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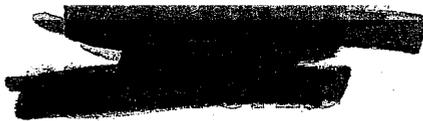
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2 Caribbean: SS Pillory (Panamanian cargo ship, 1,516 tons) sunk by SS at 18-26 N, 67-09 W.

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- 1 France: Ninety-one escorted B-26s hit coastal defenses in N France with 171 tons of bombs, despite unfavorable weather. RDF station near Cherbourg attacked at night by 93 Halifaxes and 6 Mosquitoes; 471 tons of bombs dropped through complete overcast. Clearing weather over Saumur RR junction permits 52 Lancasters and 4 Mosquitoes, in night strike, to achieve good concentration with 276 tons of bombs.
- 2 France: Gun positions and other military installations in Pas de Calais area attacked by 521 B-17s and 284 B-24s with fighter escort; 2,436½ tons of bombs released, but poor weather obscures results. Although hampered by ground haze, 163 escorted B-17s attack RR targets in Paris area; 462 tons of bombs dropped with poor to very good results. Sixty-two B-17s and 74 B-24s with fighter escort concentrate on airfields with 379 tons of bombs; targets include Creil, Villeneuve, Conches, Bretigny, Caen/Carpiquet, and Beaumont-sur-Oise; results again described as poor to good. Bretigny, Caen/Carpiquet, and Beaumont-sur-Oise; results again described as poor to good. In night attacks, 101 Lancasters and 3 Mosquitoes drop 596 tons of bombs on wireless telegraph station near Dieppe; 88 Halifaxes, 18 Lancasters, and 1 Mosquito release 523 tons on Trappes RR center; 101 Halifaxes, 99 Lancasters, and 15 Mosquitoes attack RR and coastal batteries in Boulogne area with 1,051½ tons of bombs. Intense fighter opposition met by RAF planes returning from Trappes, and 16 heavy bombers are missing from this mission. Radar installations along N coast of France hit by 207 Typhoons and 46 Spitfires with 777 RPs and about 40 tons of bombs.
- 3 France-Belgium: Despite continuing bad weather, 534 escorted B-17s and B-24s attack Pas de Calais area, concentrating on coastal batteries with 1,580 tons of bombs; results generally obscured by cloud. Similar targets along invasion coast also hit by 121 escorted B-26s with 221.4 tons of bombs. At night 8 B-25s raid defenses in Le Havre area. Force of 105 escorted A-20s releases 124 tons of bombs on Chartres airdrome, while 53 P-47s drop 35 tons on Domfront airfield; results reported fair at former and good at latter. Sixty-four B-26s and 150 P-47s attack bridges in Le Havre-Rouen-Paris area; B-26s with 114 tons of bombs and P-47s

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with 75 damage bridges at Rouen, Courcelles, and Conflans. Rail and road targets in vicinity of Tergnier, Crecy, Compiègne, Soissons, Chantilly, and Hirson effectively dive-bombed and strafed by 278 U.S. fighters. About 250 RAF fighters, some equipped with bombs, attack similar targets in N France and Belgium. Forty-six P-51s bomb fuel supplies at Amiens, Laval, and St. Briec/Rennes, while 14 Mosquitoes raid airfields in NW France. Typhoons, in about 200 sorties, hit radar installations along invasion coast with 953 RPs and 18 tons of bombs. In night attack, 96 Lancasters and 3 Mosquitoes accurately drop 372 tons of bombs on Ferme Durville wireless station near Cherbourg. Coastal batteries at Calais and RR battery at Wimereux also hit at night; 747 tons released on the 2 targets by total of 126 Lancasters and 7 Mosquitoes.

