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- 1 U.S.: Alaskan Defense Command becomes a separate theater of operations under the name Alaskan Dept.
- 2 West Atlantic: SS Baron Semple (British Cargo ship, 4,573 tons) presumed sunk by SS at 05-00 S, 21-00 W.
17. Caribbean: SS Ruby, (Colombian cargo ship, 345 tons) sunk by SS at 11-24 N., 79-54 W.
- 18 Caribbean: SS Pompoon (Panamanian cargo ship, 1,082 tons) sunk, presumably by SS at 11-13 N., 76-49 W.
- 23 Caribbean: SS Elizabeth Kellogg (U.S. tanker, 5,189 tons) presumably sunk by SS at 11-10 N., 80-42 W.
- 24 Caribbean: SS Melville E. Stone (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons) sunk by SS at 10-36 N., 80-19 W.
- 30 U.S.: Secretary of Navy Frank Knox announces that Lt. Gen. Alexander Vandegrift will succeed Lt. Gen. Thomas Holcomb as Marine Corps Commandant starting 1 January 1944.

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- 1 England: Fifteen JU-88's approach S coast but achieve only minor inland penetrations; bombing scattered and only negligible damage results.
- 2 Austria: Messerschmitt factory at Wiener Neustadt bombed by 74 B-17's and 38 B-24's with P-38 escort; 1 assembly plant destroyed, another damaged, 2 flight hangars destroyed, and a machine shop damaged; Allied formations opposed by about 120 Axis planes of which 56 are shot down, 27 probably, and 8 damaged for loss of 11 bombers.
- England: Twelve Axis aircraft fly over S coast; 2 penetrate to London, dropping bombs on Croydon; no damage results.
- 3 Germany: Largest daylight raid to date staged by 443 B-17's and 105 B-24's of U.S. 8th AF against Wilhelmshaven; 1,500 tons of bombs dropped through 10/10 cloud with good results, although observation hampered by poor visibility. Attack opposed by approximately 80 enemy aircraft, of which 18 are shot down by bombers and 16 by escorting fighters; 14 others probably shot down; 5 B-17's and 2 P-47's missing. Force of 589 RAF planes drops tons on Duesseldorf and 62 drop 248 tons on Cologne during night; 18 bombers fail to return.
- France: As diversion for main attack against Germany, 70 B-26's with fighter escort make daylight raid on airfields at St. Andre de l'Eure while similar force strikes at Tricqueville; 14 enemy planes shot down for loss of 2 bombers and 3 fighters.
- Holland: Amsterdam/Schipol bombed by 72 B-26's as part of diversionary maneuver to aid U.S. attack on Wilhelmshaven.
- England: Ipswich and power station at Bramford chief targets of 15 Nazi DO-217's; considerable damage inflicted on both objectives.
- English Channel: SS Foam Queen (British cargo ship, 811 tons) and SS Dona Isabel (British cargo ship, 1,179 tons) sunk by E-boat at 50-30 N, 00-00 W. SS Stora (British cargo ship, 1,967 tons) sunk by E-boat off Hastings.
- 4 Germany: Fifteen Mosquitoes drop 113 tons of bombs on chemical works at Leverkusen, starting several fires. Four Mosquitoes stage light raid on Aachen.

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5 Germany: In another monster daylight raid, planes of 8th AF attack industrial and RR targets at Gelsenkirchen and Muenster. Force includes 384 B-17's most of which attack synthetic oil refineries, steel works, and RR yards at Gelsenkirche; 121 B-24's and a few B-17's hit Muenster where extensive damage is inflicted on RR installations and industrial targets. Intense opposition from AA fire and enemy planes encountered; 27 Axis aircraft shot down; total of 7 B-17's and 3 B-24's lost. Fifty-seven B-17's hit synthetic oil plant at Buer, while 75 attack similar installations at Nordstern, Hamburg, Dortmund, Duesseldorf, and Bochum lightly attacked during night by Mosquitoes.

France: To spread German defenses 213 B-26's attack Mimoyecques in Pas de Calais area, dropping 331 tons of bombs; fair results reported despite poor visibility; 2 bombers missing. Military objectives in N France attacked by small forces of B-25's and B-26's.

England: Eight Axis aircraft operate over SE England; 2 reach London; only negligible damage caused.

6 England: Targets in East Anglia and Thames Estuary attacked by 24 enemy fighter bombers; no serious damage results; 3 planes shot down.

7 Germany: Forty-seven B-17's with P-47 escort drop 115 tons of bombs on Duren with poor to good results; 44 more attack targets in W Germany but results unobserved because of heavy cloud; 6 escorting planes missing. Wessel attacked by 54 B-17's; results unobserved because of poor visibility.

France: In diversionary attacks 208 escorted B-26's attack airfield and assembly plants in N France but clouds prevent completion of mission; 3 escort planes fail to return. Twenty-four A-20's hit Bernay, while 8 escorted Typhoons bomb Tricqueville airfield; similar force attacks Beaumont le Roger airdrome.

England: Six Axis planes operate over various sites in SE England; 3 reach London area; heavy casualties caused at Putney.

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- 8 Germany: Six Mosquitoes deliver night attack on rolling mills and blast furnaces at Duisburg; 3 hit Cologne.
France: During day 48 B-25's and 22 A-20's, escorted by Spitfires, attack Calais; intense and accurate AA fire prevents precise bombing; 1 B-25 shot down by AA fire.
England: Light Nazi raids on London and Richmond; few sorties also reported over Essex, Kent, and Surrey.
- 9 Germany: Twelve Mosquitoes bomb blast furnaces and armament works at Bochum; 3 make light attack on Duisburg.
- 10 France: Force of 119 escorted Typhoons and 23 B-25's attacks military objectives near Calais and Gris Nez. Seventy-two B-26's dispatched against Lille Vendeville and Chievres airfields; only 3 bombers find former, but 59 drop 87 tons of bombs on latter with fair results. During night 313 RAF heavy bombers drop 1,122 tons of explosives on Modane, French end of Mont Cenis tunnel to Italy; RR station almost completely demolished, locomotive depot, turntable, and RR lines damaged; heavy casualties believed inflicted as result of hits on German troop train.
- 11 France: Of force of 293 medium bombers, 162 B-26's hit Martinvast in Cherbourg area where 307 tons of bombs are dropped on construction projects; rest of force attacks targets in Gris Nez region. Thirty-two escorted Typhoons, 24 A-20's, and 48 B-25's heavily bomb military targets along "invasion coast," SE of Gris Nez. During night 126 RAF bombers heavily attack marshalling yards at Cannes; 5 Halifaxes fail to return. Antheor viaduct (near Cannes) sustains both a day and a night attack: 1st raid made by 16 B-24's which probably damage the highway and temporarily cut RR line; 4 Lancasters from British bases bomb during night; 6, missing primary target, attack RR bridge and embankment at Agay. Ball bearing works at Annecy bombed by 13 B-24's, which hit target and RR yards.
Germany: Of 167 B-17's dispatched against Muenster, 58 drop 124 tons of explosives through break in clouds; intense AA fire and fighter opposition encountered; 18 enemy planes

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shot down for loss of 4 Allied bombers and 3 fighters; Mosquitoes make light attacks during night on Duesseldorf, Berlin, Hannover, and Bochum.

- 13 Germany: Bremen attacked through solid overcast by 63 B-17's and 67 B-24's with heavy fighter escort; 284 tons of bombs dropped but clouds hamper observation of results. Formations encounter moderate AA fire but extraordinarily intense fighter opposition; about 300 Axis planes attempt to penetrate Allied defenses, using numerous rocket attacks and much aerial bombing; total of 43 enemy aircraft reported destroyed, 21 probably, and 10 damaged; 12 B-24's and 3 B-17's missing and 4 B-17's crash on return.

English Channel: SS Cormount (British cargo ship, 2,841 tons) sunk by mine at 51-56, 01-49 W.

- 15 England: About 15 Nazi planes operate over Plymouth area during night; fires started in the marine barracks and a considerable number of casualties caused.

- 16 Norway: Two objectives vital to German war production believed completely destroyed or made inoperative as result of U.S. attacks. Molybdenum mines at Knaben bombed by 128 B-17's which drop 342 tons of explosives; at Rjukan, world's largest electrolysis plant and adjacent hydro-electric power plant devastated by 367 tons of bombs dropped by 143 B-17's. Thirty-nine B-24's dispatched to Oslo prevented by cloud from attacking primary target; 12 bomb unnamed objective and 16 attack Rjukan. Only weak opposition encountered by all groups; 6 Axis planes destroyed, 1 probably, and 3 damaged for loss of 2 B-17's.

France: Airfields near Marsailles are targets of NAAF. 83 B-17's drop 179 tons on Istres le Tube airport, damaging buildings, dispersal areas, ammunition stores, factory, and workshops; of 20-25 Axis planes attempting interception, 12 destroyed for loss of 3 bombers; 43 escorted B-26's bomb Salon airfield, achieving excellent coverage; of 23 grounded planes, 6 destroyed and 3 damaged; 1 of about 12 intercepting planes shot down. Twelve Typhoon bombers drop 6 tons on

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airfield near Brest.

- 17 Germany: Force of 74 RAF heavy bombers drop 303 tons of explosives on Mannheim and Ludwigshaven in night attack; good concentration achieved with blind bombing; slight to moderate AA fire encountered.
- 18 Norway: Airplane repair depot at Kjeller Field, Oslo, devastated as 104 B-24's drop 221 tons of bombs; many buildings severely damaged, engine repair factory almost completely demolished, and large hangar destroyed. Slight, inaccurate AA fire and about 40 fighters oppose Allied bombers; 8 enemy planes destroyed, 8 probably, and 15 damaged; 6 bombers missing and 3 others land in Sweden.
Germany: RAF heavy bombers make 2 successful night attacks: 377 Lancasters drop 1,521 tons of explosives on Berlin through 10/10 cloud, causing several tremendous explosions; 9 Lancasters missing; Mannheim and Ludwigshaven receive 772 tons from 295 planes which are opposed by moderate AA fire and some fighter aircraft; 11 Halifaxes, 9 Stirlings and 2 Lancasters fail to return.
France: Forty-three escorted Typhoons dive-bomb military objectives at Ambletense, SE of Gris-Nez, dropping 19 tons with good results.
England: During night small number of Axis planes operate over Kent and Sussex, causing slight damage and casualties.
- 19 Germany: Force of 167 B-17's with escort of 328 P-47's attacks targets in Ruhr Valley, dropping 135 tons of HE and 140 tons of incendiaries; cloud conditions prevent observation of results. Leverkusen is target for night attack by 140 Halifaxes, 74 Stirlings, and 10 Mosquitoes which drop 612 tons of bombs with poor visibility; very light fighter opposition encountered.
France: Bernay St. Martin and Tricqueville airfields attacked by total of 40 escorted Typhoon bombers; many hits scored on first but only poor results achieved at latter. Eight escorted Typhoons possibly damage buildings in area SE

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of Gris Nez.

England: About 10 Axis aircraft operate over Sussex, Surrey, Dorset, and Hampshire during night.

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France: Military objectives in area SE of Gris Nez attacked by 88 Typhoon bombers with escort; 24 more damage gun positions S of Fecamp.

England: Six enemy planes attack coastal area of Sussex during night; 4 others bomb London, causing considerable damage to residential property.

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Germany: Berlin is target for effective and concentrated night attack by 637 RAF Lancasters, Halifaxes, and Stirlings; 1,081 tons of HE and 1,261 tons of incendiaries dropped through 10/10 cloud; moderate-intense AA fire in barrage form encountered; 26 bombers fail to return.

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France: Toulon SS base pounded by 105 B-17's which drop 315 tons of bombs with damaging results: repair shops, dry-docks and adjacent buildings, arsenal, and naval and merchant vessels hit; 3 tremendous explosions and a large fire, probably oil, result. Another 15 bombers drop 45 tons of explosive on Antheor viaduct. St. Omer/Longuenesse and Berck sur Mer airfields bombed by total of 98 B-26's; clouds prevent close observation but results at former believed fair and those at latter good; intense AA fire destroys 2 bombers and 5 are missing. Military objectives SW of Gris Nez bombed with good results by force of 3 Typhoons, 48 B-25's, and 24 A-20's.

Germany: RAF heavy bombers again hammer Berlin; 1,213 tons of HE and incendiaries dropped by 392 planes cause huge fires, forming a circle about 9 mi. in diameter; moderate AA fire and fairly active fighter opposition encountered; 20 Lancasters missing.

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France: Longuenesse and Et. Rouge airfields at St. Omer attacked rather unsuccessfully by total of 60 P-47's; intense AA fire encountered at both targets but no Axis aircraft. Total of 94 B-25's, 41 A-20's, and 94 Typhoons, in 9 formations,

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attacks Gris Nez area with fair results; heavy intense AA fire encountered. Military objectives in Cherbourg area bombed; intense AA fire encountered.

Germany: Force of 236 RAF heavy bombers drops 612 tons of HE and incendiaries on Frankfurt during night; mass of fires and several heavy explosions result; 12 bombers fail to return.

England: Ten enemy planes, operating over Kent and East Anglia during night, cause scattered and slight damage.

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Germany: Naval construction and maintenance yards at Bremen devastated by 352 B-17's and 71 B-24's escorted by 360 fighter planes; 1,121 tons of bombs dropped with very successful results. Lead groups encounter exceptionally strong fighter opposition which is considerably weaker against following groups; Allied escort planes endure brunt of Axis attack but shoot down 33, 3 probably, and damage 9; bombers fight way through Axis planes and intense and accurate flak over target; 14 enemy planes shot down, 6 probably, and 4 damaged for loss of 25 bombers. Berlin again is target for night attack by RAF heavy bombers; 354 Lancasters drop 1,352 tons of HE and incendiaries with excellent results; fires from previous attacks still burning; 34 Lancasters destroyed. Force of 154 Halifaxes and Lancasters drops 422 tons of explosive on Stuttgart, night of 26/27; good concentration of fire, especially about RR center, results: 7 Halifaxes lost.

France: During night Commando patrol lands NE of Dieppe for recon; mission safely completed without encountering the enemy.

In order to draw enemy fighter defenses from primary targets in Germany, 128 B-17's with Spitfire escort dispatched to bomb industrial targets in center of Paris; 10/10 cloud encountered so attack is not carried out; 30-40 Axis fighters engaged, of which 9 are shot down, 3 probably, and 3 damaged; 4 bombers and 3 fighters fail to return. Targets SE of Gris Nez attacked by 50 B-26's and 24 Typhoon bombers with fair to good results. Moderately successful raid on Epinoy airfield at Cambrai carried out by 34 B-26's, while 55 others bomb Roye airdrome; weak to moderate flak encountered at all targets. Military objectives in Cherbourg area attacked

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42 B-25's, 13 A-20's, and 32 Typhoons which drop 106 tons of bombs with excellent results; of intercepting Axis fighters, 2 destroyed, 3 probably, and 5 damaged; 4 bombers missing.

England: About 7 enemy aircraft operate over E Sussex and Kent during night; 2 reach London, causing some damage.

27 English Channel: SS Morar (British cargo ship, 1,507 tons) sunk by mine at 51-50 N, 01-34 E.

29 Germany: Bremen again bombarded by B-17's; force of 155 drops 409 tons of bombs through 10/10 cloud with results believed to be good; large numbers of Axis planes oppose Allied aircraft from first penetration of enemy territory until withdrawal is completed; intense AA fire encountered over objective. Total of 379 P-47's and 55 P-38's accompany bombers; enemy losses are: 30 destroyed, 15 probably, 16 damaged; 13 Allied bombers and 16 fighters fail to return.

France: Fifty-three B-26's with Spitfire escort drop 71 tons of bombs on Chievres airfield; stronger fighter opposition than usual encountered and allied planes report shooting down 10 Axis aircraft, 3 probably, and damaging 2. Moorselle airfield bombed by 15 escorted Typhoon bombers, which encounter no opposition.

30 Germany: Solingen, in the Ruhr, a production center for alloy component parts for aircraft, bombed by 80 escorted B-17's through dense cloud; AA and fighter opposition weak; results, difficult to observe, believed good. Entire route covered by P-47's and P-38's and withdrawal, by Spitfires; 2 bombers and 5 fighters lost; of intercepting enemy planes, 1 shot down.

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- 1 Russia: On Perekop isthmus, Soviet forces break through the Turkish Wall to capture Armyansk, cutting Nazi line of retreat from the Crimea. Between the Dnepr and the Sivash coast Nikolayevka, Maryinka, Makarovka, Strogonovka, and Salkovo RR station occupied by Red Army. Russian offensive SW of Dnepropetrovsk progresses; enemy counterattacks in Krivoi Rog sector repulsed. Heavy German casualties and material losses reported from all sectors.

- 2 Russia: Skadovsk, district center of Nikolayev region, Kakhovka, Gornostayevka, Kalanchak, and more than 70 other localities captured as Red armies pursue Germans in area between Dnepr and Karkinit Bay. Dnepr bend offensive continues with occupation of Yagodny, Dubrovka, Nikolayevka, Yuzhny, and the Miloradovka RR station. Nazi counterattacks repulsed in the Krivoi Rog sector; action elsewhere confined to reconnaissance and artillery exchanges. Soviets claim sinking of 12,000-ton Nazi transport in Baltic.

- 3 Russia: Russian offensive broadens between Dnepr and Karkinit Bay; Bolshiye Kopani, Chalbasny, Kelegeiskiy, Mikhailovka, Krasnoye, and Vladimirovka among more than 80 populated places captured. SW of Dnepropetrovsk gradual progress of Red offensive results in occupation of Krinichevaty, Krasny Kut, Lyubimy, Pervomaiskoye, Krasny Orlik, Gruzinovka, and Novokiyevka.

- 4 Russia: Russian drive toward Kiev gains momentum; Dyer, NW of the city, captured as fierce fighting results in enlargement of Soviet bridgeheads on W bank of Dnepr. Nazi strongholds of Manuilsk, Federovka, Glebovka, Kazarovichi, and Goryanka also fall to Red Army. Tsurypinsk and Golaya Pristan, district centers of Nikolayev province taken in area between Dnepr and Karkinit Bay. Russians victorious in local engagements W and SW of Nivel as well as in the Dnepr Bend region.

- 5 Russia: By capture of Svyatoshino in Kiev sector, Russians

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cut main road from Kiev to Zhitomir; Dnepr bridgeheads enlarged, and fortified sites of Litvinovka, Tarasovshchina, Gavrilovka, Voronovka, Rakovka Sinyak, Mostishche and Verkovets taken. Nazis completely cleared from Dneprovski Liman section of Black Sea coast; Prognoi, Pokrovka, Pokroveskiye, Khutora, and Forstadt occupied as result of these operations. Battles of local importance continue in Nevel sector. Nazi 5,000-ton transport sunk in Baltic.

6 Russia: In spectacular outflanking maneuver Soviets capture Kiev, capital of the Ukraine; Vasilikov, SW of Kiev, also captured along with about 60 other populated places. NE of Kerch, troops of the North Caucasian Front capture Mayak, Zhukovka, Opasnaya, Yenikale, Baksy, and Kapkany. Bridgehead 10 kilos. wide, 26 kilos. deep established on E coast of Kerch peninsula by troops landed several days ago by the Black Sea Fleet and the Azov Sea Flotilla. S of Kerch, Soviet front troops take strongly defended Eltigen and repulse persistent counterattacks. On central front slight gains reported by Soviets W and SW of Nevel.

7 Russia: Major Soviet victory scored in Kiev area by capture of the important RR-center of Fastov, on Kiev-Vinnitsa RR; developing offensive also results in occupation of 74 other inhabited places. Red forces expand bridgehead on E coast of Kerch peninsula and improve positions; W and SW of Nevel, Leshni, Prudok, Artemovka, Dvorische, and Ryum taken by Russians in offensives of limited scope.

8 Russia: Offensive in Kiev sector continues as Red army crosses Zdvizh R., advances on Zhitomir road, and captures Makarov, Byshev, and Obukhov. Moscow announces that 9 Nazi Inf. Divs and 1 Mtd. Div. were destroyed in fighting for Kiev. Consolidation of bridgehead continues in Kerch peninsula; Soviet positions somewhat improved W and SW of Nevel.

9 Russia: NW of Kiev Borodyanka falls to Soviets; S of Kiev Reds enlarge salient by capture of Germanovka; Spartak,

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on the RR to Korosten, taken. Nazi counterattacks fail to prevent enlargement of Kerch peninsula bridgeheads.

- 10 Russia: Reds enlarge bulge in Nazi lines NW and SW of Kiev by capture of district centers of Ivankov and Grebenki, as well as about 60 other sites. Situation in Kerch peninsula remains unchanged, with Soviets attempting to enlarge their bridgeheads. Only local action in other sectors.
- 11 Russia: Soviet armies in Kiev area advance on Zhitomir; Radomyshl and Brusilov occupied after Teterev R. is crossed; Kornin, W of Fastov, captured despite fierce Nazi resistance. No significant gains in the Kerch peninsula. S of Rechitsa renewed efforts of Red Army to extend Dnepr bridgeheads result in capture of important defense points of Nadvin, Goncharov-Podel, Gromyki, Yastrebka, Novaya Zuznechnaya, and Ruchayevka.
- 12 Russia: Soviet troops forge ahead on Kiev-Zhitomir highway to take Korostyshev, district center of Zhitomir province, Krasilovka, Fedorovka, and the RR stations of Irsha, Pinyazevichi, and Skochishche. Enemy counterattacks in Fastov area repelled; in Kerch peninsula Nazi positions of tactical importance seized. S of Rechitsa struggle to widen Dnepr bridgehead continues; activity in other sectors confined to reconnaissance and artillery duels; 33 Nazi planes reported shot down.
- 13 Russia: Vital RR center of Zhitomir falls as climax to Red Army's surge from Kiev. Malin, on Kiev-Korosten RR, Chernyakhov, highway junction W of Zhitomir, and Potiyevka taken, as well as Roznazhev, district center of Kiev Province; enemy counterattacks in Fastov region again hurled back. On Chernyakhov highway S of Rechitsa, Soviets take Kholmich, Grushevka, Ivanovka, Grekhovo, Staraya Olshevka, Novaya Olshevka, and Domamerki.

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14 Russia: Russian advance continues NW of Kiev with capture of Chepovichi on Kiev-Korosten RR; more than 50 other places taken, including Baranovka. South of Rechitsa Red Army seizes Berezovka in offensive that threatens to cut RR's in Gomel area. In Kerch peninsula, determined attacks launched against Nazi strongholds at Ajimushkai and Kolomka. Warships of Black Sea Fleet sink 5,000-ton enemy transport.

15 Russia: Soviets press toward Korosten capturing Kaganovich and Bazaar; from Baranovka Russian lines pushed to Skuraty, and SW of Rechitsa, Red Army units sever RR and HW communications between Gomel and Kalinkovichi by capture of Demelhi and other sites; enemy suffers huge personnel and material losses. Fighting in Kerch peninsula remains indecisive. Nazi counterattacks again fail in Fastov area and SE of Zhitomir.

