A-20's carry out low-level bombing and strafing raid on trails S from Finschhafen. Road S of Bogadjim is target for 24 tons of bombs dropped by 8 B-24's; large landslides block the road. N.E.I.: Pomelaa, Celebes, attacked during evening by 4 RAAF PBV's; barracks, wharf, and town strafed, as well as an AK and 2 barges offshore; fires observed after attack.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) effort because of over-optimism. France: Paul Legentilhomme is appointed Commissioner of National Defense on the French Committee of National Liberation. This appointment divides the French forces into 2 groups, those under the Commissioner and those under the Commander-in-Chief Henri Giraud for use as operational forces. Japan: The Japanese Domei news agency broadcasts that the cabinet has abolished the Imperial Planning Board and the Commerce Ministry, and created a munitions ministry "to attain drastic expansion in aviation. An extraordinary Diet session is called for 25 October."</p>	
<p>Burma: Nine B-25's set out to bomb warehouses at Mogok but bad weather diverts them to secondary targets; A flight attacks Alon, scoring hits in building area; B and C flights bomb the RR yards at Tantabin; results of flights A and C are excellent. The RR installations farther to the W at Yeu are target for a raid by 9 B-25's in 3 flights; hits are believed to be scored on tracks and rolling stock, but observation is impossible because of weather. Nine</p>		<p>Solomon Is.: NZ 35th Bn CT, supported by heavy artillery fire, closes in on Umomo area, NW Vella Lavella I., despite stiffening enemy resistance; force of about 250-300 Japanese surrounded in vicinity of Umomo I. and adjoining mainland; heavy casualties inflicted on group of about 90 Japanese in Marquana Bay area attempting to escape to NW. On Choiseul I., 5 enemy barges observed during morning landing troops on W central coast in vicinity of Kakasa. Seventeen SBD's and 12 TBF's with fighter cover drop about 20 tons of bombs on enemy barge center at Kakasa with good results; 5-7 buildings destroyed and 2 fires started. Allied fighters strafe hostile barges off Choiseul, and at night Allied DD's intercept 6-9 barges proceeding from Choiseul to Kolombangara, destroying 1 and possibly others and forcing the remainder back; during the action</p>	<p>U.S.-Mexico: The U.S. and Mexico make an oil agreement whereby Americans whose property was expropriated in 1938 will be recompensed. France-Sweden: Sweden recognizes the French Committee of National Liberation. Italy: General Dwight Eisenhower meets with Marshall Pietro Badoglio at Malta, to discuss "the method for making most effective</p>	29

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			(Cont'd) Darnitsa, just N of the city. Soviet forces advancing on Gomel reach Sozh R. and occupy Radugi and Vetka, NE of Gomel. Russians reach Berezina R. in Smolensk area; Rudnya, on Smolensk Vitebsk RR, captured.	(Cont'd) hena clear of the enemy. British Eighth Indian Div lands at Taranto and joins the 5th Corps. Thirty-six B-26's in 2 waves of 18 each attack bridge at Canello; roads damaged and RR to N cut. Total of 71 B-25's bombs Piani, Castelveneri, Amorosi, and Vinchiaturc, damaging roads and bridges in target areas. Ausonia road defiles attacked by 22 P-38's; Benevento area is target for 24 B-25's. Force of 44 Wellingtons makes night attack on road junction E of Formia; hits observed in target area and on RR and mole. Aegean: Antimachia landing ground on Cos is again target for enemy aircraft: 18 JU-88's with escort of 10 ME-109's attack in morning and 23 JU-88's with fighter escort bomb in afternoon; ammunition and fuel stores destroyed and a building partially demolished; landing ground rendered unserviceable for several days to come. Formations of Spitfires attempt interception; 2 Axis planes destroyed, 1 probably, and 2 damaged by Allied aircraft and AA fire.
30	.. .. .	North Sea: Typhoons attacking enemy shipping off Dutch coast sink a lighter and damage a 1,200-ton vessel and a coaster. Off Norwegian coast, Beaufighters set a 2,000-ton enemy ship on fire. British light naval units set an R-boat on fire in the Channel.	Russia: Berlin reports repulse of Soviet attacks in the Kuban and Zaporozhe areas and heavy fighting for Red Army bridgeheads in middle Dnepr sector. NE of Gomel Russians cross Besed R. and occupy Svetlovichi; farther N Stalki and Anton-evka are captured. Krichev, RR and road junction SE of	Corsica: French Spitfires destroy 5 enemy planes; 1 Spitfire missing. Italy: Seventh Armd Div and 23d Armd Brig are slowed down in advance to Naples by many mines and demolitions, but 7th Div makes some progress along road around N side of Mt. Vesuvius. Third Div occupies Avelino; 45th Div is slowly pushing toward Frigento. Patrols of 1st Cdn Div contact enemy in high ground W of Castelnova-Volturara-San Bartolommeo road. Ausonia road and bridge attacked by 24 P-38's, scoring some hits on road; dust obscures results of attack on