4 France: Military installations in Pas de Calais area attacked by 509 heavy bombers (B-17s and B-24s) and 245 B-26s and A-20s, all with fighter escort; 1,877 tons of bombs dropped with results varying from poor to good. During night, 124 Lancasters, 105 Halifaxes, and 8 Mosquitoes concentrate on RR and coastal batteries in Calais, Boulogne, and Cherbourg areas with 988 tons of bombs, while 71 Spitfires release 18 tons on radar installations in N France. With 985 tons of bombs, 394 escorted B-17s and B-24s attack airfields at Bourges, Avord, Romorantin, and Bretigny, RR targets in Massy-Versailles area, and bridges at Villeneuve, St. George, and Melun; in addition, 67 B-26s knock out 3 spans of Courcelles RR bridge with 130 tons; 92 P-47s drop 42 tons on bridges at Conflans and Rouen; 20 P-51s hit Vierzon RR junction with 10 tons.

Germany: Eighteen Mosquitoes, in night raid on Cologne, accurately drop 32 tons of bombs.

5 France-Belgium: Coastal defenses and military installations in Pas de Calais area and along Cherbourg Peninsula attacked by 626 U.S. heavy bombers and 103 B-26s, all with fighter escort; fair to good results achieved with 2,096 tons of bombs. P-47s, in 167 sorties, dive-bomb rail targets in Mons, Nivelles, and Poissy areas, bridges at Conflans and St. Germain, control station at Rennes, and coastal batteries at Calais and Wissant. Two other bridges in NW France

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bombed by 15 B-25s. Systematic destruction of radar installations along invasion coast continued during the day by 174 Typhoons with 604 RPs and 45 tons of bombs; at night 210 more Typhoons operate against enemy Hq, defenses, radar installations, and bridges, expending 955 RPs and 41 tons of bombs. Preparatory to Allied invasion of France, RAF bombers pound ten coastal batteries in Cherbourg-Caen areas between 2330 and 0500: 1,053 Lancasters, Halifaxes, and Mosquitoes unload 5,855 tons of bombs through overcast. Diversionary flights made by 92 RAF bombers.

Germany: Thirty-one Mosquitoes attack Osnabrueck at night, dropping about 50 tons of bombs through cloud.

English Channel: USS Osprey (AM) mined and sunk.

- 6 France: Allied forces invade Festung Europa, landing on Norman coast of France at 0630. After 40-min. naval bombardment, U.S. troops hit beaches E and W of Vire Estuary; British and Canadian troops land from Port-en-Bessin eastward to mouth of Orne R. Heavy warships bombard area beyond troops, fire support craft concentrate on beach defenses, and DDs center fire on strongpoints.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps (Utah Beach) Eighth and 22d Regts of 4th Div land W of Vire Estuary; terrain along shore is low and majority of German gun positions are destroyed or neutralized by naval gunfire; casualties are light.

Prior to sea-borne landings, approximately 800 Allied aircraft drop troops of 82d and 101st Airborne Divs: 82d lands near Ste. Mere Eglise which is captured by 0430 and held against several enemy counterattacks, while other elements of Div attempt to force troops of German 91st Inf Div W of Merderet R. and to seize bridges across the river; 101st lands near beach, in area generally NE of Carentan, seizes St. Martin de Varreville and Pouppeville, and advances inland to take Ste. Marie du Mont.

Eighth Regt (4th Div) moves inland, relieves 101st in Ste. Marie, and turns NW to reduce fortified positions along coast; 1st and 2d Bns

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cross beach and inundated area, driving NW toward Azeville and Crisbecq; by night Foucarville area, about 2 mi. inland, reached. First waves of 12th Regt land at 1130, move inland about 6 mi., reaching Beuzeville-au-Plain where an enemy strongpoint is encountered.

V Corps (Omaha Beach) Entire landing zone covered by MG, rifle, and light arty fire from echeloned strongpoints which are not knocked out by bombardment. Opposition comes from 352d Inf Div whose 3 regts are disposed immediately behind V Corps landing area with 726th Regt (716th Div) and 30th Schnelle Brig in support.