16 Russia: Drive on Korosten continues; Reds capture RR station at Chepovichi on Malin-Korosten RR and Turchinka on Zhitomir-Korosten line; Tarasy, Buda Kleshchevskaya, Loznitsa, and Obykhody among other large centers occupied by Soviets. In the Rechitsa sector Red Army takes number of towns and the RR station of Babichi. North of Gomel Soviets expand bridgehead on right bank of Sozh R. Enemy counterattacks in Fastov area thrown back.

17 Russia: After forcing Uzh R. crossing and seizing Narodichi and Syngai, Red armies take important rail center of Korosten, in climax to a sustained offensive in this area. During the night, Rechitsa also falls to advancing Soviets. East of Zhitomir, however, fierce enemy counterattacks compel Reds to withdraw. Farther to the N Russians reach immediate vicinity of Gomel and consolidate positions along Sozh R. New offensive opens along lower Pripet R. as Soviets take Chernobyl, Chemeritsy, and Novoselki. Dnepr bend salient widened by capture of Gulyai Pole and Tomakovka, NE of Krivoi Rog.

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- 18 Russia: Soviets exploit capture of Rechitsa by advancing NW to Balashovka and SW to Vasilevichi, district center of Polesye region; Nazis in Gomel imperiled by rapid expansion of Rechitsa salient. Offensive along lower Pripet R. continues, as Red forces take Starye-Khrakovichi and Novye Khrakovichi. In Zhitomir area Germans continue to counter-attack and fierce fighting rages as far E as Korostyshev, indicating Russian withdrawals are in progress. German 4,000-ton transport sunk in Baltic.
- 19 Russia: In Korosten sector RR junction of Ovruch occupied after attack preceding night; this victory is being exploited by Red Army. New Dnepr crossings are forced in the direction of Cherkassy as Soviets occupy Yelizavetovka, Budishche, Sosnovka, and Geronimovka on right bank of R. Nazi counterattacks swell into counteroffensive as Moscow admits abandonment of Zhitomir and withdrawal to "positions of greater advantage for defense."
- 20 Russia: Soviet bridgehead on right bank of Dnepr enlarged in Cherkassy region; Russian positions also consolidated SW of Dnepropetrovsk as result of local attacks. In the Pripet R. sector, Russians take Novoshiepeliichi, district center of Kiev province, as well as Chistogalovka, Burakovka, Staraya Krasnitsa, and RR station of Yanov. Two enemy transports, totalling 4500 tons, as well as several smaller craft, sunk in Black Sea.
- 21 Russia: In advances SW of Dnepropetrovsk towards Kriyoi Rog, Soviet forces take Lyubimovka and Nezabudino; Russian line SE of Kremenchug further straightened by capture of Uspenskoye and Omelnik. German counteroffensive from Zhitomir continues, but Moscow claims fierce attacks near Korostyshev beaten off. Red offensive in Rechitsa sector regains momentum with capture of Gorval and Yelizarovichi, W of Gomel.
- 22 Russia: South of Kremenchug, Russians take strongly fortified points of Konstantinovka, Abramovka, Lavaganki, Mikhailovka, Maryevka, Volny Posad, Voroshilovka and Kukolovka. Enemy attacks in Chernyakhov and Korostyshev areas thwarted. Many

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inhabited localities occupied by Soviets along lower Pripet R. and W of Rechitsa. North of Gomel, Russians extend Sozh R. bridgehead and capture Novoselki, Radugi, Novy Mir, Novaya-zhian, Konichev, and Kalinovka. Moscow claims 67 Nazi planes destroyed in air combat or by AA fire.

- 23 Russia: Main Russian advances continue to be in middle Dnepr sector; Reds take Stavzaki, Kruilski, Yelenovka, Kodak, Kovalevo, Krasnoye Pole, Aleksandrovka, and Nezabudino in area SW of Dnepropetrovsk. S of Kremenchug, Kamlenno-Pototskoye, Turkestanovka, Popovka, Vasilyevka, Krasny, and Bere-zovka occupied, as well as RR station of Lekarevka. Soviet drive in lower Pripet sector continues; Bragin, district center of Polesye Province, among more than 40 occupied places taken by advancing Red forces. E of Zhitomir, German counter-attacks in Chernyakhov and Brusilov sectors repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy.
- 24 Russia: Onufriyevka, district center of Kirovograd Province, captured as Red forces continue offensive S of Kremenchug; in same sector Soviet columns advancing on Znamenka take Konstantinovka. Along lower Pripet, Russians take Borisovshchina and Dernovichi in threat to RR junction of Mozyr. Although Germans claim recapture of Chernyakhov and Brusilov, Moscow asserts Nazi attacks in these areas were frustrated and Russian positions improved. North of Gomel and W of Rechitsa situation is relatively stable. Enemy transport of 2,500-tons and several smaller craft sunk in Black Sea.
- 25 Russia: New Soviet breakthrough reported in Mogilev area; Reds, after crossing Sozh and Pronya rivers, advance 18-45 kilos. to capture Propoisk in addition to Korma and Zhuravichi, district centers of Gomel Province; German hold on Gomel further jeopardized by these Soviet victories. West of Rechitsa, Zherd and Ostankovichi are taken, cutting Zhlobin-Kalinkovichi RR. South of Kremenchug, Red Army offensive is sustained as Kryukov and the RR stations of Burty and Pavlysh are occupied.

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Slight gains scored in Pripet sector; Nazi counterattacks still unsuccessful in vicinity of Chernyakhov and Brusilov. Nazis lose tanker and transport totalling 12,000 tons in Barents Sea.

- 26 Russia: Gomel, objective of sustained Soviet offensive in White Russia, falls as a result of brilliant outflanking maneuver by Red forces. Soviet drive W of Propoisk continues, resulting in occupation of more than 30 inhabited localities; minor successes also reported along lower Berezina R. and W of Rechitsa. SW of Kremenchug Red units seize Nazi strongholds of Kurchanovka, Chechelevo, Beletskovka, Svinarka, Brailovka, Vorobyevka, and Talova-Balka.
- 27 Russia: Slight Russian advances made W of Propoisk and in lower Berezina valley. Reds continue to repulse enemy counterattacks around Korosten, Chernyakhov, and Brusilov; local tactical successes achieved SW of Kremenchug. Between Sozh and Dnepr rivers Soviets take Chechersk and Uvarovichi, district centers of Gomel Province, as well as more than 80 other populated places. Yelsk along lower Pripet also captured by Soviet forces.
- 28 Russia: Northwest of Gomel, Soviets capture Buda Koshelevskaya and more than 150 other sites including Sharybovka; this advance, as well as the capture of Zlomnoye in the lower Berezina area, gravely threatens Zhlobin, junction on Gomel-Minsk RR. In the Pripet valley sector, Red forces reach Rudnya-Smoligovskaya. Nazis still counterattacking heavily in Korosten, Chernyakhov, and Brusilov sectors, but Moscow makes no admission of serious set-backs. Southwest of Kremenchug, Soviet offensive gains Vasilyevka and Petrikovka. Forty-seven enemy aircraft reported destroyed during day's operations.
- 29 Russia: Envelopment of Zhlobin continues as Reds advance along Gomel-Zhlobin RR as well as from S. Near Chernassy

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Russian bridgehead on right bank of Dnepr enlarged by capture of Russkaya Polyana, Dubiyevka, Brody, Kirilovka, and Ternovka; similar successes won in middle Dnepr area. Nazi counterattacks continue fruitless in Korosten region. Compiled reports show 61 Nazi planes destroyed during day.

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Russia: Moscow announces evacuation of Korosten as German counteroffensive continues in that sector. Northwest of Gomel, however, Soviets capture Iren, Gorki, Lozov, Pochki, and Mikhailévka between Sozh and Dnepr rivers; slight gains also made in lower Pripet valley sector. Southwest of Kremenchug Red Army units capture heavily fortified sites of Taburishche, Zakharyevka, Razoropol, Yanov, and Bolshaya Makarikhae.

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1 Italy: Units of 7th Armd Div attack enemy's H. Massico positions, making slight gains; 46th Div encounters heavy shelling; 56th Div moves NW of Teano. In 6th Corps area forward troops of 45th Div attack NW toward Mignano; 34th Div occupies Pontegreca and moves NW; Gallo, SE of Venafrò, occupied by 504th Para Rgt. Thirteenth Corps makes gains in central sector of the line, securing high ground in Macchia-godena area and covering positions W of Cantalupo; patrols report Roccamandolfi clear of the enemy. On 8th Army front 5th Corps continues patrolling, approaching the Trigno R.

Allied bombers and fighters pound enemy communications and transport throughout the day. Vezzano RR bridge and Spezia harbor attacked by 5 B-17's; 32 escorted B-25's bomb Rimini RR yards while others attack the shipping in Ancona harbor, hitting a merchant ship and many small craft and starting fires in warehouses. Roads and gun positions in battle areas are targets for continuous attacks by medium and light bombers: 12 Spitfires and 11 P-40's attack Venafrò area; 36 P-40's bomb targets near Isernia; several gun positions in same area believed silenced by force of 33 A-20's; 116 A-36's bomb roads, RR's, and bridges, possibly destroying RR bridges SW of Roccasecca and Pontecorvo; 59 P-40's attack road junctions at Alfedena and Aquafondata. Targets on E coast attacked during night by Bostons; MT in Pescara, Formia, and Fondi areas bombed. Nineteen Wellingtons make night raid on RR yards at Via Reggio.

Naples and Pozzuoli Bays bombed by over 35 Axis aircraft which damage 2 British ships; 2 planes shot down and 2 probably destroyed.

Balkans: Yugoslavia: SE of Zagreb Germans unsuccessfully attack Partisan troops between Karlovac and Generalški Stol. In Peljesac Peninsula Axis troops are apparently being frustrated in attempts to occupy the territory; Partisans counterattack, driving enemy forces back.

Shipping in Split harbor is objective for about 12 Allied fighter bombers; 1 naval vessel believed damaged.

2 Algeria: AFHQ announces in Algiers that the U.S. 15th Air Force has been created to concentrate on long-range strategic bombing of Germany from the S.

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Italy: Seventh Armd Div continues heavy fighting on slopes of M. Massico; 56th Div, moving NW from Teano, occupies S. Pietro. Third Div cuts road leading N to Venafro and NW to Mignano; 45th and 34th Div's continue advance toward Mignano and Venafro. In center of Allied line 5th Div encounters determined opposition in Maccia-godena area. Nineteenth Brig of British Eighth Ind Div attacks across Trigno R. in Montemitro area; despite opposition bridgehead established and Tuffillo, about a mi. from the river, occupied.

Enemy lines of communication and transport supplying the front lines are main objectives for Allied aircraft. RR bridge near Marscianno bombed by 24 B-26's; Aquila RR yards and station are targets for 35 B-25's which damage RR line running NE; 12 Baltimores and 24 Bostons cause considerable damage in marshalling yards N of Segni; 24 B-25's cause fires and explosions and damage coast road at Terracina; many small craft in harbor at Civitavecchia destroyed or damaged as result of raid by 23 B-26's. In the battle areas light, medium, and fighter bombers attack enemy gun positions and supplies: 24 Bostons and Baltimores attack gun positions at Furci with excellent results; A-20's bomb gun areas E of Palmoli and at Celenza with fair results; Venafro, Isernia, Cassino, and Minturno sectors bombed by groups of P-40's; supply dump W of Cupello is target for 36 A-20's. During night 36 Wellingtons bomb airfield at Fiano-Romano, concentrating bombs among dispersed aircraft.

Balkans: Yugoslavia: Partisans repulse German attack from Ogulin toward Josipdol. Podgorica airfield attacked by about 20 Italian fighter planes; about 30 grounded planes reported damaged. Six A-20's make night raid on Zara harbor; 5 more attack Penne Pt., scoring hits near lighthouse.

Albania: Radar station N of Durazzo bombed by 22 Spitfires; installations believed gutted. During night, British DD's bombard installations in Durazzo harbor.

Aegean: Nazi forces with air support land on Simi; town looted and fires started. RAF bombers make night attack on shipping and warehouses at Syros harbor.

Crete: Small group of RAF bombers attacks Heraklion airfield during night.

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Italy: In W coast area units of 7th Armd Div move down W slopes of M. Massico to Garigliano R. valley; demolitions retard advance. Forty-sixth and 56th Div's progress NW; patrols of former reach Sessa Arunca and latter moves toward Sipicciano. S of Mignano 3d Div consolidates its positions; forward troops of 34th Div reach point about 4 mi. E of Venafro; 504th Para Rgt advances to S. Agapito, a few mi. S of Isernia. In 13th Corps sector 5 Div moves W and W off

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Cantalupo, reaching Castelpetroso and Castelpizzuto. Eighth Ind Div improves its positions in bridgehead across the Trigno. Seventy-eighth Div attacks across Trigno R.; advancing against stiff resistance, troops occupy San Salvo and San Salvo station; strong Axis counterattacks repulsed. Two British DD's bombard targets on E coast in support of 78th Div.

RR yards are primary objective of Allied aircraft during day: 24 A-30's bomb Alfedena, causing large explosions; 24 B-25's attack Ceprano; 24 A-20's bomb Ceccano, hitting buildings and RR. B-25's and A-20's, in 6 missions, start large fires and cause considerable damage at enemy supply dumps at Cupello. Gun positions NW of Mignano are target for 26 A-36's; 2 guns are believed destroyed. P-40's bomb road junction SE of Frosinone and 30 A-20's attack Palmoli. Fighter bombers claim destruction of many dispersed aircraft as result of attacks on Littoria, Ancona, and Irsi landing grounds. Fossacesia is target for night raid by small force of Bostons. About 25 German planes operate over Allied front lines during the day.

Balkans: Yugoslavia: Partisans capture Sukolac airfield.

Greece: Araxos airdrome bombed by 45 B-25's with P-38 escort; 8-10 enemy planes attempt interception; 1 shot down and 1 Allied bomber lost.

Aegean: Antimachia landing ground on Cos is target for night raid by 4 Hudsons which hit landing ground and dispersal areas. Syros harbor bombed, night of 3/4, by 4 Allied planes; small fire results.

Mediterranean: SS Mont Viso (French cargo ship, 4,531 tons) sunk by SS at 36-45 N, 01-55 E.

- 4 Italy: Seventh Arm Div advances across Garigliano Valley; 46th and 56th Div's continue to progress in NW direction; Sipicciano occupied. Fourth Ranger Bn is operating NE of Mignano and 45th Div reaches point just SW of Venafro. In central sector, 8th Army units advance: patrols of 5th Div enter Isernia, finding it clear of the enemy, and forward troops enter Carpinone and contact enemy at Sessano, in area NE of Isernia. Farther E patrols of 1st Cdn Div report Pietracupa and Aquevive clear. Fifth Corps encounters heavy opposition across the Trigno R. where 8th Ind Div makes slight gains NW of Bufalino and 78th Div advances toward high ground S of Vasto.

RR between Montalto di Castro and Orbetello is target

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for 4 B-17's; 4 others attack Orbetello-Talamone RR, scoring several hits; 7 B-17's attack Cecina-- S. Vincenzo RR and strafe 3 merchant ships off Cecina. Terni RR viaduct believed damaged by 12 escorted P-38's with bombs. A-20's make night raid on roads W of Furbara, MT at Terni and Ortona, and airfield at Nettuno. Forty-two Wellingtons make severe night attack on Orte RR yards; bursts observed in yards and on RR to N and S.

Aegean: Crete: During night 6 Halifaxes and 3 Liberators bomb Heraklion airdrome; extent of damage unknown.

Cos: RAF Hudsons make night raid, through heavy cloud, on Antimachia landing ground.

Kea: Four Beaufighters attack barges and landing craft in harbor.

5 Italy: On 10th Corps front long-range patrols are operating but no change in situation is reported. In 6th Corps area Venafro is occupied by units of 45th Div, which then advance NW of the town; 34th Div makes slight gain N of Venafro. Thirteenth Corps moves NW, in central sector; Canadians occupy Pietracupa and Duronia; units of 5th Div reach Isernia and enter Sessano. In E coast area 78th Div captures Vasto and, on highway leading SW, Cupello.

Allied aircraft operate against enemy transport lines: 24 A-20's and 24 A-30's bomb road near Atina to create road block; 69 A-36's attack bridges NE of Cassino, possibly destroying 1; 36 P-40's attack road junction, warehouse, bridge, and MT in Cassino area; others bomb roads around Forli, Sulmona, and Isernia. Three B-24's attack bridge N of Falconara Marittima, scoring hits, and nearby marshalling yards, hitting locomotives, oil tanks, and freight trains.

Naples area bombed by over 30 Axis planes; stores and ammunition on a mole destroyed; AA fire shoots down 1 enemy plane and probably another.

Balkans: Albania: Berat Kucove airfield is target for 42 B-25's with P-38 escort; good coverage obtained; bombs fall among 20 dispersed aircraft; fires and explosions caused.

Aegean: Heraklion, Crete, bombed by 3 Hudsons with unobserved results. Maritza airdrome, Rhodes, attacked during night by 9 RAF heavy bombers which start several fires. Shipping at Siphnos and Kea is target for RAF Beaufighters;

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at former, 2 caiques, barges, and jetty hit; barge and tugs hit at latter.

During night British patrol evacuates Naxos.

6. Italy: Forty-sixth Div advances across Garigliano Valley through Cupa, Lauro, and Castresse to reach E bank of river on a line extending from the sea about 8 mi. inland. American units NW of Venafro encounter stiff opposition, mines, and demolitions; 504th Para Rgt moves NW of Isernia to high ground just E of Fornelli. In central sector weather and demolitions delay progress but patrols of 5th Div reach road junction SW of Forli. Eighth Ind Div extends Trigno bridgehead to include M. Farano and Celenza; 78th Div, after heavy fighting and Axis counterattacks with tank support, is now firmly established in Cupello-Vasto area; patrols of 38th Brig succeed in crossing Sinello R. and by evening occupy Scerni, about 8 mi. W of Vasto.

Allied aircraft concentrate on enemy communications and transport in area NW of Rome. P-38's bomb bridge S of Orvieto and strafe Tarquinia airfield and electrical installations at Montalto di Castro; another group of P-38's bombs bridge near Monte Molino while bridges near Fiora and Orbetello attacked by 4 and 3 B-17's, respectively. Gun positions, bridges, and MT in Cassino area, tanks and MT in Gioia area, and road and RR communications near Sulmona and Popoli attacked by groups of P-40's and A-36's.

Balkans: Yugoslavia: Heavy fighting appears to be taking place near the Hungarian frontier where Partisans claim to have captured Koprivnica and the garrison of Virovitica. P-40's, on run over Dalmatia, attack concentration of about 200 MT near Metkovic; 40 destroyed and 50 damaged.

Mediterranean: Allied convoy attacked off Philippeville by enemy planes; USS Beatty (DD) and SS Saint Elena (U.S. cargo ship, 9,135 tons) sunk.

7. Italy: In W coastal sector 56th Div attacks, in direction of M. Maggiore, W of Mignano; enemy positions strongly held and Div is unable to penetrate although San Britto is occupied. Forty-fifth Div consolidates positions N and E of

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Venafro; 34th Div repulses Axis counterattack 3 mi. N of latter. Fornelli occupied by 504th Para Rgt which then moves N. Eighth Army gains control of Forli-Vasto highway; at L 1st Cdn Div patrols toward Carovilli and Castiglione; 8th Ind Div occupies Palmoli and Carunchio and clears area to Torrebruna; 78th Div captures Furci, establishing contact with 8th Ind Div, and advances across Sinello R. Toward the Sangro R., occupying Casalbordino.

Targets in Pontecorvo area attacked by 36 P-40's; 36 more attack enemy in direct support of ground forces; A-20's bomb Axis gun positions in vicinity of Cassino; A-36's attack communications and bivouac area in 5th Army sector. In 8th Army area, gun positions at Fossacesia are target for 36 A-20's and A-30's; hits scored on RR. Thirty B-25's bomb shipping at Ancona; hits scored on dock installations and 1 ship. P-40's bomb enemy communications N of the Sangro, silencing 8 AA positions:

Balkans: Yugoslavia: Fighting continues in Koprivnica area. P-40's attack shipping at Split; hits scored on ships and large oil fire started on the docks.

Albania: Shipping at Durazzo bombed by 12 B-25's. Harbor also attacked during night by 6 Bostons.

Aegean: Enemy aircraft make 2 attacks on Leros I. RAF planes bomb Naxos harbor during night.

Mediterranean: SS Surville (French cargo ship, 2,318 tons) sunk by mine at 37-05 N, 11-10 E.

8 Italy: Fifty-sixth Div encounters stubborn resistance S of M. Maggiore. NW of Venafro attack by U.S. troops makes slight gains; Axis counterattacks repulsed; 3d Div occupies Mignano 34th Div reaches Montaquila, about 8 mi. W of Isernia; operations on front impeded by heavy rains. Four Allied DD's bombard enemy positions in Gulf of Gaeta, in support of 5th Army attack. Eighth Army's 13th Corps makes some progress NE of Isernia where Pescocolanciano is occupied by Canadians. In E coast area 78th Div approaches enemy's Sangro R. line: 11th Brig reaches Paglieta and M. Calvo, NW and SW of Casalbordino; 36th Brig occupied Torino, about 2 mi. E of the river, on the coastal road.

Adverse weather hampers air operations. Ball-bearing works at Turin are target for 81 escorted B-17's which partially destroy buildings and severely damage most of them; nearby shops also damaged and RR lines cut; Fiat

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works also sustain some damage; in addition, industrial, commercial, and residential areas SW of target heavily hit. Communications and transport in battle area also attacked: 24 A-20's and 12 A-70's bomb gun positions at Castel Frentano, causing explosions; P-40's and Spitfires in E battle sector destroy 15 vehicles and damage 40; 7 destroyed at Civitavecchia. Ombrone RR bridge bombed during night by 11 Wellingtons which score hits on N end. Bostons make night attacks on Formia and Gaeta areas.

Balkans: Yugoslavia: German forces which are attempting to gain control of Dalmatian coast claim capture of Trogir, between Split and Sibenik, and Drvenik I.

Aegean: Five A-30's, on anti-shipping strike, attack shipping concentration in Suda Bay, Crete; 1 merchant ship and several small craft hit. Four Hudsons score hits on Antimachia landing ground on Cos I. Leros harbor attacked by 3 Axis planes which damage an ammunition dump.

9 Italy: British are unable to make progress in M. Maggiore sector; strong Axis counterattacks repulsed; many anti-personnel mines encountered. Allied DD's again shell enemy positions. In Mignano-Venafro area 3d and 45th Div's encounter fierce resistance. Thirteenth Corps secures control of W end of Forli-Vasto highway with occupation of Forli and Carovilli. Farther E 8th Ind Div moves into Castiglione, road junction on same highway. Seventy-eighth Div consolidates positions overlooking Sangro R.