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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>B-24's bomb Myitkyina and Sadon, scoring hits on buildings in both areas and starting fires.</p> <p>RAF Vengeances dive-bomb and strafe Japanese Army huts near Buthedaung; all bombs fall in target area. E of Maungdaw, Hurricanes attack enemy troop positions, scoring hits on a building and on several huts. Farther W a formation of Mohawks bombs Mawlaik, 30 miles W of Kalewa, scoring 10 direct hits on buildings and several near misses; after the bombing, the target is heavily strafed. Beaufighters continue their attacks on Japanese communications S of Yeu; their targets include 4 large barges on the Mu R., 1 of which is left on fire, and rolling stock, motor transport, and a railway bridge at Kantha.</p> <p>Arabian Sea: SS Banffshire (British cargo ship, 6,479 tons) is sunk by SS at 09-27 W., 71-05 E.</p> <p>Burma: Nineteen B-25's attack Pakokku, dropping fragmentary clusters on the official residential area; hits are scored throughout the area, starting fires.</p> <p>China: Two B-25's off Nanning, in a sweep of S China Sea, bomb and strafe 150-ft. freighter. Later 2 B-25's escorted</p>	<p>Nauru I.: Allied rcn plane intercepted by 9 enemy fighters about 15 mi. N of Nauru; during 40-min. running engagement 1 Zero is destroyed.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>DD's shoot down 1 enemy plane. Allied PT's destroy or damage 4 barges off NE Kolombangara I. Japanese planes bomb NW Vella Lavella.</p> <p>New Britain: Nine loaded Japanese barges destroyed near Lolobau I. by 3 RAAF Beaufighters.</p> <p>New Guinea: In Finschhafen area, Allied troops approaching from the N are 800 yards W of the town, while those advancing along Huon Gulf are 10 mi. W of C. Cretin; 3 enemy counterattacks repulsed 3 1/2 mi. W of the airfield. In the Ramu Valley, 13 mi. W of Dumpu, Allied patrol ambushes 100 Japanese and kills 45 of them.</p> <p>Langemak Bay and trails in the area bombed and heavily strafed by 12 RAAF A-35's. Eight P-39's dive-bomb and strafe the road S of Bogadjim.</p> <p>Solomon Is.: Sixteen B-24's escorted by 27 fighters successfully raid Kahili, dropping 18 tons of bombs on bivouac and supply areas; of 30-40 intercepting enemy fighters, 4 are shot down for loss of 1 P-38. On Choiseul I., Japanese barge center at Kakasa raided for 2d successive day, by 6 B-25's; only 3 buildings left standing in the village. At night Allied DD's sink 6 of 12 enemy barges attacked N of Tuki Pt., Kolombangara I. Enemy planes raid Allied positions on NW Vella Lavella I.</p> <p>New Guinea: Allied troops advancing along coast of Huon Peninsula toward Finschhafen reach Kasanga (3 mi. from</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Italian military efforts against the common enemy, Germany."</p> <p>Italy-Hungary: Hungary recognizes Italy's new puppet regime under Mussolini.</p> <p>Yugoslavia: King Peter and his Government-in-exile arrive in Cairo from London.</p> <p>U.S.: Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, recently returned from his world tour of inspection with 4 other Senators, says that Russia should give the U.S. air bases from which to attack Japan, that more British oil should be used in supporting the United Nations</p>	<p>30</p>

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30 C'd			<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Mogilev, captured by Soviets who also make gains in direction of Orsha and Vitebsk.</p> <p>Throughout the month ground operations of both sides have been actively supported by their respective air forces.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>bridge. Thirty-three B-26's bomb Capua RR bridge; near misses believed to have caused some damage. Total of 72 B-25's attacks Piani, Castelverneri, and Amorosi bridges and roads. Road junctions and bridges E, N, and S of Benevento bombed by total of 71 B-25's; numerous bombs fall in the town; some damage inflicted on targets. Force of 37 Wellingtons makes night attack on coast road at Formia; target and RR hit; 1 bomber destroyed and 1 missing.</p> <p>Aegean: Beaufighter makes successful night attack on 3 Rhodes airdromes: Kattaira, Calato, and Maritza.</p> <p>Mediterranean: SS Fort Howe (British cargo ship, 7,133 tons) sunk by SS at 37-19 N, 06-40 E.</p>

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<p>(Cont'd) by 4 P-40's bomb and strafe a gun boat and an inter-island speed launch in the same area.</p>	<p>UNCLASSIFIED</p>	<p>(Cont'd) C. Cretin). Allied forward units in upper Ramu area are 7 mi. NW of Marawasa. During night Allied PT's attack enemy barges and troops on shore at Vincke Pt. (W of Sio); 3 large barges destroyed and many casualties inflicted. Enemy planes unsuccessfully raid Allied positions in Sattelberg area. Three B-24's bomb Sorong, Dutch New Guinea, and medium AK in McCluer Gulf. N.E.I.: Boela, Ceram, bombed by 3 B-24's which raided Sorong. Two Dutch B-25's attack Manatuto, Timor.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) war effort, that there should be one War Department, and that the U.S. should have post-war commercial rights in airfields built in other countries with American money. France: Arab demonstrations in the dock area of Algiers are broken up by the French police. These demonstrations are attributed to wage complaints and the dissolution of the native section as part of the financial delegations. Spain: The Spanish Ministers' Council has decided not to extend recognition to Mussolini's government in Italy. The Cabinet announces that political prisoners over 70 will be freed. Yugoslavia: King Peter announces from Cairo that from now on he will give equal support to General Draja Mikhailovich and the Partisans.</p>	<p>30 C'd</p>

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