N of Vierville-sur-Mer, 116th Regt (29th Div) lands, suffering heavy casualties as it crosses beach under withering fire; with several cos of 5th Ranger Bn, units of 116th clear beaches through one of the planned exits but in some cases are forced to work their way up bluffs to reach Vierville-St. Laurent road; 1st Bn occupies part of Vierville while 2d Bn secures W outskirts of St. Laurent by nightfall. Several cos of Rangers pass through 116th, driving toward Pointe du Hoc where 3 cos of 2d Bn have landed to destroy enemy battery. N of Colleville-sur-Mer, units of 16th Regt (1st Div) touch down at 0630, suffering many casualties because of high seas, underwater obstacles, and intense fire from concrete fortifications, MG emplacements, and snipers; positions near Colleville cleared and Regt pushes slowly inland against stubborn resistance.

Between 0830 and 1045, 115th (29th Div) and 18th (1st Div) Regts land on crowded beaches still raked with enemy fire in Colleville area; former occupies major portion of St. Laurent by night and latter cuts Colleville - Vierville road. In afternoon 26th Regt (1st Div) lands and takes up defensive positions in St. Laurent area.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps (Gold Beach) Fiftieth Div lands at Le Hamel, NE of Bayeux, and N of Mont Fleury, a little farther E; opposition less than expected

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and beach obstacles quickly overcome except N of Mont Fleury. Sixty-ninth Brig reaches a line SW of Fleury to Mervaines; 231st Brig contains enemy in Le Hamel and pushes SW to Buhot area, reaching, by late afternoon, a line roughly from Arromanches to Ryes; 56th Brig passes through L of 231st and approaches Bayeux on a line generally NE of the city, from Vaux-sur-Aure area to St. Sulpice; farther E, 151st Brig reaches area from Sommervieu (E of Bayeux) to Vaux-sur-Seulles (about 4 mi. SE of Bayeux).

I Corps (Juno Beach) Seventh and 8th Brigs of 3d Cdn Div land N of Courseulles-sur-Mer, at Bernieres-sur-Mer, and at St. Aubin-sur-Mer; beaches are cleared rapidly, despite arty and mortar fire, and troops move swiftly inland; very much exposed to enemy fire because extensive mine fields force them to travel mostly on roads. Seventh captures and clears Courseulles, drives quickly S to Reviere, and then advances S and SW to Fontaine-Henry and Le Fresne-Camilly, villages about 5 and 6 mi. inland, respectively. Eighth Brig seizes Bernieres and St. Aubin and presses S for 5 mi., securing high ground S of Anguerny.

(Sword Beach) British 3d Div lands W of Ouistreham (W of Orne R. mouth) and captures large coastal battery; to the NW, 41st Commandos capture Lion-sur-Mer; 8th Brig presses SW toward Caen and gains about 3½ mi., reaching Bieville-Benouville area. E of Orne R. units of British 6th Airborne Div land in Amfreville - Ranville area; some bns dropped between Canal de Caen and Orne R. and these quickly secure the bridges, which are intact, and establish a bridgehead in Benouville area, on W bank of canal, despite strong German attacks (probably units of 716th Inf Div) from W and NW. Coastal battery near Merville captured by para bn dropped there. SS Brig lands and advances E and SE of Franceville-Plage.

In 4 attacks starting at daylight and ending during afternoon, 1,622 B-17s and B-24s support invasion forces by bombing military installations and communications along

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Normandy coast; pathfinder technique used for releasing 4,842 tons of bombs through heavy clouds. Four hundred P-47s and P-51s strike tactical targets and destroy 30 enemy planes, 26 of them on the ground; little air opposition met and most of the 26 U.S. fighter losses are due to AA fire. In morning, afternoon, and evening attacks, 823 B-26s and A-20s drop 1,441 tons of bombs on invasion beaches, coastal batteries, marshalling yards, and Caen highway bridges, while 560 P-38s and P-47s drop 386 tons of bombs on RR installations, MT convoys, bridges, and gun positions. Over 2,000 RAF fighters and light and medium bombers attack targets in battle area throughout day and night, bombing and strafing communication and supply lines, and enemy troops and positions. During night, 1,039 Halifaxes, Lancasters, and Mosquitoes pound communications in and near assault area with 3,951 tons of bombs; targets include Coutances, Vire, Lisieux, Acheres, Caen, Argentan, St. Lo, Conde sur Noireau, and Chateaudun.