Villa Perosa ball bearing works near Turin are target for unsuccessful attack by 20 escorted B-24's; 20 more heavy bombers with P-38 escort attack Ansaldo steel works at Genoa; no hits observed on target but surrounding area well covered. During night 25 Wellingtons dispatched to bomb RR and bridge at Pontassieve; 11 bombers, unable to locate primary objective, attack Arno Valley, Talamone, and bridges at Grosseto; remainder bomb target, possibly damaging bridge and starting fires. In support of ground operations, A-36's and P-40's make constant attacks on Axis gun positions, vehicles, and roads in Cassino-Roccasecca area, causing considerable damage.

Balkans: Yugoslavia: In Slavonia, Partisans are forced to withdraw from Virovitica. Twelve P-40's with Spitfire escort attack shipping in Split harbor; fighters armed alongside a merchant vessel.

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Albania: Spitfires sweep Valona-Durazzo area, attacking gun positions, tanks, and shipping; ships off Saseno I. strafed and radar stations NW of Durazzo and at Saseno shot up.

Aegean: Four Hurricanes attack oil and ammunition dumps on Crete, starting several fires; A-30's possibly damage a merchant ship in Suda Bay. Leros I. attacked by small number of Axis planes; only slight damage results. During night Levitha I. heavily shelled by 3 Allied DD's.

10 Sardinia: La Maddalena is target for early morning raid by 9 Axis planes.

Italy: In M. Maggiore sector constant enemy counterattacks are repulsed. Third Div makes slight gains NW of Venafro, frustrating Axis attacks at S. Pietro and seizing M. Rotondo; enemy W of Mignano also attacked and driven from SE slopes of M. Maggiore. Colle Volturmo, W of Isernia, occupied by 504th Para Regt. Although weather impedes operations of 8th Army, some progress made in center of line where 5th Div advances NW of Forli to take Rionero and patrols move to Roccasicura, between Forli and Carovilli.

Heavy blow struck at enemy transportation by 73 escorted B-17's attacking Bolzano marshalling yards; 172 tons of bombs damage buildings, tracks, and rolling stock, probably rendering yards temporarily inoperative; of 20-30 Axis aircraft attempting interception, 3 probably shot down and 2 damaged. Villa Perosa ball bearing works are again target for 22 B-24's with P-38 escort; majority of bombs fall near objective. Twenty-three Wellingtons make night raid on Recco viaduct; A-36's carry out approximately 70 sorties against enemy positions in 5th Army sector; 24 P-40's attack Roccasecca. In early morning Naples harbor bombed by about 30 enemy planes, 2 of which are shot down by AA fire.

Balkans: Yugoslavia: Partisans claim repulse of German attacks from Ogulin area. Split harbor is target for 12 B-25's which possibly damage a merchant vessel.

Albania: Twelve B-25's bomb Durazzo; 8 barges destroyed and fires started among fuel tanks. Oil tanks, barracks, and harbor installations at same target strafed by 9 Spitfires.

Aegean: Stampalia harbor attacked by RAF aircraft through thick cloud; results unobserved. Personnel and MT on Crete effectively strafed by RAF Hurricanes. Twelve Liberators and Halifax's score many hits on Maritza landing ground,

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Rhodes, in night attack. Antimachia airdrome, Cos, is target for night raid by 4 Hudsons, 4 Wellingtons, and 6 Baltimores; bombs burst in target area. Three Allied DD's shell Cos and Kalymnos.

Enemy aircraft make constant bombing attacks on Leros during day, concentrating on Allied gun positions on which they inflict considerable damage; 1 plane destroyed and 1 damaged.

11 Italy: Enemy counterattacks repulsed by 56th Div. Patrol activity takes place on 13th Corps front although operations are severely curtailed by bad weather and demolitions; at E end of central sector 1st Cdn Div advances, patrols entering Pagliarone, Agnone, and Poggio Sannita. In coastal area 8th Ind Div contacts Axis units in Atezza and Tornareccio areas. Patrols of 78th Div cross Sangro R. and reach Fossacesia, about 4 mi. to the N, without contacting the enemy.

RR lines and highways in Palena area attacked by A-20's and A-30's; attack also made on chemical works at Bussi where fires and explosions are caused; 12 aircraft damaged by AA fire. Forty-one Wellingtons make night attack on Prato RR yards; large fire and explosions caused as result of hits on warehouses, rolling stock, and buildings. Civitavecchia harbor and shipping are objective for successful night attack by 10 Bostons, which hit warehouse, jetty, ferry terminal, mole, and ammunitions stores; fires result. P-40's attack enemy positions NW of Mignano, at Roccasecca, Cervaro, and Viticuso; A-36's make about 100 sorties against Axis positions and Mt SE of Rome.

Aegean: Antimachia landing ground on Cos is target for night raid by 7 A-30's; 8 Halifaxes and B-24's possibly damage runway of Maritza landing ground, Rhodes, in night attack.

Leros is target for about 70 sorties by JU-88's and JU-87's which concentrate on coast defenses and observation posts; 3 planes shot down.

Mediterranean: Allied convoy bombed off Oran by about 25 DO-217's and HE-111's; SS Birchbank (British cargo ship, 5,151 tons), SS Indian Prince (British cargo ship, 8,587 tons), SS Carlier (Belgian cargo ship, 7,215 tons) sunk; AA fire destroys 2 enemy planes, 1 probably, and damages another.

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12 Italy: Enemy troops, believed to be 15th PG, continue attacks against Allied forces in M. Camino area; counterattacks by 168th Brig frustrated by Axis arty. Sixth Corps units, in Venafro sector, bitterly opposed by Axis units and make only slight progress. Eighth Ind Div delayed by demolitions in push toward Atesa and Tornareccio. Agressive patrolling across the Sangro is continued by 78th Div.

RR N of Orbetello damaged in attack by 24 B-26's; 5 B-26's bombing RR bridge S of Montalto di Castro possibly damage tracks. Light and fighter bombers make constant attacks on targets in battle areas: A-20's bomb Atina; Palena twice attacked by A-20's and A-30's while P-40's bomb gun positions SW of Atesa; results believed good in all cases. In W sector, Roccasecca, S. Elia, and trains and MT. SB of Rome bombed by P-40's and A-36's. Fires started at Arezzo marshalling yards by 11 A-20's making night attack; 32 Wellingtons cause violent explosions and fires in Pontassieve RR yards and damage town, barracks, and possibly RR bridge.

Balkans: Mostar airdrome, Yugoslavia, is target for about 45 P-40's which destroy 4 grounded planes and strafe buildings, personnel, and AA gun positions.

Force of 77 B-25's bombs Berat/Rucove airdrome and nearby oil refinery in Albania; explosions and fires result at both objectives; intense AA fire damages 20 Allied planes.

Aegean: In early morning Axis force lands on Leros from convoy which includes 4 DD's; under constant dive-bombing cover, troops land at Serocampo, on SE corner, N of Appetici, in middle of island on E coast, at Pasta di Sotta and Della Palma Bay, on NE and N coasts, and push inland; units at Pasta di Sotta and N of Appetici gain lower slopes of Mt. Vedetta and Mt. Appetici. In late afternoon, enemy parachutists land on Rachi Ridge, in narrow isthmus connecting N and S portions of island; during night reinforcements for these units land at Gurha Bay, on W coast.

Axis planes make about 105 sorties against Patella, Castello, Meraviglia, and Clidi; 3 aircraft shot down and 1 damaged.

Maritza airdrome, Rhodes, attacked during night by 9 Halifaxes and B-24's; Cos airdromes bombed by small group of RAF planes; shipping and jetty at Suda Bay, Crete, are target for 10 A-30's.

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13 Italy: In S. Pietro area Axis forces counterattack 45th Div; units of 504th Para Rgt reach vicinity of Castel S. Vincenzo; in same area several patrol clashes between enemy units and those of 5th Div occur. Seventeenth Ind Brig captures Atessa, about 4 mi. E of the Sangro, and defeats several enemy counterattacks; 78th Div continues patrolling across the river.

Bad weather grounds Strategic Air Force. Gun positions and RR targets receive pounding by light and fighter bombers; gun emplacements NW of Atessa, Guilianova port, Palena road and RR station bombed by varying numbers of A-20's, A-30's, and P-40's; Atina town and RR ridge, gun positions NW of Mignano, Marcigliano and Aquino airdromes, and roads and communications in battle area attacked by A-20's, P-40's, and A-36's; Terracina, Frosinone, and Circeo areas also attacked. Civitavecchia is objective in night raid by A-30's which hit jetties, chemical works, and small craft.

Balkans: Nazis attack Krk I. in Gulf of Fiume.

Aegean: Leros: Nazis capture Anpetici; British counter-attack during night fails to regain the position. Gurna Bay-Alinda Bay neck almost completely controlled by enemy although a platoon of Royal Irish Fusiliers believed still resisting at Rachi Ridge; Allied units at N and S ends of island cut off from each other. In southern sector, British hold high ground from Leros to Patella and, in N, area from Quirico to Calogera. Heavy fighting continues as enemy penetrates inland from N and E coasts. Enemy aircraft constantly attack Allied troops and positions.

Calato landing ground on Rhodes is target for night raid by 10 B-24's and Halifaxes; haze obscures results. Targets on Cos bombed by 4 A-30's, 4 Wellingtons, and 3 Hudsons. Fourteen Hurricanes make offensive sweep over Crete, attacking personnel, camps, and radio installations.

Enemy aircraft sink British DD, Dulverton, off Cos I.

14 Italy: Constant and vigorous Axis counterattacks force withdrawal of Allied units from M. Camino; 157th Rgt of 45th Div yields ground, retreating from hill position about 4 mi. N of Venafro as result of 2 strong enemy counterattacks. NW of Forli 5th Div advances to Montagnola. In Sangro area Tornareccio, about 3 mi. S of Atessa, occupied by units of 8th Ind Div; patrols of 78th Div head enemy across the river.

Bad weather grounds air forces

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Balkans: In Yugoslavia P-40's bomb and strafe transport in Metkovic area. Marshalling yards at Sofia, Bulgaria, are target for 91 B-25's with P-38 escort; about 140 tons of explosive dropped, damaging repair shops and buildings and causing fires and explosions; intense AA fire and Axis planes oppose Allied bombers; 9 enemy aircraft shot down, 1 probably, and 3 damaged.

Aegean: Leros: On E coast enemy is contained in Appetici area. Axis units almost surrounded as result of British counterattack from N and S; British units at Rachi Ridge still resisting and communications between N and center of island re-opened. Nazi ground forces supported by constant attacks on Allied troops and positions by HE-111's, JU-88's, and JU-87's. During night British DD's bombard enemy positions and small craft.

Radio installations and German HQ on Crete strafed by 14 Hurricanes, 7 of which fail to return; Heraklion airdrome bombed during night by 2 Hudsons, 7 A-30's, and 5 Wellingtons. Nine Halifaxes and B-24's make night raid on Maritza airdrome, Rhodes.

15 Italy: Patrol activity only takes place along most of the front; in E coast area 8th Ind Div makes slight gains, occupying high ground just N of Atessa; patrols contact enemy at Montazzoli.

Adverse weather again grounds all aircraft; only routine patrolling missions take place.

Balkans: Albania: Durazzo oil storage depot attacked by 24 Spitfires; tanks hit, fires started, and installations believed demolished.

Greece: Eleusis airdrome sustains severe damage, resulting from raid by 46 B-24's with P-38 escort; 60 tons of fragmentation bombs damage hangars and fuel stores and destroy 6 grounded aircraft. Force of 45 B-25's escorted by 36 P-38's bombs Kalamaki airdrome, damaging landing areas and hangars; large fires and explosions result.

Aegean: Leros: British in central part of island counter-attack in Rachi Ridge area; progress is slow against strong opposition and heavy bombing and aerial machine-gunning; attack finally fails. Enemy lands reinforcements during night; British DD's bombard shore targets. Enemy planes make about 440 sorties against Allied forces.

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Hurricanes attack MT and gun positions on Crete; severe AA fire encountered. Two airdromes on Rhodes are targets for night attacks: 8 Halifaxes and B-24's bomb Maritza; 3 A-30's, 3 Wellingtons, and 2 Hudsons attack Calato.

16 Italy: In 10th Corps sector enemy reaches Galabritto and is firmly entrenched on slopes to the N; machine gun and arty fire checks attempts of 45th Div to advance in area N and NW of Venafro. N of Atessa 8th Ind Div reaches S. Marco but S of Atessa Axis units recapture Tornareccio. Operations along entire front are seriously impeded by very bad weather.

Light and fighter bombers carry out a few missions against enemy positions in Sangro area: 12 P-40's attack gun positions at Archi with considerable accuracy; 12 more bomb MT, guns, and troops at Perano with good results.

Balkans: In Yugoslavia Partisans have admitted that Germans have driven them from Peljesac Peninsula. Harbor at Sibenik is target of 24 B-25's which hit harbor and docks and possibly damage RR. Seventy-nine B-25's with P-38 escort bomb Eleusis airdrome, Greece, causing extensive damage to runways, hangars, and other buildings; 5 grounded aircraft destroyed and 10 fires started.

Aegean: Leros: Enemy forces occupy Meraviglia, including Hq, after neutralizing British positions by dive-bombing and machine gun fire; island surrenders in the evening.

During the night Calato and Maritza airdromes on Rhodes attacked by 10 and 6 Allied aircraft, respectively; results at former unobserved but fires started at latter. Three British DD's bombard Cos I.

17 Italy: Operations are practically at a standstill because of weather conditions. In W coast area, 46th Div patrols S bank of Garigliano R. without contacting enemy. In center of 5th Army line, 36th Div is relieving 3d Div. Enemy counter-attacks SW from Archi-Perano area repulsed by 8th Ind Div which is moving NW from S. Marco.

Adverse weather continues to impede air operations. Sixteen A-20's make night attack on enemy MT on roads in 8th Army area with good results.

Balkans: E of Split in Yugoslavia heavy fighting takes place as Partisans capture Studenci and lose to Nazi counter-

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attack. Tuzla, N of Sarajevo, occupied by Germans. Airdromes in Greece are targets for U.S. bombers: 41 B-17's damage hangars, buildings, taxi strip and dispersal area at Eleusis, destroy 5 grounded aircraft, and damage 10 more; 36 escorted B-25's drop 32 tons of explosive on Kalamaki, starting fires among hangars and parked aircraft; 10-12 Axis planes attempt interception at latter; 2 shutdown.

Aegean: Four Hurricanes, on offensive sweep over Crete, damage MT. Enemy aircraft make heavy attacks on Vathi and Tigani, Samos I.; severe damage results at both targets.

18 Italy: In central sector, SW of Agnone, Canadians establish positions in Pagliarone-Vastogirardi area. E of the Sangro, 8th Ind Div makes slight gains NW of Atessa; 78th Div continues patrol activity across the river.

Gross etc RR yards bombed by 24 B-26's which hit yards, warehouses, and sheds, and demolish nearby buildings. Twenty-four light bombers attack enemy strong point at Rivisandoli; 12 P-40's attack gun positions at Bachi and 48 more bomb enemy strong point at Barrea. During night 8 A-20's bomb area S of Pescara and start fires at Lanciano, where roads and buildings are damaged.

Balkans: Yugoslavia: Germans appear to be moving S from Brcko on the Sava R., Partisans blocking enemy advance. Transport in Sibenik area attacked by 38 P-40's.

Greece: Eleusis airdrome again heavily damaged by U.S. bombers; 50 B-17's hit hangar and dispersal areas and destroy 10 grounded aircraft; intense AA fire damages 17 Allied bombers. Force of 36 escorted B-25's bombs Larissa airdrome, hitting runway and hangars and destroying 2 parked planes; numerous fires started; 8 planes damaged by AA fire.

Mediterranean: SS Empire Dunstan (British cargo ship, 2,887 tons) sunk by SS at 38-40 N, 17-30 E.

Gulf of Aden: SS Sambridge (British cargo ship, 7,176 tons) torp. and sunk at 11-25 N, 47-25 E.

19 Italy: Bad weather continues to hamper operations on 5th Army front; slight gains made on R flank by 504th Para Rgt which occupies Rocchetta-a-Volturno, 10 mi. W of Isernia. In Agnone sector patrols of 13th Corps contact enemy. Eighth Ind Div makes gains NW of Atessa, capturing Perano against stiff opposition. Patrol clashes across the Sangro reported by 78th

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Although large scale missions are grounded because of weather conditions, some attacks made against enemy transportation lines. Bridge near Cassino believed destroyed by 20 A-36's; Pontecorvo town and bridge attacked by 12 P-40's; 2 missions of P-40's bomb army targets in Barrea area.

Balkans: Kittyhawks attack MT near Split and Spitfires, transportation facilities in Metkovic area.

Aegean: Enemy maintains heavy bombardment of Samos which British are evacuating.

20 Italy: N. of Rocchetta 5th Div occupies Castel S. Vincenzo, on road to Alfadena; in area from Castel di Sangro to Castiglione 1st Cdn Div engages and drives back enemy patrols. Tornareccio, S of Atessa, reported clear of the enemy; N of Atessa units of 8th Ind Div occupy Archi and nearby heights, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. E of the Sangro.

Fourteen A-20's make night attack on roads along E coast, bombing Civitanova road and RR junction, Pedaso, Guillianova, and Moreto landing ground.

21 Italy: Heavy rains hamper operations along entire front. Fifth Army units continue patrolling and consolidation of positions. On 8th Army front 2d NZ Div moves into Atessa-Perano sector; 78th Div continues patrol activity across the Sangro and reports some clashes with Axis patrols.

Weather permits more extensive air operations and Allied aircraft attack enemy communication centers; Civitavecchia harbor is target for 48 B-26's, which hit dock and commercial building areas, warehouses, moles, and RR installations; Chiusi marshalling yards are target for 18 escorted B-26's, which damage station and warehouses; of approximately 9 intercepting aircraft, 1 shot down and 2 damaged; Fano bridges bombed by 6 and 30 B-26's; RR bridge seriously damaged and other bridges probably hit. Gun positions at Gaeta attacked by 10 B-25's. In 8th Army area enemy strong point near Fossacesia attacked by 12 A-30's while about 94 P-40's bomb targets near Lanciano.

Balkans: Partisans drive Nazis from Bribir. Heavy fighting reported in Split area. Fourteen Spitfires on offensive sweep over Yugoslavia strafe RR installations at Sibenik and 2 cargo ships in the harbor.

Aegean: Heraklion Airbase, Crete, is target for night raid by 4 B-24's and 9 B-26's, results unobserved.

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22 Italy: Continued heavy rain and bad ground conditions bring operations to standstill on 5th Army front; night of 22/23 enemy arty heavily shells positions of 45th Div in Venafro area. Activity on 8th Army front also hampered by inclement weather. Seventeenth Brig of 5th Div makes slight gains on road to Alfadena. At S. Angelo a Cdn patrol is attacked in strength by the enemy; another patrol reaches Castel di Sangro but is forced to retire. During night 19th Ind Brig crosses the Sangro NW of Archi and captures some high ground.

Cecina RR bridge is target for 22 B-26's which possibly damage objective. Force of 24 A-36's bombs Civitavecchia, hitting RR yards, town, and wharf, cause explosions on a freighter, and start fires in chemical works; A-36's also attack San Vittore and gun positions W of Minturno. Targets in WW battle area attacked by 47 P-40's. Foligno RR center (SW of Ancona) bombed by 73 escorted B-26's which drop 116 tons of explosive, damaging buildings, locomotive repair shops, and RR yards. Targets on 8th Army front heavily bombarded: 48 A-30's and 71 B-25's, in 10 missions, attack gun positions from Lanciano to Fossacesia, causing explosions and fires; 56 P-40's, in 5 missions, hit buildings and start fires around Lanciano. In Rome area Ciampino airdrome and RR junction are targets for night attack by 48 Wellingtons; hangar, runway and grounded planes believed destroyed; RR yards and track damaged.

DD's bombard enemy N of Carigliano R.; opposition is ineffective.

Aegean: Nazis land on Samos, in areas of Maritocampos, Tigani, and possibly Vathi.

23 Italy: In central sector patrols of 5th Div reach Alfadena and advance N of it to point just E of Barrea; 3d Cdn Brig occupies S. Angelo. Adverse weather continues to hamper operations; air activity limited to a few routine fighter sorties.

Balkans: Yugoslavia: Fighting continues for islands in Gulf of Fiume; Partisans claim 3 of them still in their possession.

24 Italy: Bad weather continues to impede operations on 8th Army front. Third Cdn Div encounters stiff opposition in

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Castel di Sangro area. Some Bns of 8th Ind Div, after heavy fighting, now established in positions in S. Angelo area, across the Sangro R.; patrols of 2d NZ Div cross N of Perano during night; units of 78th Div extend their bridgehead S.

Targets in 8th Army battle area attacked throughout day; enemy positions between Lanciano and Fossacesia bombed by total of 36 B-25's, 12 A-30's, and 48 A-20's with excellent results; town, crossroads, and RR installations also hit and ammunition dump believed blown up; same area attacked by about 70 P-40's. During night large force of Wellingtons dispatched to attack Turin; because of adverse weather, only 6 bomb; 3 planes destroyed and 14 fail to return.

Balkans: Partisans claim to have encircled enemy at Sarajevo and hindered all attempts to break out. Farther W enemy attacks on Jacje repulsed and his forces driven back to Travnik.

RR yards at Sofia, Bulgaria, bombed by 17 escorted B-24's through heavy cloud; 8-12 Axis planes encountered, of which 4 are shot down and 2 probably for loss of 2 B-24's.

Sardinia: La Maddalena attacked by 25 enemy aircraft; 1 PT sunk; 4 planes shot down.

- 25 Italy: Unfavorable weather continues. Thirteenth Corps makes slight gains in center of line; 3d Cdn Brig firmly secures Castel di Sangro area and patrols report Rosello, NW of Castiglione, clear of enemy; 19th Ind Brig improves its positions at Calvario, across the Sangro W of Archi.

Strategic Air Force grounded by weather. Enemy positions in Lanciano area effectively attacked by 24 A-30's, 47 A-20's, and 69 P-40's; Axis concentration near Casoli bombed by 21 P-40's. Twenty-three B-25's dispatched to Yugoslavia are forced by weather to bomb alternate target of Ancona; only fair results achieved.

- 26 Italy: On L flank of 8th Army front units of 5th Div engage small groups of enemy in Alfadena-Pizzone area; Cdn units make gains N of Castel di Sangro, reaching outskirts of Rocca Cinquemiglia by nightfall. In E coast area 17th Ind Brig captures positions S of Mozzagrogna and 11th Brig of 78th Div reaches point just S of Fossacesia.