USS Corry (DD) and Norwegian DD, Svenner, sunk off beaches by gunfire or mines.

SS Sambut (British cargo ship, 7,219 tons) sunk, by shore batteries, off invasion beaches.

Germany:

In night attack on Ludwigshafen, 32 Mosquitoes drop 45 tons of bombs through 10/10 cloud.

7 France:

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Eighty-second Airborne Div continues struggle to force enemy W of Merderet R. and seize Chef du Pont where 325th Glider Inf is dropped during morning; 101st drives toward Carentan from the NE, approaching main Carentan - Cherbourg highway with southward push through Angoville-au-Plain to St. Come-du-Mont where enemy strongpoint checks further progress. Meanwhile, 12th and 22d Regts of 4th Div are advancing in general direction of Montebourg, clearing beach strongpoints on extreme R flank to Ravenoville; strong enemy defenses around Azeville halt advance. Eighth Regt makes only slight gains against stubborn opposition S of Ste. Mere Eglise.

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V Corps At Pointe du Hoc, 3 cos of 2d Ranger Bn repulse constant enemy counterattacks; other units of Bn unsuccessfully attempt to fight through to cos which are cut off; several cos of 5th Bn are fighting in same direction and reach St. Pierre du Mont area; 1st Bn of 116th, 29th Div, advancing in same direction. Remainder of 116th moves W of Vierville while 115th captures St. Lauren-sur-Mer and turns W toward Louvieres. At 1230, 175th Regt of 29th Div lands in Vierville - St. Laurent area and moves W, cleaning out enemy's secondary beach defenses. First Div advances swiftly inland: 26th Regt drives S, crosses Aure R., and moves SE toward Mosles - Tour-en-Bessin sector; 18th Regt crosses Carentan - Isigny - Bayeux highway and reaches Engranville area, overlooking the Aure N of Trevieres. In late afternoon, 2d Inf Div begins landing.

USS Susan B. Anthony (AP) and USS Tide (AM) mined and sank off invasion beaches.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps N of Bayeux 231st Brig captures Longues; 56th sweeps S and seizes Bayeux; to the NW, 47th Commandos are just S of Port-en-Bessin; 151st Regt is E of Bayeux; 69th Brig reaches St. Leger feature on road between Bayeux and Caen, with forward elements S of road. Eighth Armd Brig is in Bazenville area, E of Sommervieu.

I Corps Seventh Cdn Brig crosses Bayeux-Caen highway and advances S to Norrey-en-Bessin; 8th Brig also advances S but encounters strong opposition from units of 716th Inf and 21st Pz Divs about 4 mi. NW of Caen; latter counterattacks in late afternoon and penetrates N almost to Douvres. NE of Caen, British 3d Div encounters strong resistance but 185th Brig, supported by 27th Armd Brig attacks SW from Bierville and reaches woods near Herouville, an advance generally parallel to Caen Canal. E of the Orne, German 711th Inf Div, with 857th GR of 346th Div attached, attacks 6th Airborne and forces their withdrawal from Ste. Honorine - Escoville area to a line from the river E to Herouvillette.

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Marshalling yards and RR targets S and SE of beach-head, at Flers, Argentan, Alencon, Lisieux, Falaise, and Conde sur Noireau, hit with 1,101 tons of bombs by 382 B-17s and B-24s; 478 others drop 1,319 tons on coastal defenses and communication targets, while 622 B-26s and A-20s attack RR junctions at Rennes and Balleroy and defenses and communications in battle area with 1,051 tons. During night 521 Halifaxes, Lancasters, and Mosquitoes pound German troop concentrations and transport in Cerisy Forest area and targets at Versailles, Acheres, Massy, and Juvisy, dropping 2,103 tons of bombs.

Bridges, gun positions, rolling stock, motor transport, troops and communication targets in battle areas and RR yards (including Montdidier, Gournay, Poix, and in Pas de Calais area) dive-bombed and strafed by total of 1,574 P-38s, P-47s, and P-51s which release 779 tons of bombs. Same general targets bombed during day and night by about 2,200 RAF fighters and medium bombers.

Antheor viaduct and Var R. bridge in S France hit with 280 tons of bombs dropped by 105 B-24s from Mediterranean bases; both targets believed damaged.

Germany:

Thirty-one Mosquitoes make night attack on Cologne, dropping 55 tons.

8 France:

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Elements of 505th, 507th, and 508th Para Regts, 82d Div, force enemy W of Merderet R. and capture Chef du Pont, establishing bridgehead on opposite bank; fierce fighting causes heavy casualties on both sides. Houesville and Ste. Come du Mont, overlooking Carentan flats, cleared by 101st Div after severe street fighting throughout day; other units of Div, which had been holding out in flooded areas E of Carentan, contacted. On R flank of Corps, 4th Div continues toward Montebourg: 12th Regt, aided by strong naval bombardment against enemy's Emondeville positions, reaches outskirts of Emondeville, advancing so quickly that its R and L flanks are very exposed; on R 22d Regt is unsuccessfully attempting to reduce enemy strong-points at Azeville and Crisbecq. In St. Martin de Varreville area, 357th and 358th Regts of 90th Div land and move inland.

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V Corps Twenty-ninth Div drives W and SW; Ranger troops and 116th Regt capture Pointe du Hoe and then advance along coast to Grandcamp les Bains; Rangers capture latter and 116th moves SW, capturing Maisy and continuing toward Gefosse-Fontenay which enemy protects with heavy arty barrage on road N of it; 175th Regt advances SW from beach toward Isigny and reduces Axis strongpoints at Cambe and Cardonville, assisted by gunfire from a cruiser and against MG and mortar fire; 115th captures Longueville, on Isigny - Bayeux road. First Div established positions N and E of Trevieres.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps On R flank of sector, Port-en-Bessin falls to 47th Commandos; coast in Corps area now completely clear of enemy pockets. S of Port-en-Bessin 231st Brig pushes to Escures where strong resistance is encountered but contact established with U.S. 1st Div; 151st makes gains S of Bayeux. SE of Bayeux, 12th SS Pz Div counterattacks on Tilly-sur-Seulles - Creully axis, forcing some withdrawal by 69th Brig.

I Corps Third Cdn Div engages 12th SS Pz Div troops W and NW of Caen in bitter fighting; 4th SS captures isolated enemy strongpoint at La Delivrande, near the coast. British 3d Div delayed N of Caen by heavy fighting in Cambes - Bieville area. E of the Orne, troops of 711th, 346th, and 21st Divs pursue counterattack against British 6th Div N of Caen-Troarn road, forcing the paratroopers back to positions covering the river and canal bridges. Bridge approaches also threatened by enemy attacks from NE.

Total of 262 B-26s and A-20s provide close support for ground troops, dropping 442 tons of bombs on tactical targets in battle zone; 735 B-17s and B-24s unload 2,013 tons on communications, bridges, and RR targets around Tours, Orleans, Rennes, and Nantes and on airdromes at Rennes and Laval while 129 B-26s hit RR yards and bridges near invasion area with 244½ tons and destroy 2 bridges over Seine R.