British DD's bombard Civitanova

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Nazi transportation lines hammered by Allied planes: Recco RR viaduct possibly damaged by 30 B-17's; repair shops at Rimini marshalling yards hit by 12 B-17's; RR bridges at Fano and Falconara probably damaged in low-level attack by 12 escorted B-24's; 23 B-25's bomb Ancona, causing huge explosion in warehouses and hitting docks and RR; RR bridge over Ombrone R. S. of Grosseto probably damaged during night attack by 24 Wellingtons. Enemy positions and troops on 8th Army front sustain constant and heavy attacks by total of 145 P-40's, 72 A-30's, 95 A-20's, and 82 B-25's which concentrate on Lanciano-Fossacesia area with good results. Cassino bombed by 24 B-26's, which drop concentration of explosives in center of town. Approximately 65 A-36's attack Axis gun positions, roads, and shipping in 5th Army area.

Mediterranean: At dusk Allied convoy attacked off Bougie by about 30 enemy aircraft; SS Rhona (AP) sunk with about 1100 casualties; 8 Axis planes shot down. SS Hfami Muda (Tunisian cargo ship, 300 tons) sunk by aircraft at 36-20 N, 27-10 E.

27 Italy: W of Isernia 34th Div advances, occupying Castelnuova, about 10 mi. from Isernia; NE of Venafro Rangers are heavily shelled and counterattacked. Night of 27/28 British, Indian, and New Zealand troops attack enemy's positions along the Sangro R. from the Adriatic to Mozzagrogna area. Germans 65th Div fiercely opposes Allied troops, launching constant counterattacks using flame throwers and tanks. Effective support is provided by Allied aircraft: total of 72 A-30's, 84 A-20's, 72 B-25's, and 218 P-40's drop 261 tons of explosive on enemy troops, vehicles, and gun positions in Sangro area and strafe points between Lanciano and Fossacesia; results considered excellent; little opposition encountered.

RR installations, bridges, and shipping continue to be primary objectives of Allied bombers. Fifty-one B-17's bomb marshalling yards and bridges at Rimini, probably damaging approaches to yards, repair shops, warehouses, and turntable; unusually heavy fighter opposition encountered; of 35-50 intercepting FW-190's and ME-109's, 7 shot down, 3 probably, and 2 damaged. Thirty-six B-25's bomb RR yards at Civitanova, causing fires and explosions, and 6 more bomb bridge at Roseto. In Bologna area Grizzano RR viaduct believed damaged by 39 B-25's and bridges over Reno R. attacked by 16 more; RR and

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buildings damaged.

Minturno area bombarded by British CL and 3 DD's in Gulf of Gaeta with good results.

Balkans: Sibenik harbor, Yugoslavia, bombed by total of 30 B-25's; town, roads, and merchant ships hit and fires started in warehouses.

Aegean: Santorin I. believed captured by Germans during night.

28 Italy: Axis forces increase arty fire against Allies in 10th Corps sector. Violent fighting continues in the Sangro Valley where enemy troops determinedly resist Allied attempts to breach their winter line. In conjunction with 8th Army attack, British DD's and PG's bombard Adriatic coast. Allied air forces lend further support: total of 181 P-40's, 72 A-30's, and 96 A-20's bomb and strafe enemy in Lanciano-Fossacesia area, dropping nearly 200 tons of bombs with excellent results.

Forty B-24's penetrate N of Trieste to bomb Dogna RR viaduct and RR tunnels, possibly damaging tunnel mouth and end of viaduct. Anzio area bombed by 60 A-36's; target area well covered. Ciampino airdrome is objective of only moderately successful night raid by 46 Wellingtons. Fifteen A-20's make night attack on Pescara, straddling RR line and bridge and causing fires and explosions in harbor.

Large force of B-26's dispatched to bomb Salon airdrome in France is unable to complete mission because of cloud coverage; of 16 Axis planes encountered on trip, 5 shot down, 1 probably, and 3 damaged for loss of 3 Allied bombers.

Balkans: Yugoslavia: Heavy fighting is taking place in W Herzegovina where Partisans claim capture of a village near Uzica.

Sibenik harbor severely damaged in 2 raids by total of 33 B25's; fires and explosions caused in warehouses and barracks and on docks; 1 ship blown up and 3 others set on fire; several other ships probably damaged. Military stores, harbor, and docks at Dubrownik damaged by 24 B-25's. Another formation, of 24 B-25's, bombs Zara, hitting buildings, docks, and bridge; fires and explosions result.

29 Italy: After continuous heavy fighting, 8th Army troops penetrate Germans' Sangro line; Muzzone, about 4 miles of

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the river and $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi. from the Adriatic, is captured; armored and mobile forces are clearing the enemy from ridge overlooking the Sangro Valley between Romagnoli and Fossacesia. Ground forces strongly supported by Allied aircraft: Lanciano-Fossacesia-Orsogna areas attacked by total of 329 P-40's, 72 A-20's, and 71 A-30's.

Grosseto airdrome attacked twice; hangars and runway damaged by 28 B-17's; marshalling yards and E side of airdrome damaged by 70 B-26's. Road and RR S of Civitavecchia bombed by 19 escorted B-24's. Total of 63 B-25's bombs Guilianova road and RR bridges, hitting both targets and possibly several buildings. Communications between Ancona and Pescara are objective of 12 A-20's during night; roads and RR junctions hit.

Balkans: Yugoslavia: Heavy fighting continues near Uzica.

Sarajevo bombed by B-25's which score hits on RR, MT repair shop, and barracks and cause explosions near explosives factory. About 25 Spitfires strafe Mostar airdrome, destroying 4 grounded aircraft and damaging 6, and attack communications in Peljesac area.

Gulf of Aden: SS Athina Livanos (Greek cargo ship, 4,824 tons) sunk by SS at 12-20 N, 44-00 E.

East Atlantic: SS Fort de Vaux (French cargo ship, 5,186 tons) torp. and sunk at 06-35 N, 12-28 W.

30 Italy: Tenth Corps, in area SW of Mignano, heavily shelled by Axis arty; 6th Corps, NW of Isernia and N of Venafro, suffers intermittent enemy arty fire. Ridge dominating the Sangro Valley, which constitutes main section of Axis winter line, is firmly secured by 8th Army forces which occupy Romagnoli, at W end, and Fossacesia, on the coast. Enemy forces in area Guardiagrele-Orsogna-Lanciano-Fossacesia constantly attacked by Allied aircraft; total of 296 fighter bombers and 108 light bomber sorties flown in support of 8th Army operations.

Albinia RR bridge on W coast bombed by 18 B-26's; despite heavy cloud probable hits scored on track and bridge. Fifteen B-26's score hits on RR track near Monte Molino bridge. Fiume bombed through heavy cloud by 36 escorted B-24's; results unobserved.

Three attacks by Axis aircraft against 8th Army forces interrupted by Spitfires which shoot down 8 enemy planes, probably, and damage 6.

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1 Burma: Seven B-25's bomb the Sagaing RR yards, destroying trackage and rolling stock, while 2 B-25's, missing the primary target, hit Gangaw and Mogaung; excellent results achieved at both objectives. An unsuccessful attack is carried out on the Shwebo RR yards, N of Sagaing, by 6 B-25's. In N Burma 12 A-36's and 3 P-51's bomb and strafe dump and camp areas 4 mi. N of Myitkyina and Taro; many fires are started at former target.

RAF fighters damage over 200 river craft on offensive sweep up the Irrawaddy R., while fighter bombers and dive bombers bomb enemy-occupied villages and positions in the Chin Hills, scoring hits and starting fires; at night bombers attack RR communications at Mandalay starting fires.

China: RR yards at Yochow, at E end of Tungting Lake, bombed by 6 B-25's and 9 P-40's; hits are scored on yards and warehouses, and a large oil fire is started; the P-40's go on to strafe factories at Nanhsien and Hwatung, the town of Tiaosien, and a radio station to the NE of Tiaosien.

2 Burma: In N Burma, Chinese forces take Sharaw Ga, 3 mi. W of Ningbyen. Ten B-24's and 7 B-25's attack Kalewa throughout day; poor visibility bars accurate observation of results although several explosions in the business district are seen. Monywa, Hkonthon, Yeu, Ywataung, Sagaing, and Padu, targets to the S and SE of Kalewa, are bombed by total of 14 B-24's and 36 B-25's; excellent results are achieved at Yeu, where buildings S of RR terminus are hit, and large fires started; bursts are seen on the tracks, RR yards, and buildings at Padu, Ywataung and Sagaing; poor results at other targets. In N Burma road and RR installations are bombed and strafed by P-40's, A-36's, and P-51's; the Loilaw RR bridge between Manywet and Mogaung is knocked out, the Namkwin RR bridge is damaged, and several fires are started in enemy occupied buildings at Manywet; 1 P-40 is shot down.

RAF operations center around the Chin Hills area in NW Burma and rail and river centers in S Burma; fighter and dive bombers bomb and strafe enemy forward positions in the Chin Hills sector; in C Burma fighters damage motor transports on the Taungup Pass road and a number of river craft on the Irrawaddy R., while at night RAF Liberators hit target areas at Rangoon and Prome.

China: In the Tungting Lake area, around 20,000 Japanese troops advancing in 2 columns from Hwajung, the other to

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Shihshow and Owchihkow, capture Nanhsien, at W end of Tungting Lake, and Kungan to the NW. The Chinese report the enemy's use of poison gas in the offensive.

Shasi, an enemy base down river for its Tungting Lake push, is raided by 8 B-25's and 15 P-40's; hits are scored on docks and warehouses; excellent results are achieved.

- 3 Burma: Airdrome installations at Shwebo, on Mandalay-Myitkyina RR, and at Loiwing near Bhamo bombed by 17 B-25's and 13 B-24's, respectively; runway and landing strip at Shwebo and runway at Loiwing severely damaged by direct hits. Twenty-four A-36's and 12 P-51's bomb and strafe several targets in W Burma; damage is done to Myitkyina landing grounds, and several buildings at Mingon are destroyed; in support of ground troops 6 of the A-36's attack Maingkwan and Taihpa Ga with considerable success.

Japanese troop positions and communications in Burma are principal targets for the RAF; enemy camps on Mayu Peninsula and in Chin Hills area bombed and strafed, while other fighters attack RR, road, and river installations between Mandalay and Myitkyina.

China: Supporting the Chinese in their efforts to check the enemy in Tungting Lake area, 9 B-25's and fighter escort attack enemy troop concentrations at Owchihkow, Hwajung, and Shihshow, starting many fires in target areas.

Enemy planes attack Ansiang, in Tungting Lake area.

- 4 Burma: Enemy ground forces and American-trained Chinese troops clash in the Hukawng Valley along the path of a new road under construction from Assam to China.

Twenty-two A-36's and 10 P-51's bomb and strafe targets in W Burma; most serious damage is done at Pagoda Hill, a Japanese camp area 3 mi. E of Mogaung where supply buildings are hit and numerous fires started by 6 A-36's and 6 P-51's; other targets include Yuhang Ga, Lonken, Tafo, and Kamaing.

For the second successive night a camp near Akyab is hit by RAF heavy bombers; the attack is very successfully carried out.

China: Four B-25's on sweep of South China Sea sink 1 freighter, probably a cargo vessel, and damage 3 Japanese fighters and 1 bomber on the field at Swatow; 1 B-25 is missing. Two B-25's are missing from a sea sweep of Tonkin

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5 Burma: Akyab is target for 3 attacks, 1st by 28 B-24's, 2d by 10 B-25's and 9 P-51's, and 3d by 17 B-25's; excellent results achieved in all target areas with particular damage inflicted on the normal school. Operating in the area N of Mandalay, 5 B-25's sweep the RR tracks from Kanbalu to Wuntho; tracks and RR cars hit, and buildings N of Kanbalu heavily damaged. In N Burma targets include Myitkyina, Katykyo, a town S of Myitkyina, Mogaung, Kamaing, Manywet, and Waingmaw. B-24's bomb the Hq at Myitkyina and start fires at Katykyo, causing severe damage, while A-36's strafe the other 4 towns, starting many fires.

The RAF likewise centers its major attack for the day on Akyab; dive-bombers bomb and strafe camp areas; at night RAF Liberators in the target area start fires. Other fighters set afire a number of RR cars on line from Rangoon to Prome and damage river craft on the Kaladan R.

6 Burma: Sixteen B-25's in 2 groups, 7 and 9 each, score hits and start fires in the Maymyo barracks in central Burma; excellent results achieved. In N Burma A-36's score direct hits on switch yards and supply buildings at Nanma, a RR center between Katha and Mogaung; explosion results. Other A-36's and B-25's damage the Hukawng Valley base of Maingkwan and attack supply lines between Shaduzup and Kamaing, starting many fires.

RAF Wellingtons carry out another night raid on Akyab, where many bombs are seen to fall in target area and several fires are started. During day fighter bombers attack enemy positions in the Chin Hills and upper Chindwin R. area and damage a number of craft along the Burmese coast S of Akyab.

China-Burma: Chinese report that enemy troops based at Kunlong reach Shantou, a few miles inside China, but are then repulsed.

7 Burma: Chinese forces in Hukawng Valley occupy Ningbyen, Kantow, and Lakchang Ga. British forces in the Chin Hills sector withdraw from Talam toward the SW after an enemy attack in full strength; the enemy occupies positions about 6 mi. SE of Talam. In Arakan the enemy attacks British positions 6 mi. NE of Maungdaw.

RR installations and buildings in N Burma bombed and strafed by A-36's, P-51's, and B-25's; 7 B-25's escorted by 8 P-51's skip-bomb RR bridges from Tantabin to Wuntho in W Burma, while

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8 A-36's and 8 P-51's bomb and strafe RR areas from Naba to Mogaung on the N extreme of the Mandalay-Myitkyina RR; on the latter line several locomotives are strafed and damaged, and warehouses destroyed.

The RAF continues attacks on enemy road, RR, and river communications in Burma: Beaufighters attack 3 river steamers on Irrawaddy R. N of Mandalay and on Chindwin R.; hits scored on a large river craft; RR yards and communications at Paleik S. of Mandalay are bombed by medium bombers; fighters and dive-bombers attack enemy supply dumps and positions in the Chin Hills area, and Vengeances bomb and strafe Rathedaung, scoring hits on enemy occupied buildings.

China: In Tungting Lake area Japanese reach the territory just SW of Chihkiang; Chinese report recapture of Naphsien. Two B-25's on a shipping sweep of Amoy sink 5 of 7 boats in the harbor, 1 of which is a destroyer.

8 Burma: In the Hukawng Valley an enemy attack on Sharaw Ga from the E is repulsed.

Nine B-25's with 8 P-51's for escort attack RR yards at Paleik, scoring hits on rolling stock; an explosion results. In the Rangoon area to the S, 5 B-25's drop mines in Rangoon R.; 1 B-25 damaged.

RAF Vengeances attack enemy occupied buildings in upper Chindwin area and at Rathedaung, damaging buildings in the target area. Other bombers during night start fires in target areas at Maymyo. Earlier in the day enemy communications between Prome and Magwe attacked by fighters; river craft, road transports, and barracks successfully shot up.

China: Two B-25's on a sea sweep of Tonkin Bay attack Kiungshan Airdrome on Hainan I., destroying 3 or 4 of 25 Japanese planes on the ground and damaging others; direct hits on hangars likewise scored. Six P-40's bomb a bridge near Tengcheng, scoring 1 near miss.

9 Burma: A-36's, P-51's, and P-40's bomb and strafe targets in N Burma: 4 A-36's and 4 P-51's attack E bank of Tarawng Ga in the vicinity of Nichow Ga with unobserved results; farther S Myitkyina and Mogaung are hit by 6 P-40's and 2 P-51's and 14 A-36's and 6 P-51's, respectively; runway and buildings in Hq area at Myitkyina and RR siding at Mogaung hit; large fires started in W part of Mogaung. In central Burma 9 B-25's and

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8 P-51's attack RR installations at Ywataung with good results.

RAF Wellingtons make night raid on Heho airfield in central Burma, scoring hits on runways, barracks, and buildings. Earlier in the day fighters and dive-bombers successfully attack enemy positions in Chin Hills area and damage river craft on Mandalay waterfront and in Hunter Bay area.

India: British communique reports that Japanese aircraft attack forward airfields in the Imphal area; 1 enemy plane, probably a 2d shot down by intercepting RAF fighters and perhaps another by AA fire; a few civilian casualties and slight damage result.

10 Burma: Twenty-four B-24's in 3 flights attack Mingaladon airdrome near Rangoon, scoring numerous hits on runways and dispersal areas, starting several fires; of an intercepting force of 2-5 enemy night fighters, 1 is destroyed, as against 4 B-24's damaged. In N Burma 34 A-36's and 12 P-51's bomb and strafe targets at Yupang Ga, Sahmaw, Lonton, Lonkin, Taro, Hopin, Loilaw, Mogaung, and Kamaing; a factory at Sahmaw is destroyed, the entire town of Lonton is left burning, and a RR bridge at Hopin is hit; other targets strafed with some success.

For 2d successive night Heho airfield is attacked by RAF medium bombers; explosions and fires are started in hangars, barracks, runway area, and in bomb dump. Other targets include stores and dumps in upper Chindwin R. area, RR communications in central Burma, a pontoon bridge at Kalemyo and an enemy occupied village on the Kaladan R.

China: Four P-40's on a sweep up the Yangtze from Lichow to Sinti sink 12 50 to 75 ft. supply boats; formation is intercepted by 8 enemy fighters, and 2 P-40's are shot down. In a 2d sweep up the Yangtze from Hwajung to Shasi, the base area for the Japanese drive in the Tungting Lake sector, other P-40's sink 15 small boats, 1 barge heavily loaded with supplies.

11 Burma: Twenty-one B-24's attack Heho airdrome in central Burma with good results; formation intercepted by 6-10 enemy fighters; 4 B-24's damaged as against 3 enemy aircraft destroyed, 1 probably, and 1 damaged. Continuing attacks on central Burmese air installations, 4 B-24's, 9 B-25's, and

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10 P-51's hit Minzu airdrome and landing strip with excellent results. Action in N Burma includes an offensive rcn of the Sumprabum area by 4 A-36's and 4 P-51's, and the attack on designated areas N of Yuphang Ga; the latter action is undertaken as result of ground force requests; 1 B-25 bombs Ginsara with excellent results.

R RAF dive bombers and fighters carry out bombing and strafing attacks on enemy positions and communications in the Kalemyo area, on the Mayu Peninsula, and S of Mandalay; large fires are started in the 1st 2 target areas, and several locomotives and river boats damaged in the last. During the night heavy bombers start fires in raid on RR installations at Insein, near Rangoon, and at Prome.

China: Chinese report the capture of 9 villages on the S shore of the Yangtze in N Hunan Province. On the other prong of the Japanese offensive, enemy troops are forced to retreat from Tsingshih, 90 kilos from Hwajung which they captured yesterday.

Four P-40's strafe area between Lichow and Tsingshih, sinking river boats and hitting enemy troops. In W China 6 B-24's, returning from Chabua, bomb the Burma road 3 mi. W of Lungling in an attempt to block the road with a landslide; dust makes observation of results uncertain, but considerable success is reported.

Arabian Sea: SS Sambo (British cargo ship, 7,176 tons) sunk by British mine at 12-28 N, 43-31 E.

12 Burma: Five B-24's in 2 flights drop 24 mines 4 mi. NW of Elephant Point on the Gulf of Martaban. Targets in N Burma include Katha, Naba Junction, the RR from Naba to Mogaung, Hoton and Taro; 16 A-36's, 8 P-51's, 4 P-40's and 1 B-25 participate in these bombing and strafing attacks which cause severe damage to landing ground at Katha, set W half of Hoton on fire, and start fires on sidings and in warehouse area at Naba junction.

RR installations at Yamethin on Rangoon Mandalay line, enemy positions in the Kalemyo and Maungdaw sectors, RR and river communications S of Mandalay, buildings on the Kaladan, and town of Taungup are principal targets for the RAF heavy and medium bombers; fires are started in Yamethin RR installations, Taungup, and in the Kalemyo sector, and hits are scored on river craft S of Mandalay and enemy occupied buildings on the Kaladan.

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China: Eight fighters bomb Lungling, scoring 3 hits. To the E, B-25's in response to Chinese ground forces request, carry out 2 missions on Yochow, at E end of Tungting Lake.

13 Burma: Fourteen B-24's escorted by 12 P-51's attack Myitnge RR shops in central Burma, causing many fires; target area believed to be entirely destroyed. In N-Burma targets include Washawng, Hopin, and Namkwin; 4 A-36's and 4 P-51's start fires and cause destruction in Hq and supply dump area at Washawng; at Hopin 16 A-36's, 6 P-51's, and 1 B-25 start large fires throughout the town, in RR switchyards, and in warehouse district; 6 P-40's bomb the Namkwin RR bridge scoring hits on tracks to N and S of bridge.

During the day RAF dive bombers and fighter bombers attack enemy-occupied villages and positions in the Kalemmyo sector, steamers on the Irrawaddy near Mandalay, and oil field installations at Nyaunghla farther down the river: bursts are seen among buildings and huts at Kalemmyo, and 5 steamers on the Irrawaddy are damaged. Medium bombers raid a supply dump at Toungoo and riverside buildings in same area; at both places fires and explosions started.

China: The Chinese claim the recapture of 9 villages S of the Yangtze and the repulse of Japanese attacks near Lhsien in Tungting Lake sector.

Sixteen B-25's escorted by 34 P-40's carry out extensive raids on Yochow: 5 buildings in warehouse area, 2 AA positions, and RR yards hit; 1 B-25 shot down. Four P-40's on a sea sweep strafe 20 loaded sampans and barges at Santzao, sinking 6. Other targets include Sichaif, waterfront area at Puchf, and motor launches on Tungting Lake. The latter action is in support of Chinese ground forces.

Three Japanese aircraft bomb Waiveung.

14 Burma: Road and RR communications in W Burma are target for several attacks: 4 A-36's bomb and strafe enemy barracks at Noye Bun, a supply dump 4 mi SW of Maingkwan, and the Walabum-Shaduzup road; farther S, road bridge at Mogaung and town of Manywet hit by 6 P-51's and 8 A-36's with excellent results; center span of bridge at Mogaung and W and S approaches are in ruins. Later, Mogaung again attacked by 12 A-36's and 6 P-51's, which start many fires throughout town. In

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central Burma 11 B-24's, then 6 B-25's bomb Maymyo and Kalewa; formation attacked by 16 enemy aircraft of which 5 are destroyed, 1 probably, and 1 damaged; 3 B-24's lost.

RAF hits buildings in Kalemyo sector and in an enemy village near Buthedaung in Arakan district, sets fire to barracks at Padaung near the E end of the Taungup Pass road, and destroys several trucks and river craft. During the evening 7 craft in the Akyab area are damaged and set afire.