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Pounding of RR targets continues through the night as 492 Lancasters, Halifaxes, and Mosquitoes strike Fougères, Alençon, Mayennes, Rennes, Pontabault, and Saumur with 1,851 tons. Approximately 1,335 fighters and fighter bombers of 8th and 9th Air Forces bomb and strafe enemy communications and supply lines in Caen - Vire area and in Cotentin Peninsula, with particular concentration on MT in St. Lo - Vire sector; 595 tons of bombs dropped with generally good results; at least 120 freight cars, 200 trucks, and 60 enemy planes destroyed. Second TAF makes 1,797 sorties against tactical targets in battle areas. About 80 German long-range bombers make scattered night attacks against Allies' Normandy positions and shipping in the Channel.

English Channel:

Eight Allied DDs intercept 4 enemy DDs N of Brittany; after running fight, 1 German DD sunk and 1 driven ashore in flames. U.S. DDs intercept enemy naval force between St. Marcouf Is. and Cherbourg Peninsula and drive them away.

USS Glennon (DD), USS Meredith (DD), and USS Rich (DE) mined and sunk in invasion waters.

9 France:

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Eighty-second Div crosses Merderet R. at La Fiere and consolidates bridgehead. In 4th Div sector, attack against enemy defenses in Montebourg area spearheaded by 12th Regt which fights toward high ground N of Montebourg - St. Floxel road; to the right rear, 22d Regt seizes Azeville and continues N; on L, 8th Regt attacks NW but strong opposition from well equipped troops of 709th Inf Div prevents major gains.

V Corps In morning Isigny falls to 175th Regt and 747th Tank Bn which continue S along R bank of Vire R. for about 5 mi., capturing Lison in evening; to the N, 116th Regt clears Gefosse-Fontenay; farther E 115th crosses Aure R. and inundated area and moves about 2 1/4 mi. S of Colombieres; 1st Bn, covering L rear of Regt, is

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constantly counterattacked from Trevieres area. Second Inf Div by-passes Trevieres and reaches Rubercy, about 2 mi. to the S. Two regts of 1st Div attack toward points on Drome R. in area NE of Balleroy; 26th Regt makes considerable gains and reaches Agy and La Communie.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps: Fifty-sixth Brig advances W and SW of Bayeux toward Caumont area; S of Bayeux 8th Armd Brig moves S and reaches area just NE of Tilly-sur-Seulles.

I Corps: Third Cdn Div, particularly 9th Brig, withstands heavy armd counterattacks in Buron sector NW of Caen; British 3d Div engages enemy troops in Cambes area. E of the Orne Germans attack Le Bas de Ranville and Longueval but are repulsed.

Adverse weather grounds 8th and 9th AFs. During night 477 Lancasters, Halifaxes, and Mosquitoes drop 1,998 tons of bombs on airfields at Laval, Flers, and Rennes, on factory and airfield at Le Man, and on RR junction at Etampes.

Germany:

Mediterranean-based bombers strike at targets in Munich area.. Force of 366 B-17s and B-24s drops 811 tons on industrial area of the city, while 67 B-24s hit motor works and Dornier aircraft factory with 160 tons; only negligible opposition encountered.. Berlin is target for 62 tons of bombs dropped during night by 36 Mosquitoes.

English Channel:

SS Brackenfield (British cargo ship, 657 tons) sunk by surface craft.

10 France:

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps In Montebourg area, 12th Regt drives

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across Montebourg - St. Floxel road, by-passing Montebourg from which 2d Bn receives very heavy fire; 22d Regt fights toward Axis strongpoint at Ozeville, 1st Bn attacking Fontensay-sur-Mer to relieve pressure on R flank; 8th Regt, with air support, drives N through Ecausseville to high ground SW of Montebourg. Resistance in this area is strong from units of 243d, 91st, and 709th Divs which are defending stubbornly the Montebourg-Quineville line. NE of Carentan, 327th Glider Inf, 101st Div, crosses Douve R. and, after heavy mortar and arty barrage, captures Brevands, contacts 175th Regt of 29th Div, and then attacks S and W toward Carentan while 502d Regt infiltrates across bridges N of the town. In area NW of Carentan 2 regts of 90th Div advance: 357th passes through 82d Div, attacking W to secure crossings of Douve R. in area W of Ste. Colombe, with immediate objective the high ground S of Gourbesville; farther S, 358th Regt crosses Merderet R., seizes bridge over Douve R. near Beuzeville la Bastille, and attacks Etienville.