- 15 Burma: Four A-36's attack an enemy camp at Noye Bun, hitting numerous buildings in the target area with good results. In W Burma, 8 A-36's, 1 B-25, and 4 P-51's bomb and strafe Kamaing, starting several fires, while 4 A-36's carry out a similar attack on the Shaduzup-Maingkwan and Kamaing-Manywet roads; several buildings, hashas, and a jetty hit. Farther S, 6 B-25's and 8 P-51's attack RR bridges N of Shwebo, scoring hits and near misses.

RAF fighters attack enemy oil field installations at Nyaunghla, starting fires, and then shoot up 26 river craft on the lower Irrawaddy R. Other aircraft damage communications in Akyab area and enemy positions in Kalemyo sector.

China: Twenty-one B-24's bomb shipping and dock installations at Kowloon and Hong Kong with unobserved results.

- 16 Burma: In N Burma 4 A-36's operating over the Lalawng Ga area damage 11 bashas and start several fires. Other targets in the same general sector include Taungni, Weshi, and the Taungni-Manywet, and Weshi-Taungni roads; 12 A-36's, 1 B-25, and P-51's score hits and cause fires at Taungni, Pyinbaw, and in Manywet, while 4 A-36's and 2 P-51's bomb Weshi and supply dumps 7 mi. S of Nsopsup. Farther S the Meiktila cantonment area is attacked, 1st by 19 B-24's and then by 23 B-24's escorted by 6 P-51's; excellent results achieved; 1st formation is intercepted by 3 enemy aircraft and the 2d by 6; enemy losses are 3 destroyed, 1 probably, and 2 damaged, as against 1 P-51 damaged.

French-Indo-China: Six P-40's strafe airdrome at Dong Cuong, NW of Hanoi; barracks destroyed and airfield and RR installations damaged.

China: Chinese assert that enemy line S of the Yangtze R. has been broken by Chinese forces which recapture Hankow, SW of Lichow. In a diversionary attack W of the river the Chinese report that they have penetrated the outskirts of Ichang and Tangyang, 30 mi. NE of Ichang. Farther N other

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Chinese forces are said to have seized several positions in the Anlic area of Hupeh Province.

One B-25 and 12 P-40's on a sweep from Shihmen to Tsingshih shell and strafe a Japanese cavalry unit crossing the river at Shihmen; 30-50 sampans are destroyed and about 130 Japanese soldiers are killed. To the E, a total of 15 B-24's, 4 B-25's, and 6 fighters in 2 raids attack the Kowloon docks and shipping facilities; 22 mines are laid, and several vessels and freighters are destroyed.

- 17 Burma: Six B-25's led by P-51's bomb RR bridges and rolling stock from Wuntho to Zigon and Tantabin; 2 bridges damaged and 1 locomotive hit. Kengtung, a Salween R. junction, strafed by 8 P-40's; airdrome and barracks hit and 2 steam rollers and several wagons destroyed.

China-Burma: The Chinese report that an estimated 1,000 Japanese troops cross the Salween R. from the W on a 35 mi. front in the area 30 mi. SE of Lungling, and are opposed by the 9th and 87th Chinese Divs. Two attempts to cross the Salween 40 mi. NE of Tengchung at Mengku Ferry are repulsed.

French Indo-China: Four fighters continue yesterday's attack on Dong Cuong, hitting 10 RR cars, 3 steam rollers, and 2 bulldozers.

China: In support of ground forces, 6 P-40's bomb and strafe Pingka, 20 mi. SE of Lungling. Other targets include Swatow airdrome, where hangars and 4 enemy aircraft are damaged, and buildings and warehouses at Nanping I.

- 18 Burma: Pyinmana, RR and river junction on the Sittang R., attacked by 24 B-24's in 4 flights; many hits scored and 5 large explosions caused; 1 of the B-24's also hits landing ground at Ywataung, and fighters hit barracks and huts at Taunggyi. Farther N, 6 B-25's escorted by 4 P-51's destroy RR installations at Kowlin, Kyungon, Tangon, and Zawchaung. In N Burma, 16 A-36's and 6 P-51's bomb and strafe Mogaung and 4 villages to the SE; many hits scored and several fires started, causing considerable damage.

RAF attacks Heho airfield in central Burma, rolling stock on RR lines N of Mandalay, troop lorries in the Kalembo sector roads and installations near Kalwa, and river craft on the Chindwin and Irrawaddy rivers; 1 RAF plane is lost.

China: Twelve P-40's strafe Japanese cavalry units cross-

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ing the river at Shihmen; 30-40 horses and 50-60 men are killed. In W Hunan Province on the China-Burma front, 12 fighters in support of Chinese ground activity strafe the W bank of the Salween at Tahei Ferry, starting several fires.

19 Burma: At request of ground forces which are pushing construction of Ledo Road in N Burma, 4 A-36's bomb and strafe enemy troops on the E bank of the Tarung R.; heavy casualties inflicted. Other targets in N Burma include Mogaung, Namti, and Namkwin; at Mogaung a road bridge is hit by 2 A-36's and 1 B-25; 16 A-36's and 5 P-51's hit roads, RR junction, and warehouse and barracks area at Namti, causing several fires and 1 large explosion; and 10 P-40's score direct hits on W approach and span of RR bridge at Namkwin. During the night RAF Liberators raid Mandalay; hits scored near the station and 1 large fire started. Vengeances attack position in the Arakan district.

China: Supporting Chinese ground action in the Tungting Lake area, 12 P-40's strafe Lichow and Tsingshih. The Burma Road between Lungling and Tengcheng is strafed by 4 fighters. On a sweep of the South China Sea, B-25's score direct and near hits on 2 enemy vessels in Kiungshan Harbor at Hainan I.; 2 enemy fighters intercept, but are driven off; near Swatow a FG and 2 merchant vessels are damaged; off Tsao Tao I., 1 freighter is sunk.

20 Burma: Nine escorted B-25's in 3 flights attack Kalewa area along the E bank of the Chindwin R. with good results. To the S, 7 B-24's bomb Prome with fair results. RAF medium bombers hit the Heho airdrome and Sagaing.

Thailand: Four B-24's bomb Chiengmai airdrome, destroying 8 grounded aircraft and starting 7 fires, while 5 B-24's attack the Lampang airdrome, hitting runway and destroying 3 grounded aircraft.

China: Tzeli, on the Li R. about 90 mi. S of Ichang, is captured by the Japanese. Also in enemy hands are the key points of Shihmen, Lichow, and Tsingshih. One column driving S from Shihmen is said to be within 10 mi. of Changteh. Other columns are advancing W from Tungting Lake and SE from Tzeli.

At the request of the Chinese 4 B-25's escorted by 11

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fighters bomb enemy-held Tzeli in the Tungting Lake area; excellent results achieved. On a sweep of the South China Sea, 2 B-25's destroy 2 warehouses on Nanning I. Twelve fighters again strafe a cavalry unit making river crossing near Shihmen; many casualties are inflicted; 2 river boats are likewise strafed, and fires are started in a town N of Shihmen.

21 China: Sixteen P-40's on a sweep E of Lichow and S to Changteh shoot up 50-75 boats and sampans, killing over 100 Japanese. Supporting Chinese ground troops, 12 fighters strafe shipping on W part of Tungting Lake, E of Changteh to region of Ansiang; over 50 junks and barges destroyed and many Japanese killed. Eight P-40's strafe troops and boats at crossing W of Changteh; 1 launch destroyed and over 50 boats ferrying troops strafed. To the E, 4 B-25's, in a sweep of the South China Sea, score hits and near misses on a 200-ft. freighter in Honghai Bay and destroy several buildings in the barracks and airport area of Fort Bayard.

22 Burma: Operating over various areas of N Burma, 20 A-36's bomb and strafe Lakchang Ga area, sector N of Taihpa Ga, road bridge at Tiangzup, and region between Shaduzup and Maingkwan; the bridge at Tiangzup is left unserviceable, and severe damage is done in the basha area between Shaduzup and Maingkwan. The 1st 2 missions are in support of ground activity.

China: The Japanese launch a vigorous attack in the Changteh area W of Tungting Lake.

Twelve P-40's on a sweep of the Changteh area inflict many casualties. Seven other fighters destroy 30 boats and 200 Japanese W of Changteh, while 8 hit a string of boats in river E of Changteh.

23 Burma: Operations in N Burma comprise attacks on the areas around Tarawng Ga, Taihpa Ga, Lakchang Ga, and Namma; a total of 12 A-36's strike at the 1st 3 targets with unobserved results, while 12 A-36's with 4 others as cover bomb and strafe rice mill and warehouse district of Namma; many fires started. RAF attacks enemy positions in the Arakan district.

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China: Several enemy units reach the outskirts of Changteh, but are annihilated according to Chinese reports. Faihoshan to the NE of Tzeli is retaken by Chinese troops.

Six B-25's escorted by 12 fighters bomb warehouses and buildings at Yochow; large fires and explosions indicate ammunition dump and oil storage hit. Hanshow on the S end of Tungting Lake is target for strafing attack by 8 P-40's; boats, troops, and horses are hit.

24 Burma: Supporting ground activity in the Hukawng Valley 7 A-36's bomb area N of Taihpa Ga, scoring hits on an ammunition dump and causing large fires. In compliance with a similar request, 4 A-36's carry out an offensive run in the Tarawng Ga and Taihpa Ga areas; 1 fire is started.

RAF Vengeances attack enemy positions in the Arakan district with unreported results.

China: Fighting continues unchanged at Changteh, key highway center guarding the approaches to Changsha, capital of Hunan Province. In addition to combating the Japanese attack on Changteh, the Chinese are continuing their attacks W of Tzeli toward Lichow.

Eight P-40's strafe an estimated 200 Japanese 5 mi. NE of Hanshow, killing about 100; small boats N of Hanshow also strafed. Five B-25's with a 15 P-40 escort start many fires in the city of Hanshow itself and strafe 16-20 west-bound boats N of Hanshow. To the E, 2 P-40's score direct hits on 2 freighters in Amoy Harbor.

Nine Japanese aircraft bomb Ningsiang, 30 mi. WNW of Changsha, with unreported results.

25 Burma: In the Hukawng Valley, 8 A-36's bomb and strafe the Kuyung transportation and supply depot, a road bridge near Manwet, and enemy positions in Lalawng Ga; results are only fair. In S Burma the Mingaladon and Zayatkwinn airdromes near Rangoon are attacked by 10 B-25's escorted by 8 P-51's and 10 B-24's, respectively; at Mingaladon aircraft and buildings are hit; results at Zayatkwinn are only fair; the B-25's and P-51's are intercepted by 10-11 enemy planes, of which 1 is probably destroyed and 2 are damaged, as against 5 B-25's damaged. Other targets include Akyab and Minhla; 10 B-24's achieve good results at the former, and 21 B-24's, in flights of 7 and 14 each, hit the latter; good results

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estimated despite inadequate observation; 5 enemy aircraft intercept over Minhla; 2 enemy aircraft destroyed for 2 B-24's damaged.

Formosa: Fourteen B-25's, 8 P-38's, and 7 P-51's bomb and strafe Shinchiku airdrome destroying 13 grounded aircraft, 2 more probably, and damaging 3; barracks also hit; 24 enemy planes are shot down in combat; photographs taken just after the raid reveal 16 grounded planes afire, smoke in all areas, and a large explosion at the S end of the field.

China: Chinese forces operating S of the Yangtze R. recapture Linchiachang, while N of the river other troops enter Tangyang under cover of arty fire; street fighting rages according to Chinese.

In the Tungting Lake area near Hanshow, P-40's strafe 1 group of 20 supply boats, destroying 12, and a 2d group of 30, destroying 9; 30 Japanese are killed or wounded.

26 Burma: A-36's are active over N Burma: 2 A-36's strafe Tanaihku, setting several bashes afire; supporting ground forces, 24 A-36's in 6 flights bomb and strafe Maingkwan, Walabum, Tanaihku, Taihpa Ga, Kantau, and Nchow Ga with excellent results; later 4 A-36's bomb area N of Nchow Ga, while 8 A-36's hit Hkoma, NE of Haunghpa, with unobserved results.

French Indo-China: Eight P-40's bomb and strafe the Outsun RR yards near Cam Duong; 3 hits are scored in the power plant area and 1 on the RR tracks; 2 buildings are set afire by strafing attack.

China: The Chinese report that the Japanese are continuing their attack on Changteh under cover of poison gas, arty, and aircraft.

On offensive rcn 8 P-40's attack 18 boats on Tungting Lake, 30 mi. NE of Changteh, while 8 other P-40's strafe a power boat and 10 boats loaded with rice E of Changteh. The Kiangeing airdrome is bombed by 4 B-25's and 11 P-40's which score 90% hits on the airdrome administration and Hq buildings. In the South China Sea 2 B-25's attack and sink a 350-ft. DD, start fires on a 250-ft. freighter, and score 2 near misses on a 600-ft. freighter.

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Burma: Twenty-three B-24's bomb Rangoon with excellent results; formation is opposed by intense AA fire and 20 enemy aircraft of which 6 are destroyed, as against 4 B-24's achieve excellent results; 15 enemy aircraft intercept, of which 4 are destroyed, 2 probably, and several damaged for the loss of 1 B-24. Nine B-25's with 8 P-51's as escort raid Insein engine sheds, scoring direct hits and starting fires; results excellent; of 7 intercepting enemy aircraft, 1 is destroyed.

French Indo-China: Enemy installations on the Tran Ninh plateau in NW Indo-China raided by 6 P-40's; 6 transport planes set afire.

China: According to the Chinese comq., Hwanshihshih, S of Tzeli, is retaken by the Chinese.

Three Japanese aircraft bomb area 25 mi. N of Changsha. Chinese report that the Japanese drop incendiary bombs inside Changteh.

Indian Ocean: SS Scotia (Norwegian tanker, 9,972 tons) sunk by SS at 03-00 S, 69-03 E.

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Burma: An unsuccessful attempt is made to relieve the Chinese 112th Regiment cut off at Yubang and Ningbyen in the Hukawng Valley.

Twenty-two B-24's escorted by 12 P-51's hit the Botatoung wharf area, Rangoon, Kyaukpyn, and Akyab, causing severe damage in all areas; about 30 enemy aircraft intercept the formation; results of ensuing air battle are 2 enemy planes destroyed, 3 probably, and 4 damaged for 1 P-51 lost and 2 damaged. Rangoon proper is later attacked by 21 B-24's, and severe damage is inflicted; AA fire is intense; 13 minutes from the target enemy aircraft attack the formation; 1 enemy plane is destroyed; 3 of the B-24's continue over Akyab, starting several fires.

French Indo-China: Five P-40's strafe ammunition dumps at Luang Prabang and radio station, barracks, and airfield installations on Tran Ninh plateau.

China: In Tungting Lake area Chinese troops reach Tehshan after a 2-day battle.

Eight fighters drop ammunition to the Chinese defending Changteh. Two B-25's attack and sink a 175-ft. freighter in Tonkin Gulf.

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29 Burma: A Japanese attack at Yupbang in the Hukawng Valley is repulsed.

In central Burma, 11 B-25's with a 6 P-38 escort attack Sagaing rolling stock, scoring hits on trackage and cars and starting fires near an oil storage tank; results excellent. To the N, 8 A-36's, complying with ground force requests, bomb and strafe the Ningbyen area with unobserved results; 15 P-40's carry out similar attacks in the Kamaing sector where severe damage is done to the barracks, ammunition dump, and gun storage areas; later 16 A-36's hit the same target, achieving fair results.

China: Chinese announce that beleaguered Changteh is pierced on the N and E by Japanese troops by afternoon, and bloody street fighting follows. SW of Changteh, Chinese claim that Japanese forces encircled in Taoyuan are being eliminated.

Supporting Changteh defenders, Allied planes strafe enemy troops and small shipping with some success and drop food and ammunition to Chinese inside the city. At W end of Tungting Lake, units of Chinese AF destroy 4 enemy planes from 21 encountered for loss of 1 P-40. Two B-25's bomb and shell targets along E coast, including 2 lighthouses, a radio station, and Swatow town and airdrome; all objectives believed considerably damaged. Two B-25's destroy 4 barges in vicinity of Hong Kong, while 2 others bomb radio and power stations at Amoy, starting fires; heavy AA fire causes 1 B-25 to crash.

30 Burma: Enemy attacks in Hukawng Valley at Yupbang and in area 7 mi. N of Taro repulsed.

Insein engine yards, just N of Rangoon, bombed through heavy cloud by 27 B-24's, while 11 others attack Akyab; results believed fair at both targets. Moderate, intense AA fire and 40-50 enemy fighters oppose B-24's at Insein; 9 shot down, 5 probably, and a large number believed damaged; 6 bombers lost. Myitkyina airdrome strafed by 3 P-40's with some success; Bhamo town and airdrome attacked by 7 P-40's and 1 B-25, which start fires among buildings. Kamaing and Ningchangyang attacked by A-36's with unobserved results.

China: Bitter street fighting continues in Changteh, where Japanese are reported using tear gas. Allied planes continue to drop food and ammunition to the encircled Chinese within the city.

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At the request of the Chinese, 6 P-40's bomb Luchiangpa, on the Salween R, E of Tengyueh, hitting fuel and ammunition dumps.

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- 3 Ocean I.: Japanese 1,000-ton AK sunk by Allied rcn plane 30 mi SW of Ocean I.
- 4 Greenwich I.: Allied rcn plane scores direct hit on enemy AO off Greenwich I.; Of 8 intercepting enemy floatplanes, 1 is shot down.
- 9 Greenwich I.: Five Japanese floatplanes intercept Allied rcn plane over Greenwich I.; 1 enemy plane destroyed and another probably.
- 11 Ellice Is.: Nanumea raided at night by 12 enemy bombers which drop 50-60 bombs; small fires started and a few casualties result; 1 attacking plane destroyed by AA fire.
South Pacific: SS Cape San Juan (U.S. cargo ship, 6,711 tons) sunk by SS at 22-08 N, 178-06 W.
- 13 Ellice Is.: During night 6 Japanese bombers raid Funafuti, dropping 24-36 bombs; 3 grounded planes and a fuel dump destroyed and radio station damaged.
Greenwich I.: Allied rcn plane destroys 5 grounded enemy planes and starts fires during bombing and strafing raid on Greenwich I.
- 14 Marshall-Gilbert Is.: Betio I. on Tarawa Atoll bombed by 17 B-24's from Ellice Is. bases; 55 quarter-ton bombs dropped as well as 744 30-lb. fragmentation bombs, with good percentage falling in target area; 4 large fires started near runway and grounded plane possibly destroyed; AA fire intense at first but decreases; no interception made; 1 B-24 fails to return. Later, 9 B-24's bomb Tarawa, using 810 fragmentation bombs, while 9 others drop 80 demolition and fragmentation

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bombs on Mili; fires and explosions result at latter target.
Greenwich I.: Bivouac area on Greenwich I. found deserted by attacking Allied rcn plane.

- 15 Marshall-Gilbert Is.: Mili is target for 9 B-24's and Tarawa for a similar force; fires and explosions caused at both objectives.
- 16 Marshall-Gilbert Is.: Jaluit bombed by 17 B-24's from Funafuti, which drop 21½ tons of bombs; 1 AK set on fire in harbor and 3 others possibly damaged; fires started among hangars, shops, and oil stores. Mili and Makin hit during evening by 8 B-24's each from Canton; 6 3/4 tons of bombs dropped on former and 4½ on latter; large fires result at Mili; only opposition is from AA fire which is intense at Mili and weak at Makin; 1 B-24 damaged.
- 17 Marshall Is.: Jaluit bombed by 15 B-24's accompanied by 2 photo planes from Nanumea I. when weather prevents the group from attacking Kwajalein; 12 tons of bombs dropped, causing large fires; of an unreported number of intercepting enemy fighters, 1 probably destroyed; moderate AA fire damages 1 attacking plane. One B-24 succeeds in reaching Kwajalein where it drops a few bombs. Six B-24's from Nukufetau I. set out to bomb Maloelap, but find target completely covered by cloud; 7-12 intercepting Zeros force B-24's to jettison their bombs; 1 Zero probably destroyed and 1 B-24 missing. Nine B-24's from Funafuti drop over 9 tons of bombs on barracks, runway, and oil dumps at Mili; intense AA fire causes no damage. Tarawa airfield hit by 3 B-24's which encounter only weak AA fire.
- 18 Marshall Is.: Nine B-24's from Canton I. bomb Maloelap, during evening, dropping a few demolition and 270 fragmentation bombs; unreported number of intercepting enemy planes damage

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2 B-24's.

Ellice Is.: Funafuti is target for 70-80 bombs dropped before dawn by 9-12 Japanese bombers; 2 grounded planes destroyed and several others slightly damaged; runway hit and radio receiving station destroyed.

19 Gilbert Is.: Makin and Tarawa hit at noon by 19 and 2 B-24's, respectively, both groups flying from Nanumea; about 13 tons of bombs dropped, of which 90% fall in target area.

20 Gilbert Is.: Twelve B-24's from Nanumea strike Makin with over 20 tons of bombs; fires result from hits in target area with 60% of the load; 2 B-24's crash land. Tarawa hit about the same time by 19 B-24's; excellent results obtained with 21 tons of bombs; 3 planes on runway damaged; 1 B-24 damaged while landing.

21 Gilbert Is.: Under cover of terrific ship and air bombardment, U.S. 2d Marine Div lands at Betio I., Tarawa Atoll, while U.S. 27th Inf Div lands at Butaritari I., Makin Atoll. Japanese offer stiff resistance at Tarawa, where landing operations are further hampered by low tides; at Makin resistance is moderate and quickly overcome in the western end of the island.

Nauru I.: Thirty-six unescorted B-24's attack Nauru air-drome and installations, causing considerable damage with 33 tons of bombs. Nauru is also target for 14 other B-24's accompanied by 2 photo planes; 20 tons of bombs dropped, 50% falling in runway area. Allied searchplane unsuccessfully bombs Nauru, then raids Ocean I. with unreported results.

22 Gilbert Is.: Marine units land on Abemama to clear small Japanese garrison from the island. On Makin, 27th Inf Div with tanks launches assault on Japanese at night, following

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artillery bombardment of enemy positions; resistance quickly reduced. Despite continued stubborn enemy resistance on Tarawa, 2d Marine Div gains control of W half of Betio; Allied surface vessels and aircraft continue their effective support of ground operations; Japanese torpedo planes attack Allied ships without success.

Marshall Is.: U.S. carrier-based planes hit Mili with 200 tons of bombs.

23 Gilbert Is.: Japanese resistance on Makin Atoll ceases by nightfall. On Tarawa, strong enemy counterattack night of 23/24 is decisively repulsed and victory assured by 2d Marine Div. Elimination of few Japanese on Abemama continues.

Marshall Is.: Eleven B-24's from Canton drop 13 tons of bombs on Mili, hitting target with 30% of load; interception attempted by 12 Zeros, of which 2 are destroyed and 2 others probably; 1 B-24 damaged. U.S. carrier-based fighters intercept 20 Japanese fighters, probably from Taroa, Maloelap Atoll, and destroy 16 without loss to themselves.

24 Gilbert Is.: Betio I. on Tarawa Atoll falls to 2d Marine Div about noon; mopping up operations started. Entire Gilberts group virtually under Allied control. Group of 15 enemy planes intercepted by U.S. carrier-based aircraft; 9 Japanese fighters and 1 medium bomber destroyed for loss of 1 F6F. To date, Allied carrier-based planes have destroyed total of 46 enemy aircraft as against 2 F6F's and 1 TBF lost.

USS Liscome Bay (escort carrier) sunk by SS in Gilberts area.

Marshall Is.: U.S. carrier-based planes drop 191 tons of bombs on Mili with unreported results.

25 Gilbert Is.: Colonel Tenney, USA, assumes command at

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Makin and General Julian Smith, USMC, at Tarawa.

Marshall Is.: Taroa, Maloelap, attacked by 20 B-24's from Nanumea which drop 20 tons of bombs; AK probably sunk and a number of fires started; 1 B-24 missing. Six B-24's drop 10½ tons of bombs on Emdj, Jaluit; 1 B-24 damaged by accurate AA fire.

Greenwich I.: Attacking Allied rcn plane damages radio station, grounded planes, and AA positions on Greenwich I.

- 27 Gilbert Is.: Mopping up of few remaining Japanese continues.
Allied carrier-based fighters shoot down 3 Japanese planes during night.
Greenwich I.: Allied rcn plane raids Greenwich I. with unreported results.
- 28 Marshall Is.: Eight Nukufetau-based B-24's bomb Mili, dropping 10 tons of bombs, of which 95% hit target; medium AA fire and 1 intercepting Zero fail to damage attackers.
Nauru I.: Nauru hit with 18 tons of bombs dropped by 11 B-24's from Nanumea accompanied by 2 photo planes; smoke from resulting fires is visible for 30 mi.; 1 B-24 damaged by AA fire.
- 29 Gilbert Is.: Mopping up of Japanese remnants on Tarawa Atoll completed.

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1 Solomon Is.: U.S. 3d Marine Div lands at C. Torokina on N shore of Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville I., at 0730, following naval bombardment of the area; immediately prior to landing 31 TBF's bomb and strafe beaches, while 7 SBD's drop smoke bombs; initial Allied objectives attained despite enemy resistance which is considerably reduced by nightfall. Units of Japanese 23d Inf identified as defenders of C. Torokina area.

Twenty-one B-24's drop over 60 tons of bombs on Kahili runway and dispersal areas. Buka and Bonis airfields twice successfully raided by Allied naval planes, 2 of which are missing; 3-deck enemy transport observed burning SW of Buka Passage. Japanese floatplane base at Faisi-Poporang strafed by 4 B-25's which destroy floatplane and hit wharf and barges. Eleven F4U's strafe bivouac area and barges at Shortland I. Throughout the day Allied fighters operating in S Bougainville area destroy 21 enemy planes, probably 6, and damage 5. Kakasa, Choiseul I., heavily bombed by 14 SBD's and 25 TBF's; AA positions hit. Allied surface force N of Vella Lavella attacked by 12 enemy dive bombers, of which 4 are destroyed. At night enemy planes harass Allied positions on Stirling I., Treasury Is., and Munda, New Georgia I.; some damage and casualties result at the latter.

New Hanover: Large Japanese AP sunk by B-24 32 mi. W of New Hanover.

New Guinea: Allied patrols active on heights W of Finschhafen.

In the upper Ramu Valley, Japanese gun positions on the Faria R. dive-bombed by 8 P-39's and an unreported number of RAAF planes.

N.E.I.: Celebes: Eleven B-24's hit Pomelaa nickel plant and wharf area with 25 tons of bombs.

2 Solomon Is.: In Empress Augusta Bay area, Bougainville, Japanese offer determined resistance on Puruata I.

Japanese naval force approaching Bougainville in 3 groups (4 DD's, 4 heavy units, 4 other vessels) engaged before dawn by Allied DD's and cruisers near the island; enemy suffers following losses before withdrawing westward: 1 cruiser and

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4 DD's sunk, 2 cruisers and 2 DD's damaged; U.S. DD Foote hit by tarp. and taken under tow. Later, approximately 70 enemy planes heavily bomb Allied surface force, causing only light casualties and damage; 32 intercepting planes and AA fire from ships destroy 17 enemy aircraft.

Kara and Kahili airfields are targets for 126 tons of bombs dropped by 44 SBD's, 24 TBF's, and 20 B-24's; targets well covered with bombs. U.S. naval planes strike Buka-Bonis, considerably damaging airfields and installations, destroying 1 grounded plane and probably 3 others; 2 of 3 medium AK's S of Buka Passage strafed and set on fire; AA fire damages 4 of the attackers. Force of 15-20 enemy dive bombers, several mediums, and 20 Zeros attacks Allied task force 40 mi. W of C. Torokina without causing serious damage; intercepting Allied planes destroy 5 dive bombers, 1 medium bomber, and 2 Zeros.

Allied forces at Soanotalu, N coast of Treasury I., unsuccessfully attacked by about 100 Japanese, of which 60 are killed.

On Choiseul I., Japanese outpost N of Warrior R. destroyed by Allied troops.

New Britain: Simpson Harbor and Lakunai airdrome, Rabaul, heavily hit from low altitude by 75 B-25's escorted by 80 fighters; 3 DD's, 8 AK's, and 4 luggers sunk; 2 CA's, 2 DD's, 7 AK's, and 2 AO's damaged; 8 floatplanes and 2 flying boats also destroyed in Simpson Harbor; at Lakunai airdrome 8 parked planes are destroyed and others damaged; Japanese planes losses in combat are 67 fighters destroyed, 23 probably; 10 B-25's, 9 P-38's lost. During night 11 RAAF Beauforts hit Tobera airfield, Rabaul, with some success.

New Guinea: Two mi. W of Hellsbach, Allied troops clear enemy road block.

Japanese positions along upper Faria R. hit for 2d successive day by 8 P-39's, while bridges along the Bogadjim road are targets for 8 others.

N.E.I.: Five Dutch B-25's and 6 RAAF Beaufighters raid enemy villages on Trangan I., Aroe Is.; of 3 intercepting enemy floatplanes, 1 is damaged.

Solomon Is.: Enemy resistance on Puruata I. overcome. U.S. Marines land on Torokina I. and capture it shortly

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afterwards. Japanese opposition in C. Torokina area of Bougainville mainland limited to sniper fire and infiltration attempts by small groups.

Enemy naval force of 3 DD's and 3 AK's attacked by 10 B-24's approximately 135 mi. NE of Mavieng; 1 AK left settling in water and fire started on a smaller one; of 10-20 intercepting enemy planes, 4 destroyed and 3 probably; 2 B-24's crash. Eight F4U's intercepted over C. Moltke, W Bougainville, by 20 enemy planes; several Zeros damaged and 2 F4U's missing. Allied rcn plane bombs enemy AK 60 mi. NE of Ontong Java and leaves it sinking.

Japanese, armed with knee mortars and grenades, unsuccessfully attack Allied positions at Soanotalu, N Mono I., Treasury Is., during night.

New Britain: Japanese 8,000-ton AK sunk off Gazelle Peninsula by B-24. Ten RAAF Beaufighters and 12 RAAF P-40's raid enemy positions in Jacquinet Bay area.

New Guinea: Eighteen B-25's attack coastal villages and shipping in Alexishafen-Madang area; at least 4 barges destroyed; 1 B-25 lost. Japanese barge hideouts near Sio and Fortification Pt. hit by 12 RAAF Vengeances and 9 A-20's, respectively.

N.E.I.: Three B-24's start fires in workshop and dump areas at Boela, Ceram.

4 Solomon Is.: Japanese sniper fire and infiltration attempts continue on Bougainville. Consolidation of Allied positions in progress.

Fifty-seven SBD's and 19 TBF's with fighter escort attack Kahili, hitting AA positions and causing large explosion; 1 TBF lost to AA fire; accompanying fighters strafe shipping along E coast of Bougainville, setting on fire 1 small AK, 2 schooners, and 2 small vessels, and sinking 3 barges. Allied fighters patrolling same area damage small shipping and AA positions. Buka is target for 92 tons of bombs dropped with excellent results by 23 B-24's with 8 F4U's as escort; airfield left unserviceable.

On Mono I., Treasury Is., Allied positions established at Ulapu, NW coast, and Laifa Pt., SW coast. Light enemy attack at night causes no damage.

U.S. Marine paratroopers who landed on Choiseul Oct. 28

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withdraw successfully after having destroyed stores and equipment and killed over 130 Japanese.

New Ireland: B-24 sinks Japanese CL or CA 22 mi. SE Kavieng with 3 direct hits.

New Britain: Japanese positions at Wide Bay strafed by 11 RAAF Beaufighters and at Jacquinot Bay, by 12 others. B-24 sinks sea truck 47 mi. NE of C. Gloucester.

New Guinea: Enemy positions NW of Song R. shelled by Allied arty.

5 Solomon Is.: Consolidation of Allied positions on Bougainville continues, despite torrential rain.

Six B-25's, during anti-shipping sweep along Bougainville coast, destroy or damage 3 small AK's and 12 barges; same planes start several fires in bivouac area at Kieta. Twelve enemy dive bombers attack an LCI, an LCT, and a PT proceeding toward Treasury Is. from Empress Augusta Bay; LCI and PT hit by dud torpedoes; 5 of the attacking planes shot down.

New Britain: Rabaul attacked in force at noon by formation of carrier-based planes, comprising 23 TBF's and 22 SBD's escorted by 52 F6F's, followed shortly afterwards by 5th AF formation, consisting of 27 B-24's escorted by 67 P-38's. Navy group strikes shipping concentrated in harbor, using 11 tons of bombs and 23 torpedoes; hits scored on 6 CA's, 1 of which blows up, 2 CL's, and 2 DD's; other DD's strafed; of about 100 intercepting enemy aircraft, 24 shot down, 22 probably destroyed, and 8 damaged; 1 SBD destroyed and 2 TBF's and 5 F6F's missing. Army planes concentrate on town with over 80 tons of bombs, starting large fires throughout the area; in waterfront area docked AK set on fire, as well as buildings and stores; 2 of 20 intercepting enemy fighters destroyed and 2 others probably. Rabaul further damaged at night by 7 RAAF Beauforts which destroy an AK and score probable torpedo hit on CA in harbor and start fires in dispersal area at Vunakanau airdrome.

New Guinea: Allied arty continues active against enemy positions in Finschhafen area, while patrols are active in Ramu Valley.

Supporting ground operations, 22 B-25's and 5 B-26's bomb enemy positions in upper Mera R. area with considerable success. Four P-47's destroy 6 of 20 Japanese fighters encountered over Mewak.

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N.E.I.: At night 3 RAAF PBV's raid Ambon, and another hits Saumlakki, Tanimbar Is.; fires started at both targets.

6 Solomon Is.: Formation of 44 SBD's and 17 TBF's escorted by 32 fighters hits Kara at noon, and 24 B-25's strike 15 minutes later; runway, gun positions, and buildings hit; 5 barges destroyed or left burning; 1 SBD fails to return. Bonis airfield is target for 17 B-24's which drop 51 tons of bombs with unobserved results. B-25's on anti-shipping operations during the day in Buka-Bonis area sink 5 AK's, a 125-ft. corvette, and a number of barges; 1 Zero and 1 medium bomber shot down by B-25's and escorting F4U's.

Japanese planes drop 50 bombs on Empress Augusta Bay area at night; some casualties result.

New Britain: Dump areas at Gasmata bombed by 15 RAAF P-40's during day and by 1 RAAF Beaufort at night.

New Guinea: Weather prevents Allied air attack on Hansa Bay. At Alexishafen, 4 P-40's destroy 4 of 20-25 enemy fighters encountered. Nadzab runway bombed by 10 Japanese bombers escorted by 10 fighters; 1 P-39 destroyed and some casualties caused. Four enemy planes strafe runway in upper Ramu Valley, destroying a grounded plane and damaging others. At night 4 others unsuccessfully raid Finschhafen.

7 Solomon Is.: Provisional Japanese Bn from Rabaul, consisting of units of 54th and 53d Inf Regts, lands from 21 barges on Allied W flank, Bougainville, near Atsinima Bay (between Laruma and Koromokina rivers); U.S. Marines vigorously engage the force. On Allied right flank an attack on Piva road block by a Co. of Japanese is repulsed.

Site of enemy landing and barges offshore attacked 3 times by total of 3 Venturas, 8 B-25's, 4 SBD's, and 24 fighters; many barges destroyed or damaged and several huts set on fire. SE of C. Torokina, 18 SBD's and 14 TBF's bomb Jaba R. mouth, concentrating on gun positions and supply and bivouac areas. Twenty-one B-24's bombing Buka at noon hit dispersal area and start fires in revetment area and at E end of runway; no interception made.

New Britain: Continuing neutralization of Rabaul airfields, 25 B-24's escorted by 75 fighters drop 83 1/2 tons of bombs.

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Rapopo at noon; 9 bombers and 3 fighters destroyed on the ground and large fires left burning in dispersal and barracks areas; interception attempted by 50-60 enemy fighters, of which 23 are destroyed, 8 probably, and 4 damaged; 5 P-38's fail to return.

New Guinea: Allied arty fire directed against Japanese rear positions.

Madzab hit during morning by 9 Japanese bombers escorted by 10 fighters; 2 P-39's destroyed on ground and others damaged; intercepting Allied fighters destroy 13 planes and probably 5 more. Two groups of escorted Allied bombers en route to attack Wewak airdromes abandon raids to engage enemy planes, probably destroying 2. Over Madang, 8 P-40's engage 6 enemy fighters and destroy 3 and probably another. Bena Bena area strafed by 4 Japanese aircraft during afternoon, and Lae is target for 2 ineffective night raids by a few enemy planes.

N.E.I.: Ambon hit at night by 4 RAAF PBY's; a number of large fires started along water front.

8 Solomon Is.: Japanese effort against Allied W flank on Bougainville collapses after continued attacks by Marines with arty support; about half the enemy force which landed yesterday is killed and Allied positions are secure. Further casualties are inflicted on the enemy by Marines attacking on right flank in vicinity of Piva road block.

Six B-25's escorted by 7 F4U's bomb Kieta with unobserved results; same planes destroy grounded Zero and an airborne bomber at Buka. Later, 21 B-24's drop 685 fragmentation clusters on Buka revetment areas. Allied fighter patrol intercepts 20 dive bombers escorted by 40 fighters in vicinity of Empress Augusta Bay; 10 enemy dive bombers and 12 fighters destroyed and 4 other fighters probably destroyed for loss of 2 P-40's, 1 F4U, and 1 P-38; enemy positions and barges at Laruma R. mouth strafed with some success.

New Britain: Single B-24's damage AA position on Garove I. and destroy jetty at Wide Bay.

New Guinea: Allied ground forces 2½ mi. W of Hellsbach make some gains; Japanese positions in Finschhafen area shelled.

9 Solomon Is.: On right flank, Bougainville, Japanese attack on Allied positions NE of Piva road block is stopped; Allied counterattack 3 hours later forces enemy to withdraw slowly.

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First echelon of 37th Div, USA, which landed on Bougainville yesterday, assumes control of W sector.

Kara airfield bombed and strafed by 33 SBD's and 17 TBF's with 16 P-39's as escort; many hits scored on target; escorting fighters strafe Shortlands area. Twenty-two unescorted B-24's render Kahili runway unserviceable with 63 tons of bombs. Ballale runway and gun positions bombed by formation of 35 SBD's and 18 TBF's escorted by 9 P-39's; ammunition dump exploded, parked plane set on fire, and 2 other fires started. Six B-25's bomb and strafe Laruma R. mouth and strafe Buka bivouac area.

Massau I.: Japanese 10,000-ton AK sunk by B-24 8 mi. W of Massau I.

New Britain: Rabaul targets hit early in morning by 3 groups of RAAF Beauforts: 9 achieve excellent results at Vunakanau airfield; 4 strike Rapopo airdrome with unreported results; 3 score probable hit on CL in harbor with torpedo. At night 3 others bomb Vunakanau airfield with unknown results. Nine B-25's operating against shipping and coastal targets destroy 3 luggers, 2 large barges, set fire to a fuel dump, and silence an AA position. Single B-24 raids shipping in Rein Bay, setting sea truck and 2 barges on fire.

New Guinea: Alexishafen bombed, strafed, and shelled during 2 attacks by total of 36 B-25's, 11 A-20's, 24 P-38's, and 5 P-47's; 21 aircraft destroyed on the ground, AA positions, hangars, and buildings hit; fuel truck destroyed and fires started among fuel dumps as well as in other areas; 2d attack group intercepted by 25 enemy fighters, of which 14 are destroyed and 2 others probably; 3 P-38's fail to return; returning P-47's strafe targets from Sio to Fortification Pt. Over Nadzab, Allied fighters destroy 3 of 12 enemy fighters intercepted.

10. Solomon Is.: First major enemy counterattack on Allied beachhead on Bougainville collapses with withdrawal of Japanese on both flanks by morning of 10th; Allied forces occupy Piva without opposition; during past 3 days of fighting 551 Japanese are killed.

Prior to occupation of Piva, 17 SBD's and 12 TBF's hit enemy positions along Piva and Jaba rivers, demolishing half of Piva Village and firing huts at Jaba R. mouth. Buka and Bonis airfields attacked in force by 55 SBD's and 34 TBF's escorted by 54 fighters; excellent results achieved and large fires started at both targets; 1 SBD fails to return. Simultaneous raids on

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Ballale and Kara airfields are made by 12 and 11 B-25's, respectively; good results attained at the former. Three B-25's sink Japanese AK and 2 barges in vicinity of Matchin Bay.

New Ireland-New Britain: Forty-seven mi. SW of Kavieng, enemy DD is sunk by 4 B-24's. At Rabaul, Lakunai airdrome is target for 12 B-24's which cause fires and explosions; 1 B-24 fails to return. Later, 4 RAAF Beauforts hit dispersal areas at Vunakanau airdrome. Twenty-five P-40's start fuel fire at Gasmata.

New Guinea: Alexishafen area bombed, shelled, and strafed during attacks first by 22 escorted B-25's and later by 10 A-20's; 1 bomber and 1 fighter destroyed on ground and 2 other fighters damaged; warehouses, AA positions, and jetty damaged; 1 barge destroyed. Fifteen P-39's destroy 3 and probably another of 12 enemy fighters engaged over Lae.

N.E.I.: Java: At night 11 B-24's drop about 22 tons of bombs on Soerabaja; cloud over target obscures results.

11. Solomon Is.: Allied ground activity in Empress Augusta Bay area limited to patrolling.

At night Allied task force is unsuccessfully attacked S of Ganongga by 7 enemy floatplanes and medium bombers; 1 of the attackers shot down. Seven Japanese planes bomb G. Torokina area during night; some casualties result.

New Britain: Rabaul targets heavily hit during morning by several flights of carrier and land-based planes, totalling 55 B-24's, 71 TBF's, 72 SBD's, and 126 fighters; enemy sustains following shipping losses: 1 cruiser and 2 DD's sunk, 1 cruiser and 11 DD's damaged; fires and large explosion caused on Lakunai airdrome; 31 Japanese fighters shot down in combat, while Allied losses, including operational and combat, are 12 planes. During the afternoon the carrier task force is attacked W of Bougainville by 4 formations of enemy escorted dive bombers and torpedo bombers; intercepting fighters prevent most of the planes from attacking; no damage and only slight casualties sustained; 64 enemy planes destroyed by ships and carrier planes, while land-based fighters destroy 21; 5 Allied planes lost.

New Guinea: Sixteen P-39's strafe Alexishafen.

In Dutch New Guinea, 4 RAAF PBV's cause large explosions and fires at Babo during early morning raid.

N.E.I.: In the Tanimbar Is., Selaroe airfield and neighboring villages bombed and strafed with some success by 8 RAAF Beaufighters. Five B-24's drop over 9 tons of bombs and incendiaries on Ambon barracks area at night, starting a number of

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large fires. Namlea, Boeroe I., also hit at night, by 3 RAAF PBV's.

12 Solomon Is.: Kara heavily bombed and strafed by 27 TBF's and 45 SBD's escorted by 10 F4U's; 20 hits scored on runway and fires started in supply and personnel areas; no opposition encountered. Eight P-38's strafe Bonis revetments, various targets along NE Bougainville, and Kieta harbor. Tarlena Village, NW Bougainville, is target for 18 B-25's; results believed excellent.

New Hanover: Japanese convoy 78 mi. W of New Hanover attacked by B-25, and a 7,000-ton AK left smoking and stationary.

New Guinea: Ten A-20's escorted by 15 P-39's bomb and strafe NW coast of Huon Peninsula, starting fires in coastal villages and destroying 6 barges. Kiari, Japanese barge center 15 mi. W of Sio, effectively bombed and strafed by 11 B-25's and 6 B-26's.

N.E.I.: Early in the morning 12 B-24's hit Soerabaja, Java, with over 22 tons of bombs and incendiaries; a number of fires result.

Australia: Darwin is target for early morning raid by 9 enemy bombers which cause some damage in town area; 2 of the attackers destroyed by 11 intercepting RAAF Spitfires.

13 Solomon Is.: Battle of the Coconut Grove starts with Allied attack on strong Japanese position S of junction of Numa Numa and East-West trails; Japanese offer stiff resistance.

Bonis airfield is target for 51 tons of bombs accurately dropped by 17 B-24's. Tarlena and Chabai area strafed by 16 and 8 P-39's, respectively; buildings observed smoking at the former. Early in the morning, Allied task force attacked approximately 55 mi. SW of Empress Augusta Bay by Japanese torpedo planes which damage the USS Denver (CL); 2 enemy planes shot down.

New Britain: At Rabaul, Vunakanau airdrome bombed early in the morning by 5 RAAF Beauforts and Tobera, by another; fires started at the former. Nine B-25's escorted by 18 RAAF P-40's bomb and strafe Gasmata airdrome with unreported results.

New Guinea: In a coordinated attack on Alexishafen, 57

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B-24's escorted by 48 P-47's drop 163 tons of bombs with excellent results, while 70 B-25's drop 58 tons of bombs on Madang and Alexishafen and shell and strafe targets; 14 grounded planes destroyed and others damaged, AA positions hit, and explosions and large fires, including fuel fires, caused. Earlier in the morning Alexishafen is target for successful strafing attack by 16 P-40's covered by 8 P-39's; 1 P-40 fails to return. Four P-47's escorted by 8 others strafe coast near Sio.