V Corps SW of Isigny, units of 29th and 2d Armd Divs secure bridgehead across Vire R. in vicinity of Auville-sur-le-Vey and then move S toward line along Vire and Elle Rivers. Second Div, in center of Corps, moves through Foret de Cerisy against only negligible opposition. Second and 5th Ranger Bns mop up coastal fortifications in Grandcamp - Osmanville - Isigny area. Eighteenth Regt (1st Div) establishes defensive positions astride Bayeux - St. Lo highway, occupying Tronquay and Castillon.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Eighth Armd Brig, supported by gunfire from 2 Br cruisers, captures Tilly-sur-Seulles although enemy units from Pz Lehr Div continue to hold out at Buceels, to the N.

I Corps N of Caen, 9th British Brig (3d Div) captures Cambes despite opposition of 716th and 21st Pz Divs. E of the Orne, Germans maintain

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attacks on Longueval and Le Bas de Ranville.

Total of 528 B-26s and A-20s provides support for ground troops, dropping 1,020 tons of bombs on tactical targets in battle area; 2,404 RAF and U.S. fighters and fighter bombers drop 1,343 tons of bombs on RRs, roads, bridges, troops, MT, and gun positions in Normandy in daylight operations. Gun positions and strongpoints in Calais area hit with 445 tons of bombs by about 210 B-17s and B-24s. Force of 379 B-24s and B-17s unloads 953 tons on airfields NW, W, and SW of Paris, at Gael, Dreux, Evreux, Vannes, Conches, Orleans, and Chateaudun.

In night operations 387 Lancasters, Halifaxes, and Mosquitoes strike RR centers at Orleans, Versailles, Acheres, and Dreux with 1,623 tons of bombs; 122 Mosquitoes hit enemy troops in battle area with 109 tons, while 93 medium and light bombers drop 108 tons on German troops around St. Sauveur le Vicomte and La Haye du Puits.

Allied troops SW of Bayeux attacked during night by 80 German planes; while approximately 30 more strike at shipping off Cherbourg Peninsula.

English Channel:

French DD, Mistrale, sunk by shore batteries.
SS Charles Morgan (U.S. cargo ship, 7,240 tons) sunk by bomb off invasion beaches. SS Ashanti (British cargo ship, 534 tons) and SS Dungrange (British cargo ship, 621 tons) sunk by surface craft.

11 France:

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps In 4th Div sector, 12th Regt reaches high ground N of Montebourg - St. Floxel road but flanks are too exposed and it withdraws to positions just S of road; on R, 22d Regt maintains pressure on Fontenay-sur-Mer. Units of 101st Div continue infiltration around Carentan. Farther E, 90th Div encounters strong opposition in attack against Etienville.

V Corps On L flank, 2d Div clears Foret de Cerisy;

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Planqu ery and Balleroy fall to 1st Div's 18th Regt, which is moving on Caumont; 26th Regt reaches La Butte, about 4 mi. E of Balleroy.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps German Pz units offer strong opposition to British in vicinity of Tilly-sur-Seulles; 8th Armd Brig forced out of the town.

I Corps W and N of Caen Canadians and units of British 51st Inf Div continue to meet strong opposition from 716th Inf and 21st and 12th SS Pz Divs and are unable to make progress. E of Orne R., 153d Brig (51st Div) captures Touffreville and Breville but 6th Div units are strongly counterattacked on Caen - Escoville road by 346th Div troops with tank support.