In Dutch New Guinea, waterfront at Kaimana bombed with good results by 3 RAAF PBV's; Sorong effectively bombed by 3 others; Kaukenau, Timoeika, and Keaukwa are hit by 3 B-24's. N.E.I.: Japanese sea truck sunk off Tanimbar Is. by 3 RAAF Beaufighters and 3 Dutch B-25's. Two RAAF PBV's start fires at Boela, Ceram.

- 14 Solomon Is.: Battle of the Coconut Grove concludes with withdrawal of Japanese from position S of junction of Numa Numa and East-West trails, following renewed attacks by Allied troops with tank support.

Supporting ground forces, 20 TBF's bomb and strafe Japanese positions NE of Piva; ground forces report excellent results. Forty-nine SBD's and 8 TBF's with fighter escort attack Ballale, dropping 30 tons of bombs with good results; 11 hits observed on runway; intense AA fire but no interception encountered. T4U's strafe Bougainville coast from Kieta northward. Clearing of few remaining Japanese from Treasury Is. continues.

New Britain: In night attack on Rabaul, 21 RAAF Beauforts drop about 16 tons of bombs on shipping in harbor and seaplane anchorage; 8,000-ton AP left sinking as result of 2 hits; large AK receives hits or near misses. Single PBV's damage enemy cruiser 18 mi. NW of Rabaul and a large AK 56 mi. NW of Rabaul.

New Guinea: Allied ground activity limited to arty fire against small groups of Japanese in the Finschhafen area.

Thirteen Japanese bombers unsuccessfully raid Finschhafen. Nine B-25's raid Sio and coastal area to the SE.

During night raid on Babo, Dutch New Guinea, 3 RAAF PBV's destroy 2 grounded bombers, probably destroy others, and start large fires in fuel and ammunition dumps; another RAAF PBV starts fires at Kaimana.

N.E.II: Large fires and explosions caused on Penfoei airfield, Timor, by 4 RAAF Hudsons and 1 Dutch B-25.

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15 Solomon Is.: Kara bombed by 51 SBD's and 26 TBF's with 16 F4U's as escort; runway, gun positions, and installations damaged by hits; opposition limited to light AA fire. Twenty B-24's damage Buka airfield with 60 tons of bombs. Buka bombed and Matchin Bay area strafed before dawn by P-38's. Allied planes patrolling Bougainville coast strafe various targets with excellent results: 8 barges destroyed and 7 damaged, 1 AK damaged, buildings and huts set on fire, 2 fuel dumps destroyed.

New Ireland: PBY's on night patrol damage large AK in St. George's Channel and leave it beached; also damage 6,000-ton AK in convoy NE of Rabaul with 2 direct hits.

New Guinea: Thirty-one B-24's covered by 16 P-38's attack Alexishafen with 76 tons of bombs; grounded plane destroyed and large fuel fires started. At noon 15 P-47's intercept 15-20 enemy fighters over Wewak, destroying 5 and probably 3 more without loss to themselves. In upper Ramu Valley, Gusap airfield hit by 15 Japanese bombers escorted by 30 fighters; 2 grounded Allied planes destroyed and fires started; intercepting Allied fighters shoot down 20 planes and probably destroy 6 others, while B-25's destroy 2 and probably 2 more aircraft; 2 P-40's lost. Early in the morning 6 enemy aircraft bomb Dobodura without effect.

16 Solomon Is.: Allied perimeter in Empress Augusta Bay area now 8,000 yds. wide and 5,500 yds. deep; airfield site 2/3 under Allied control.

Buka is target for early morning attack by 20 B-25's and 4 B-24's which bomb and strafe target, starting fires. Japanese positions in Empress Augusta Bay area hit by 18 SBD's. Weather prevents attack on Kahili by 18 B-24's; only 1 bombs target, while another raids Shortland I.; 1 B-24 missing.

New Britain: Japanese power boat, launch, and another small vessel sunk off S coast by 2 RAAF Beaufighters.

New Guinea: Allied ground activity limited to patrolling and arty fire in the Sattelberg area.

Japanese bivouac areas and supply dumps on trail from Bonga to Sattelberg bombed with excellent results by 21 B-25's and 4 B-26's. Nine B-25's bomb and strafe coastal targets from Bonga to Kiari. Trucks in Bogadjim area strafed by 8 P-39's covered by P-40's. Forty mi. NE of Hansa Bay, B-24 hits 2,500-ton AK and leaves it sinking.

17 Solomon Isl: Allied ground activity in Empress Augusta Bay area limited to consolidation positions. U.S. DD's bombard Buka, which is also target for air-dawn

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attacks by total of 19 B-25's, 4 B-24's, and night fighters; DD's destroy 1 attacking enemy plane and probably a 2d. Later in the morning formation of 48 SBD's and 30 TBF's escorted by 36 fighters strikes Bonis with 53 tons of bombs; landing strip, supply area, and installations damaged; 2 of 4 enemy planes encountered are destroyed; 1 TBF missing. At the same time 12 B-25's escorted by 8 F4U's raid Buka, scoring 30 hits on landing strip. An hour later 2 squadrons of B-24's bomb Buka with good results. Kieta hit by 3 of the B-25's returning from Buka.

Allied shipping en route to C. Torokina attacked before dawn by formation of Japanese planes, of which 3 are destroyed; 1 Allied vessel hit. Thirty-five more enemy planes intercepted in Empress Augusta Bay area during morning, of which 16 are destroyed for loss of 2 F4U's.

New Britain: Twelve RAAF Beauforts, from force of 23 dispatched, bomb Lakunai airdrome, Rabaul, but results are obscured by smoke. Eleven P-40's drop 3 tons of bombs on dump area at Gasmata. Wireless station at C. Beechey and bivouac area at Wide Bay strafed by 3 RAAF Beaufighters.

New Guinea: Allied troops drive on Sattelberg against stiff resistance and are now within 1 mi. of the objective on the S and E; advancing ground forces supported by tanks and arty.

In support of ground operations, 58 B-24's set out to bomb Japanese positions in Sattelberg area, but adverse weather forces all but 3 to return, of which 1 bombs target and 2 raid Sic. However, excellent results are obtained by 11 RAAF A-35's dive-bombing enemy positions N of Sattelberg. Over Wewak, 22 P-38's clash with 30 enemy fighters from force of 60-70 in the air; 6 enemy planes destroyed and another probably for loss of 2 P-38's.

Dutch New Guinea targets for 8 RAAF PBV's are Kaimana waterfront, Utafom airfield, and Babo; fires and explosions result at all objectives.

N.E.I.: Japanese sea truck and escorting corvette sunk off Dawalor I. by 3 RAAF Beaufighters and 4 Dutch B-25's. Two Dutch B-25's start fires at Manatuto, Timor.

18 Solomon Is.: Allied ground forces in the C. Torokina area continue to consolidate their positions and patrol; enemy patrol activity increases on E flank; Allied arty fire directed against enemy in this area.

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Two squadrons of B-24's bomb Kara at noon, while a similar force attacks Buka; excellent coverage of targets reported; no interception met by either group. Eight B-25's bomb Chabai, Japanese supply base on Matchin Bay, with some success. Few casualties sustained by Allied forces in Empress Augusta Bay area during harassing raids by enemy planes. On Choiseul I., Japanese are reported to have evacuated all SW center area and moved to NW. Patrol activity continues on Treasury Is.

New Guinea: Allied advance on Sattelberg continues slowly over difficult terrain.

Excellent air support furnished by 23 B-25's and 6 B-26's with 10 P-38's as escort; 43½ tons of bombs dropped NW of Sattelberg destroy an ammunition dump and a number of buildings.

Fak Fak, Dutch New Guinea, hit with some success by 3 B-24's.

N.E.I.: Ten B-24's from force of 27 dispatched attack Tjepoe, Java, before dawn, dropping 20 tons of bombs on oil refineries; results obscured by clouds; of the remaining planes, 2 bomb Soerabaja and 1, Denpasar airdrome on Bali.

19. Solomon Is.: Site of Japanese resistance in E sector of Empress Augusta Bay area found abandoned following Allied arty fire against it; 17 dead Japanese discovered.

Formation of 62 SBD's and 23 TBF's escorted by 15 F4U's hits Kahili with over 100 tons of bombs; runway left unserviceable and hits scored on or near gun positions; no interception encountered.

New Britain: Large Japanese AK 45 mi. NW of Rabaul hit by PBV and left burning and abandoned. Nine B-25's escorted by 11 P-38's sweep coast from C. Gloucester to Rein Bay, bombing and strafing AA positions and small shipping; 1 lugger destroyed and 2 damaged.

New Guinea: Allied ground forces continue slow advance on Sattelberg, despite enemy counterattacks; Japanese arty positions knocked out by Allied tanks.

Total of 9 A-20's, 21 B-25's, and 6 B-26's effectively bomb and strafe Sattelberg area; over 40 tons of bombs dropped on defense positions, bivouac areas, and village 15 mi. NW of the town. N of Finschhafen, barge staging areas and camps raided by 8 A-20's. Six P-38's intercept formation of 12 enemy bombers escorted by 15 fighters over Finschhafen, forcing them to jettison their bombs and destroying 1 bomber; 1 P-38 lost.

In Dutch New Guinea, 4 RAAF PBV's raiding Sorong at night cause violent explosion on waterfront.

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Solomon Is.: Battle of Piva Forks starts with attack on Allied positions just E of E branch of Piva R. by a Co of Japanese; 3d Marine Div repulses attack and inflicts heavy casualties on the enemy.

Thirty B-25's and Venturas escorted by 15 P-38's score hits on Bonis airfield which damage runway and buildings and start several fires. Japanese troops and supply lines from Empress Augusta Bay area southward successfully bombed and strafed by 31 TBF's and 57 SBD's with 8 F4U's as escort. Three B-25's attack villages along NE coast of Bougainville. Japanese planes drop 50-60 bombs in Torokina area, causing some damage and casualties; area also strafed by 3 enemy planes, of which 2 are probably destroyed by AA fire.

New Britain: Fifty B-24's escorted by 33 RAAF P-40's pound Ring Ring plantation, 6 mi. E of Gasmata, with 138½ tons of bombs; good concentration of bombs on target results in fires and explosions.

New Guinea: Heavy fighting reported in progress 1,800 yards E and 1,300 yards S of Sattelberg.

Twenty-four B-25's and 7 B-26's support ground operations with attacks on villages N and W of Sattelberg, destroying buildings and starting fires. Hansa Bay shipping and shore targets bombed and strafed by 17 B-25's and 9 P-47's; 7 luggers and 11 barges destroyed or damaged; 1 B-25 lost. Nine A-20's raid Wald Bay, concentrating on supplies and camp area.

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Solomon Is.: Stubborn fighting in progress along East-West trail; 75 dead Japanese found by slowly advancing Allied troops.

In the Kahili area, 58 SBD's and 35 TBF's escorted by 16 F4U's attack Kara and Malabita, and Kangu Hills during afternoon, using 60 tons of bombs; landing strip and gun positions heavily hit and an oil fire started; no interception met. Kieta area strafed at dawn by 3 B-25's. Early in the morning Allied fighters patrolling Empress Augusta Bay area intercept and destroy 7 enemy fighters without loss to themselves. Japanese planes drop 30-35 bombs in Torokina area during night without effect.

New Ireland-New Britain: B-24 sets medium AK/AP on fire 50 mi. NW of New Hanover and shoots down 1 of 8 intercepting enemy fighters. RAAF planes on anti-shipping sweeps along New Britain coast destroy or damage 5 barges and a power boat and bomb shore positions. Nineteen B-24's escorted by 24 RAAF

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P-40's hit Ring Ring and Gasmata with 49 tons of bombs; results obscured by smoke and dust.

New Guinea: Allied troops now 800 yards S of Sattelberg.

N and NE of Sattelberg, villages and trails are bombed and strafed by 12 A-20's. Japanese shipping off Manokwari, Dutch New Guinea, is target for 16 tons of bombs dropped by 6 B-24's; 4,500-ton AK sunk; of 6 intercepting enemy planes, 2 destroyed and another damaged as against 1 B-24 lost.

N.E. In: Two flights of Allied planes, totalling 5 Dutch B-25's, 6 RAAF Beaufighters, and 14 B-24's, bomb waterfront at Taberfane, Aroe Is., and shipping offshore; 2,000-ton AK and sea truck sunk, while 4,000-ton AK damaged by near misses; 4 of 10 intercepting enemy planes destroyed for loss of 1 B-25. At night 2 RAAF PBV's raid Ambon and another hits Molana I. to the NE; heavy explosions and large fires caused in waterfront area at Ambon.

22 Solomon Isl: Reinforced Japanese platoons attack Allied positions in vicinity of East-West trail during day; Torokina strip and gun positions shelled by enemy arty, with some damage resulting. Allied beachhead now 9,000 yds. wide and 7,000 yds. deep, encompassing entire Piva airfield site. Marine raider group lands at mouth of Torokina R. during night to destroy enemy installations in the area.

Fifty-two SBD's and 24 TBF's with 16 F4U's as escort damage Kahili runway and gun positions and start fires near an ammunition dump. *Buka hit at noon by 24 B-25's and 5 Venturas with 16 fighters as escort; more than 43 tons of bombs dropped; runway hit and several fires started. Eight P-38's set fire to 3 barges and several buildings in the Chabai area. Eight other Allied fighters destroy 5 Japanese planes from force of 30-40 intercepted 10 mi. NE of Motupena.

New Ireland: B-24 hits medium AK 132 mi. N of Mussau I., leaving it listing and settling.

New Britain: Gasmata rocked by 140 tons of bombs dropped from high, medium, and low altitudes by 62 B-25's and 22 B-24's escorted by 35 P-38's; bombs well concentrated in supply and camp areas, where fires and explosions result; 1 B-25 lost. An additional 22 B-24's, failing to reach Gasmata, drop 52 tons of bombs on C. Gloucester airfield; 5 grounded aircraft destroyed or badly damaged.

New Guinea: Sixteen B-25's and 6 A-20's bomb and strafe Japanese positions between Wareo and Sattelberg with some success. Australian patrol in vicinity of Song Is. north

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unsuccessfully attacked during morning by 10 enemy bombers and during afternoon by 3.

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Solomon Is.: Fighting continues in Piva forks area, both sides supported by arty fire.

Sixteen unescorted B-24's successfully attack Bonis airfield, covering runway and S revetment area with 48 tons of bombs. At the same time, 3 B-24's bomb Buka and 2, Chabai. Chabai is also target for 23 B-25's and 6 Venturas escorted by 24 F4U's, which start a number of fires; intense, heavy AA fire encountered and 1 B-25 is lost. Four B-25's bomb and strafe various points along E coast of Bougainville.

New Britain: Japanese supply areas at Gasmata bombed by 4 RAAF Beauforts.

New Guinea: Australian troops closing in on Sattelberg are within 400 yds. of their objective from the S and E. Japanese lose 50 men during unsuccessful attack on Allied positions along Song R.

Supporting ground operations, 12 B-25's and 6 A-20's bomb and strafe usual targets in the Sattelberg area, destroying a number of buildings and starting fires. N of Saidor, 12 P-39's engage 9 enemy bombers escorted by 9 fighters, of which 2 are destroyed and 2 probably for loss of 1 P-39. Ten Japanese planes bomb Sisi area, 1 mi. SE of Sattelberg, and another raids Finschhafen area; both raids ineffective.

N.E.I.: Five B-24's sink 8,000-ton AK off Halmahera with 5 direct hits; another B-24 bombs alternate target, Selaroe I., Tanimbar Is. Ambon waterfront successfully raided at night by 3 RAAF PBX's.

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Solomon Is.: U.S. Marines astride East-West trail advance slowly; in the bend of the E branch of the Piva R. enemy resistance is particularly strong; enemy and Allied arty active; by evening Japanese are forced to withdraw eastward; heavy casualties sustained by both sides. Thirty-seventh Div, USA, reaches final perimeter and consolidation of positions is in progress.

Japanese supply area at Chabai hit for 3d successive day, by 57 SBD's and 37 TBF's escorted by 48 fighters; heavy damage inflicted on warehouses, buildings, and supply

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dumps; AA fire practically silenced by hits on gun positions; 1 SBD makes successful forced landing on Torokina strip. A half hour later 14 B-24's further damage Chabai with 23 tons of bombs. At the same time 9 B-24's bomb Buka with unobserved results. Twenty B-25's drop 30 tons of bombs on Kahili, then strafe area from tree top level; many hits scored on runway and several fires started; 1 B-25 crashes into water. Six B-25's raid Motupena Pt. and Gazelle harbor, possibly destroying radio station at the former. Allied patrol planes sink 9 barges in Gazelle harbor and set schooner on fire in Queen Carola harbor.

New Britain: Ring Ring plantation hit by 24 B-24's escorted by 72 fighters; 53 tons of bombs cause fires and explosions. PBV damages Japanese CA NW of Rabaul with 2 direct hits.

New Guinea: Kalasa, 17 mi. SE of Sio, virtually demolished by 18 B-25's, 9 B-26's, and 5 A-20's escorted by 12 P-38's; target hit with 37 tons of bombs then strafed. Kalasa is believed to have been an assembly point for Japanese supplies. Allied positions in Helsbach area raided without effect by 9 enemy bombers with 20 fighters as escort.

N.E.I.: Thirteen B-24's unsuccessfully attack enemy shipping off Halmahera, but destroy 1 and damage another of 6 intercepting enemy planes. In Weda Bay, 40 mi. N of SE tip of Halmahera, 5 other B-24's leave an 8,000-ton AK stationary and listing as result of probable hit and near misses.

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Solomon Is.: U.S. Marines, with arty support, heavily attack Japanese in vicinity of East-West trail, but are checked by strong enemy resistance; beginning in the evening, Japanese arty shells Allied positions in C. Torokina area intermittently throughout the night.

New Ireland: During early morning U.S. DD's engage 6 enemy vessels, believed to be DD's, 55 mi. SE of C. St. George; enemy ships, travelling in 2 groups of 3 each, attacked with torpedoes and gunfire; during running battle 4 Japanese vessels are sunk and another damaged.

New Guinea: Following decisive repulse of Japanese counterattacks, Australian troops supported by heavy arty and mortar fire occupy Sattelberg by nightfall. Considerable

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enemy equipment captured and many Japanese killed. Enemy retreating northward along Wareo trail. Nearby villages cleared of Japanese.

Five A-20's bomb and strafe enemy barge center at Kiari, while 16 P-39's and 2 RAAF Boomerangs raid bridges along the Bogadjim road.

N.E.I.: Halong seaplane base on Ambon bombed with unobserved results by 4 B-24's.

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Solomon Is.: Second large-scale enemy effort against Allied beachhead on Bougainville fails after 6 days of heavy fighting in the Piva forks area; from enemy force estimated as a reinforced regiment, 1,196 Japanese are killed and the remainder routed.

Kara airfield left unserviceable as result of heavy attack by 37 TBF's and 57 SBD's escorted by 8 fighters; gun positions in surrounding area also heavily hit. Twenty-four B-24's drop 72 tons of bombs on Buka airstrip with excellent results. Bonis is target for 23 B-25's escorted by 24 fighters; good coverage of target obtained with over 32 tons of bombs. In surprise raid, total of 5 B-25's escorted by 8 F4U's strike Bonis and Buka simultaneously, damaging 5 grounded planes and destroying a building.

Four B-34's raid Green I., concentrating on bivouac and supply areas; installations heavily damaged and 1 barge sunk; no opposition encountered.

New Britain: Thirteen escorted B-24's strike Lindenhafen plantation, 9 mi. E of Gasmata, with about 26 tons of bombs; excellent results reported. At night 5 RAAF Beaufofts start large, spreading fire at Rabaul, while 2 others raid Brown I. in Wide Bay. About 50 mi. W of Gazelle Peninsula, B-24 hits CL or DD with half-ton bomb; violent explosion results.

New Guinea: Despite Japanese delaying action, Australians advance 2 mi. N of Sattelberg. Other Allied units pushing N from Finschhafen toward Bonga capture Penor Hill, SW of Bonga, and cut Bonga-Wareo trail.

Japanese barge hideout about 5 mi. SE of Sio bombed with excellent results by 28 B-25's and 8 B-26's; approximately 50 tons of bombs dropped. Eight P-40's raid Madang, and 3 P-47's destroy 2 trucks at Bogia. Finschhafen coast bombed by 10 bombers escorted by 15 fighters; some damage and casualties result. Shortly afterwards 12 P-39's

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destroy 6 and probably 7 others from force of 17 enemy fighters engaged N of Finschhafen; 1 P-39 lost. NW of Saidor, 4 P-40's account for 2 more enemy fighters.

27 Solomon Is.: Mosigetta-Mawaraka-Motupena region along S shore of Empress Augusta Bay is target for 60 SBD's and 37 TBF's escorted by 8 P-39's, which drop over 40 tons of bombs and strafe the region; at least 25 buildings destroyed, ammunition dump blown up, and 10-15 fires started. Nineteen B-24's drop quarter-ton bombs on Bonis airfield with unreported results. Twenty-three B-25's escorted by 24 fighters drop 34 tons of bombs on Buka, scoring 40 hits on runway; 4 planes damaged by heavy AA fire. Five B-25's with 8 fighters as escort destroy several buildings and damage a pier in Queen Carola Harbor area, NW Buka, during low-level bombing and strafing raid. No enemy air interception encountered during day and only 1 F4U is lost to AA fire.

New Guinea: Japanese cleared from coastal road 2 mi. N of Song R. by Allied troops supported by tanks.

Wewak and Boram heavily hit with light bombs by 63 B-25's escorted by 53 P-38's; targets also thoroughly strafed; 5 planes destroyed on the ground and others damaged, 6 barges sunk, AA positions and an AK hit, camp areas damaged by strafing; 2 B-25's fail to return.

Dutch New Guinea villages, including Timoeeka, effectively bombed and strafed by 5 RAAF Beauforts.

28 Solomon Is.: U.S. Marine Paratroop Bn reinforced with 1 Co Raiders lands, night of 28/29, on Bougainville $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. NW of Koiaris in Jaba R. area for purpose of recon and raids; landing made with little opposition, apparently in Japanese supply area.

Motupena area bombed and strafed from tree top height by 6 unescorted B-25's. Allied fighters strafe Tiniputs and Tonolei harbors, as well as targets along W coast of Bougainville with some success. Other planes drop bombs behind Japanese lines in support of ground action. One F4U lost during day's operations.

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New Guinea: Allied ground units advancing N along coast toward Bonga are now within 500 yards of their objective.

Closely supporting ground operations, 45 B-25's and 7 B-26's operate against Japanese positions in Bonga area; principal targets are coastal road N of Bonga and trail inland; 50 tons of bombs dropped and area also strafed with considerable success. Light dive bomber attack on Allied positions in Finschhafen area results in some casualties. Wewak and Boram heavily hit for 2d successive day, by 48 B-24's escorted by about 45 P-47's; 94 tons of 100-lb. bombs accurately dropped in supply and camp areas. Fires started in Kalasa area, SE of Sio, by 9 attacking A-20's. Sio bombarded at night by Allied warships; enemy planes strafe the vessels without effect. Four P-39's destroy 2 barges off Madang and damage ground targets in the area with strafing.

N.E.I.: Three RAAF PBY's, in night raid on Ambon, start fires among barracks and along waterfront.

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Solomon Is.: At daybreak superior Japanese force, estimated at 1,000 at first and strengthened during the day, strongly attacks Marine Bn which landed last night in Koiaris area, Bougainville; stiff fighting continues throughout the day, with Japanese making effective use of mortars; mortar fire practically silenced by nightfall by combined efforts of Marines, aircraft, 155-mm battery, and DD fire; after destroying enemy stores and equipment and capturing documents, Marines successfully withdraw by boat about 2130, leaving 200 known Japanese dead and many others probably killed.

Supporting Marines in above operations, 17 SBD's and later 12 others bomb and strafe Jaba R. and Koiaris areas. Mosigetta area effectively bombed and strafed by 38 TBF's escorted by 8 P-39's; 28 buildings destroyed, large warehouse damaged, and fires started. Eighteen B-25's escorted by 12 fighters considerably damage targets along E coast of Bougainville, including Tinputs, Numa Numa, and Kieta; 1 B-25 lost to AA fire. Enemy planes raid Allied positions in the Treasury Is. with unreported results. Construction of bomber strip on Stirling I. started.

New Britain: C. Gloucester supply dumps bombed by 29 B-25's and 9 B-26's escorted by 12 P-47's; target well covered with 46 tons of bombs, but smoke obscures results. At night Allied warships effectively shell Ring Ring area.

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New Guinea: Bonga, Japanese supply point, falls to Australian troops, as well as Gusika, 3/4 mi. farther N; turning W along trail toward Wareo, Australians reduce enemy strong-point 1 1/2 mi. SW of Gusika. Allied warships shelling Madang at night sink small enemy vessel.

In Dutch New Guinea small groups of B-24's and RAAF PBV's raid Manokwari, Nabire, Efman I. (opposite Sorong), and Timoeika.

30 Solomon Is.: Formation of 50 SBD's and 22 TBF's with 31 fighters as escort strikes targets in Kahili-Kara area with over 43 tons of bombs followed by thorough strafing; buildings and an ammunition dump destroyed at Jakohina and gun positions at Kangu and Malabita Hills hit. U.S. DD's bombard enemy positions on S shore of Empress Augusta Bay. In the same area, 10 SBD's and 12 TBF's escorted by 4 P-39's bomb and strafe Mosigetta, destroying 2 warehouses and a number of buildings, 1 of them possibly a radio station. Three B-34's hit Japanese positions and stores at Mawaraka, starting large fire. In addition to the usual Empress Augusta Bay fighter patrols, 9 P-39's damage barges and AA positions at Tonolei, and 16 P-38's strafe E Bougainville coast between Keita and Numa Numa. In the Shortland I. area, 17 B-25's start several fires at Maliai, NE Morgusiai I. Four P-40's raid Ballale. Twenty-three Allied fighters strafe Choiseul Bay area where 5,000 Japanese are believed concentrated. Later 6 B-25's attack same region. No enemy air interception made throughout day, but AA fire damages several Allied planes.

New Britain: Fifteen B-24's attack C. Gloucester airfield with 28 tons of bombs; 2 parked planes destroyed and large fire started. During sweep of NW coast, 8 escorted B-25's damage villages, barges, and AA positions. Rooke I. strafed with unobserved results by 3 P-39's. PBV on night patrol sets large Japanese AO on fire S of New Hanover; another hits 2 DD's W of Gazelle Channel.

New Guinea: Three mi. NE of Sattelberg, Japanese strong-point at Song R. Bridge slows Allied advance.

Eighteen escorted B-25's drop 24 tons of bombs on Japanese positions in Kalasa area with some success. Trail inland from Lakona, about 4 mi. N of Bonga, bombed and strafed by 11 A-20's. Thirty-six B-24's, prevented by weather from attacking C. Gloucester, drop 70 tons of bombs on Alexishafen runway and supply areas; 1 plane destroyed on ground but further results unobserved.

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Throughout the month, patrolling PT's take heavy toll of Japanese barges.

N.E.I.: Two attacking RAAF PBV's start large fires in jetty area at Langgoer, Kei Is.

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1 U.S.-Great Britain-Russia: The results of the Moscow Conference, contained in the 3 and 4 power declarations, are released simultaneously in Moscow, London, and Washington. By the terms of the 4-power declaration Russia, China, Great Britain, and U.S. agree to: continue hostilities against their respective enemies until "unconditional surrender," a policy to which Russia and China had not before formally agreed; to use their military forces only after joint consultation; and to make a practicable arrangement "regarding the regulation of armaments after the war." The necessity of establishing a general international organization based on the sovereign equality of all peace-loving states, large and small, is likewise recognized. According to the 3-power declaration, a European Advisory Commission and an Advisory Council for matters relating to Italy are set up, the restoration of democracy in Italy and independence for Austria are promised, and the punishment of those responsible for war atrocities in the countries where their crimes were committed is assured.

U.S.: President Roosevelt again orders governmental seizure of coal mines as a result of walkout of 530,000 workers. The miners are directed to return to work by the 3d.

Donald Nelson, Chairman of the War Production Board, returns to Washington after a trip to London and Moscow to survey war production methods.

Italy: Dispatches report that Marshall Pietro Badoglio has advised King Vittorio Emanuele that he cannot form a representative government as long as the King remains in power.

2 U.S.: Scattered off-year elections show a Republican trend in New York, New Jersey, and Kentucky.

The CIO National Convention adopts a resolution calling for the end of the Little Steel wage formula as a necessary step to prevent strikes. President Philip Murray blames the President for "dictums and directives" which create an impossible task for the National War Labor Board.

Czechoslovakia: President Eduard Benes expresses gratification with the results of the Moscow Conference. He plans to go to Moscow soon to complete a Czecho-Russian pact.

3 Great Britain: The British Ministry of Labor reports 200 strikes during September, a wartime record. 90,000 are still

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France: In a speech opening the 1st meeting of the Provisional Consultative Assembly, General Charles De Gaulle announces that "France thinks that any European settlement and any major world settlement" made "without her would not be a good settlement."

Japan: AP correspondents returning on the Gripsholm report that Japanese morale is good despite 5 years of war and can be maintained another 5 years.

- 4 U.S.: Herbert Hoover, urging passage of the Gillette-Taft resolution, tells a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee that the Allied nations have a "moral obligation" to feed the "stricken and hungry" peoples of Europe.

The CIO convention votes to delay action on presidential endorsement until 1944.

The following figures are released today on the Mediterranean campaign during the last year: Allied casualties are 100,000 killed, wounded, and missing, as compared with 600,000 for the Axis; of the 100,000 Allied casualties 5,539 Americans are killed, 16,621 wounded, 7,965 missing.

Great Britain: Prime Minister Winston Churchill announces in the House of Commons that British Liaison officers are with Albania's guerillas.

Italy: Marshall Pietro Badoglio issues a declaration to the Italian people in which he states he hopes soon to be able to give the country "the government it desires" despite "heavy commitments of this moment."

- 5 U.S.: Affirming the Pact of Moscow, the U.S. Senate adopts the Connally resolution 85-5.

Great Britain: Prime Minister Winston Churchill reveals that he has sent special military assistants to Chungking and to General MacArthur's headquarters in Australia.

Hungary: Students riot in Budapest, urging peace and the return of Slovakia.

- 6 U.S.: War Mobilization Director James Byrnes announces the appointment of Bernard Baruch as head of a new unit within OWM to deal with war and postwar adjustments.

President Roosevelt directs that all government contracts must contain an anti-race discrimination clause.

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In a letter to Vice President Wallace, N.W.L.B. Chairman William Davis states that "due credit should be given to the patriotism and foresight" of workers who have "accepted stabilization of their wages at a time of rising prices."

In a message of congratulation to President Mikhail Kalinin of the U.S.S.R. on the 26th anniversary of the Soviet Revolution, President Roosevelt says the Russians have "written deathless pages of history in the struggle against the tyranny of oppression."

7 U.S.: The Army announces that there are 582,861 Negroes in service at home and abroad, including 4,386 commissioned officers.

Italy: Assassinations of Italian Fascists and sabotage against German forces have increased in N Italy, according to Swiss reports.

Russia: Reviewing the successes of the Russian offensives from Stalingrad to Kiev, Premier Joseph Stalin, in a speech today, states that "the victory of the Allies over the common enemy has come nearer. The relations between them...despite expectations of the enemy, not only did not weaken, but on the contrary have grown firmer."

8 U.S.: WPB Chairman Donald Nelson says that Russia's industrial future is assured and praises the Moscow 4-power pact. He quotes Stalin as saying "any (postwar) obligations undertaken by this government will be paid in full--not by token payments."

An agreement setting up the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration is signed by representatives of the 44 United and associated nations at the White House.

Most of the 530,000 coal miners out on strike return to work under a contract approving a wage increase from \$42.50 for a 42-hour week to \$56.74 for a 51-hour week.

Italy: The chief Rome correspondent for the Stockholm paper Tidningen reports that a "ghost army" of American, British, Australian, Canadian, and Indian war prisoners, who escaped after the Italian armistice with Italian officers and soldiers, are carrying on effective guerilla operations against Germans in Abruzzi Mountains S of Rome. He also reports a critical food shortage in Rome.

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Germany: On the anniversary of the Munich beer hall putsch Adolf Hitler declares Germany's determination to fight on with "fanatical ruthlessness," and asserts that "what happened in 1918 will not happen again."

Russia: War and the Working Class announces that "obstacles" to the conclusion of a 20-year treaty of mutual assistance between Russia and Czechoslovakia have been removed and that President Eduard Benes is expected in Moscow shortly.

Lebanon: The Lebanon Chamber of Deputies votes for full sovereignty and independence, thus rejecting its status as a French mandate.

9 U.S.-Spain: In response to a State Department inquiry about the message of congratulation sent by the Spanish Government to José P. Laurel, head of the Japanese puppet government in the Philippines, the Spanish government denies that its action means recognition.

Argentina: The Argentine Government establishes a sub ministry of press and information to control sources of public information.

Great Britain: Prime Minister Winston Churchill, in a speech in London, expresses hope that "France will rise again to her true greatness and will play a worthy part in shaping the progress of Europe and the world."

France: General Henri Honore Giraud resigns as co-chairman of the French Committee of National Liberation, leaving General Charles De Gaulle in charge. Giraud, however, still remains in command of French forces in the field. In addition, 7 new members, including 4 closely identified with French resistance groups, are added to the Committee.

Italy: Marshall Pietro Badoglio issues orders disclosing the formation of a regular Italian army.

10 U.S.: Secretary of State Cordell Hull, back in the U.S. from the Moscow Conference, says that the Moscow agreements mean the end of alliances and power politics and were constituted "upon a broad basic program of international cooperation."

U.S.-Spain: Ambassador Carlton Hayes, through Foreign Minister Francisco Jordana, demands that Spain impose a blanket embargo on wolfram exports.

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Italy: General Dwight Eisenhower announces the formation of an Allied Control Commission for Italy. It is to replace the military mission and work with the Advisory Council set up at Moscow.

Greece: Prime Minister Emmanuel Tsouderos is quoted by the press as saying that Greece has been invited to participate "in full equality" with Allied powers in the Italian Commission and that she will demand elimination of Italian control in the Dodecanese Is.

Russia: Russia appoints two representatives to the Inter-Allied Commission set up to deal with aid to Allied citizens (prisoners of war, civilian internees, seamen, etc.).

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U.S.: State Department releases hitherto unpublished papers relating to the bombing of the USS Tutuila at Chungking 30 July 1941 by the Japanese.

England: Reporting on the Moscow Conference in the House of Commons, Foreign Minister Anthony Eden says its achievement "is not that we agreed to these documents, not even that we set up this machinery...but that it did provide the basis for confidence and good will between us."

France: According to Swiss press reports, Armistice Day rioting occurs throughout France, especially in Lyon and Grenoble.

France-Lebanon: Jean Helleu, delegate of the French Committee of National Liberation to Syria and Lebanon, orders the arrest of President Bechara El Khoury, Premier Riad Salh, and other members of the Lebanese Government which recently proclaimed the independence of Lebanon. The Chamber of Deputies is likewise dissolved. The French Committee of National Liberation announces sending General Georges Catroux, Commissioner of State, to Beirut to settle the Lebanese crisis. It is reported from Cairo that King Farouk of Egypt has made a protest to the U.S. Government about the French treatment of the Lebanese, warning that it will cause unfavorable reactions among the Arab people.

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Russia: Pravda levels sharp criticism at the Allies because freedom of speech and political activity have not been restored in the liberated areas. The article also demands that the Communist Party be allowed to take a legitimate place in Italian political affairs.

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13 U.S.-P.I.: President Roosevelt signs a bill extending the terms of President Manuel Quezon and Vice President Sergio Osmena until the expulsion of the Japanese from the Philippines.

France: It is reported today that Marshal Henri Petain recently attempted to convene the French Assembly in order to make a report and to raise the issue of Pierre Laval's status. This effort and Petain's subsequent attempt to deliver a radio address on the subject were forbidden. It is also reported that Petain either resigned or is under arrest.

Italy: Marshall Pietro Badoglio organizes a technical government when Italian political leaders refuse to join any government until King Vittorio Emanuele abdicates.

Lebanon: A strike is called in Palestine by Arab leaders protesting the French action in Lebanon.

14 Netherlands: By decree of Reichkommissar Arthur Seyss-Inquart summary trials by German police courts will be revived.

Bulgaria: The Bulgarian cabinet gives orders for the suppression of peace demonstrations provoked by the 14 November raid on Sofia.

15 France: At a session of the French Consultative Assembly it is decided that Marcel Peyrouton and Pierre Boisson will be called before the Purge Commission because of their Vichy connections.

Germany: The British Ministry of Economic Warfare announces in London that war demands have increased the note circulation in Germany from 8,000,000,000 marks in 1939 to more than 30,000,000,000 at present.

16 U.S.: Secretary of State Cordell Hull, in a press statement, asserts that the settlement of European boundaries will be left until after the war.

France: Two Communists are named to the posts of Commissioner of Production and Commerce and Commissioner of Public Health and Education on the French Committee of National Liberation.

At a special meeting of the French Consultative Assembly, General Charles De Gaulle charges that the action of Lebanese

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cabinet was a "unilateral modification which was direct provocation to the French."

The Algiers radio announces that all officers and men in the French Navy who belonged to pro-Vichy Fascist organizations are to be dismissed.

Turkey: Foreign Minister Muman Menemencioglu, in a report to a parliamentary group of the People's Republican Party, sets forth the Turkish line of conduct as consistent with the treaty of alliance with Great Britain. The next day the Parliament votes support of the government's policy.

- 17 U.S.: OPA warns Congress that legislation eliminating subsidies will mean a 3% increase in living costs and a 7% increase in retail food prices.

Mexico: President Avila Camacho, in a statement in Mexico City, asserts that the Mexican Army "is ready to fight wherever circumstances require" to aid the United Nations.

Japan: A Japanese radio announces that Ginjiro Fugiuvara is named Minister of State without portfolio. He is devoting his efforts to exceeding U.S. plane production "in the shortest possible time."

China: The Chinese delegate to the UNRRA conference at Atlantic City, Dr. T.F. Tsiang, asks relief for 84,000,000 Chinese at a cost of \$500,000,000.

- 18 Brazil: President Getulio Vargas appoints a special commission to draft a new immigration law, recommending that Japanese and Negroes be barred as unassimilable.

Spain: Ambassador Carlton Hayes informs Foreign Minister Francisco Jordana of American concern over German agents in Spain.

Russia: Izvestia reveals that Foreign Commissar Viacheslav Molotov at the Moscow Conference opposed any immediate post-war federation of the small European states. He felt that such a bloc could be used as a cordon sanitaire around Russia.

- 19 U.S.-Canada: Ray Atherton presents his credentials as first U.S. Ambassador to Canada. Hitherto our diplomatic representative there has been a minister.

Venezuela-Dominican Republic: A formal agreement signed by the accredited representative of Venezuela and the Domin.

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ican Republic provides for the resumption of diplomatic relations between the 2 countries.

Lebanon: General Georges Catroux declares in Beirut that Great Britain "should confine its interest in Lebanon to purely military matters and leave the French to deal with political affairs." This statement is made in response to a British demand yesterday for a solution of the Lebanese crisis.

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U.S.: The NWLB makes minor change of a $30\frac{1}{2}\%$ per week raise over the level agreed to by UMW and Solid Fuels Administrator Harold Ickes. The wage level is now at \$57.07 per week for a 51-hour week.

Colonel Henry Breckenridge, Assistant Secretary of War under President Woodrow Wilson, urges a constitutional amendment to transfer the treaty approval power from a 2/3 vote of the Senate to a majority vote of both Houses of Congress.

The State Department issues 1 of 2 documents concerning U.S. diplomatic relations with Japan from 1931 to 1941. It reveals that Japanese plans for conquest were suspected as early as 1936.

The State Department accepts the Spanish Government's explanation of its note of congratulation to the P.I. puppet government.

Brazil: Brazilian authorities announce that air bases and other installations constructed for the U.S. in Brazil will revert to Brazil after the war.

Great Britain: Pre-war fascist leader Sir Oswald Mosley and his wife are released from prison.

Egypt: Egypt formally announces adherence to the principles of the Atlantic Charter.

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U.S.: In conference at Atlantic City, UNRRA adopts a financial plan by which each member nation able to do so contributes 1% of its national income for the year ending June 1943.

The National Negro Council in Chicago urges the drafting of "500,000 single Negro illiterates" before induction of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers and asks the President to end the Army's policy of "segregation and discrimination."

Palestine: Riots in Jerusalem yesterday and today occur between Jewish residents and British constables over the suspension of 10 Jewish newspapers by British authorities.

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Lebanon: The French Committee of National Liberation approves General Georges Catroux's proposal to reinstate President Bechara el Khoury and Premier Riad Salh. Negotiations will be started to make Lebanon and Syria independent within the framework of the League of Nations mandate. In a further attempt to placate the Lebanese, Jean Helleu is recalled as delegate to Syria and Lebanon.

Russia: The daily bread ration in Moscow is reduced, effective today, in order to provide for liberated areas.

22 U.S.: UNRRA decides at its conference in Atlantic City that relief supplied the Axis or satellite nations after the war must be paid for "by the enemy country concerned."

Spain: Refugee leaders of Spanish Republican parties announce in Mexico City that they will seek recognition from the United Nations as the Free Spanish Government. These leaders desire to reestablish democracy in Spain when Generalissimo Francisco Franco's regime falls.

France: Robert Murphy and Harold MacMillan, American and British representatives to the French Committee of National Liberation, inform René Massigli, Commissioner of State on the Committee, that the Allied governments are prepared to revise the Clark-Darlan agreement of September 1942.

Italy: Robert Murphy and Harold MacMillan are appointed as the representatives of U.S. and Great Britain on the Advisory Council of the Allied Control Commission for Italy. Edwin Wilson will succeed Murphy, and Alfred Duff Cooper, Harold MacMillan, as U.S. and British representatives to the French Committee of National Liberation.

23 U.S.: The House of Representatives passes the Commodity Credit Corporation bill 278-117. This bill contains a provision prohibiting the extension of consumer subsidies.

President Roosevelt asks Congress to give servicemen and women muster-out pay on a monthly basis and unemployment compensation and social security credit for time in the military service.

Lebanon: The Lebanese Chamber of Deputies is reinstated, and the ordinance suspending the Constitution is repealed.

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- 24 U.S.: The House of Representatives by a vote of 200-27 passes a \$2,139,300,000 tax bill; an \$8,000,000,000 cut in Administration requests.
- The Senate Military Affairs Committee votes to ask Secretary of War Henry Stimson for a full report of the soldier-slapping incident involving Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.
- An UNRRA subcommittee report bars the use of relief supplies as a political weapon or as a means of racial discrimination.
- Italy: Marshall Giovanni Messe, formerly commander of First Italian Army in Tunisia, is appointed Chief of the Italian General Staff by King Vittorio Emanuele.
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- 25 U.S.-Ecuador: A decree authorizing Ecuadorean citizens to enlist in the U.S. armed forces is signed by President Carlos Arroyo del Rio.
- Colombia: President Alfonso Pumarejo on a 60-day leave of absence in the U.S. denies reports that he will resign.
- Italy: General Antonio Basso, military governor of Sardinia responsible for driving the Nazis from the island, defends King Vittorio Emanuele. He maintains that Carlo Sforza and Benedetto Croce, anti-monarchy leaders, have no real following among the people, who are interested in food, not dynastic considerations.
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- 26 U.S.: The State Department announces its approval of adjustments made by the French Committee of National Liberation in Lebanon.
- Senator Hugh Butler of Nebraska makes a report in the Senate, charging that the government's Latin-American policy is lavishing more than \$6,000,000,000 "in wasteful and unnecessary projects which are breeding hate, suspicion, and contempt for this country." Vice President Henry Wallace and Nelson Rockefeller, Coordinator of the Office of Inter-American Affairs, deny these charges.
- General Dwight Eisenhower reports that Lt. Gen. George Patton's action was "unseemly and indefensible." Eisenhower, however, defends his decision to retain Patton in command.
- The request of the Nationalist India League of America to include India among the nations to receive UNRRA relief is turned down on the ground that India is not a liberated area.
- United Nations: The 4-day Cairo conference of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, Premier Joseph Stalin,

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and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek ends today. The announced results indicate a determination among the 4 powers to strip Japan of all territories acquired during 50 years of aggression.

France: General Charles De Gaulle is criticized by former members of the Communist Party for failure to send more arms to French patriots.

27 U.S.--Latin America: Latin American newspapers criticize Senator Hugh Butler's charge as to the failure and gross inefficiency of the "good neighbor policy."

Colombia-Germany: The Colombian Senate declares a "state of belligerency" between itself and Germany. This action follows the sinking of a Colombian schooner by a German SS.

28 Italy: The Communist Party announces that it will support Count Carlo Sforza as the head of a new Italian Government. A rally at the University of Naples breaks up in fist fights at the suggestion by Benedetto Croce, prominent anti-fascist leader, "that any change" in form of government "awaits Italian liberation."

29 U.S.: Secretary of State Cordell Hull makes a statement to the press discounting rumors of a German peace feeler. These rumors center around the presence of Franz von Papen, German diplomat, at the Vatican.

30 France: General Charles De Gaulle expresses to Edwin Wilson, the American representative to the French Committee of National Liberation, the hope that Stalin, Roosevelt, and Churchill will decide at their conference that "unconditional surrender terms will become progressively more severe" as the German people continue their fight.

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