Force of 640 B-17s and B-24s releases 1,669 tons of bombs on airfields at Bernay St. Martin, Conches, Creil, Dinard, Beauvais, Cormeilles en Vixen, Beaumont le Roger, and Beaumont sur Oise and on RR targets on Paris - Tours - Nantes line; Aunay RR junction and bridges near Pontaubault and Nantes hit by 129 B-26s and A-20s with 248 tons. RR centers again pounded by RAF during night; 229 Lancasters, Halifaxes, and Mosquitoes drop 1,097 tons on Evreux, Tours, and Massy/Palaiseau. Approximately 1,200 fighters and fighter bombers of all Allied air forces bomb and strafe enemy troops and transportation and communication lines.

About 100 Axis long-range bombers operate over Normandy battle area during night.

12 France:

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Fourth Div attacks N with strong support from naval guns: 22d Regt reduces enemy's strongpoint at Ozeville; 12th Regt drives to area NE of Montebourg; 8th Regt enters Montebourg but is unable to hold positions and withdraws to defensive line just outside the town; opposition in this sector much stronger as German 77th Inf

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Div has reinforced 709th. Fontenay-sur-Mer occupied and enemy defenses E of there cleared by 39th Regt of 9th Div. Eighty-second Div makes gains SW of Montebourg despite opposition of 243d Inf Div. Etienville occupied by units of 90th Div which is advancing through territory N of Douve R. and E of St. Sauveur le Vicomet. Units of 101st Div, assisted by gunfire from 2 U.S. BBs, encircle Carentan and capture city; 501st and 506th Regts fan out SW and W of the city; 327th Glider Inf attacks SE toward Montmartin-en-Graignes, contacting 175th Regt (29th Div) which had crossed Vire R.; Montmartin-en-Graignes occupied and positions set up about 600 yds. S.

V Corps Elle R. line attacked by 115th and 116th Regts; opposition heavy but river crossed at dark. Troops on L flank of 2d Div advance S of Forêt de Cerisy, keeping pace with 1st Div which attacks S, reaching outskirts of Caumont by nightfall.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Fiftieth Div strongly opposed by enemy in La Belle Epine - Verrieres area W of Tilly; on R flank 7th Armd Div thrusts W and S in attempt to swing around enemy strongpoint at Hottot and reach Villers-Bocage. NE of Tilly 69th Brig is checked by enemy in vicinity of Cristot.

Enemy transport, communications, and troops in battle area attacked throughout day by total of 1,736 fighters and fighter bombers which drop approximately 950 tons of bombs; during night over 200 fighters and light and medium bombers continue the pounding.

Seventeen airdromes in Lille - Cambrai and Conches - Dreux - Beauvais areas hit with 1,992 tons of bombs by 1,024 B-17s and B-24s; 86 others drop 242 tons on targets of opportunity. Force of 164 B-17s and B-24s drops 530 tons on RR bridges at base of Brittany Peninsula. Road and RR bridges, marshalling yards, road junctions, coastal batteries, and troops in Normandy and Brittany hit by 512 B-26s and A-20s with 936 tons of bombs. During night 116 Lancasters and Mosquitoes strike at Hottot RR station with 523 tons,

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while 412 drop 1,491 tons on RR installations in Amiens - Cambrai area NE of Paris. Eighty Mosquitoes and Lancasters drop 438 tons on Caen bridge. Beachhead area is target for about 175 German long-range bombers during night.

Germany:

Synthetic oil plant at Gelsenkirchen believed damaged by 276 Lancasters and Mosquitoes which unload 1,584 tons of bombs in night attack. Twenty-seven Mosquitoes hit Cologne with 43 tons.

England:

During night pilotless aircraft dispatched against England for 1st time.

13 France:

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VII Corps In 4th Div sector, 22d Regt moves N in coastal area toward positions in vicinity of Quineville, while, on R flank, 39th Regt continues to mop up enemy defenses. Ninetieth Div fights on in area between Douve and Merderet Rivers and mops up Etienville. Night of 12/13 and in early morning 508th Regt (82d Div) crosses Douve R. near Beuzeville and drives S through Baupre - Cretteville area. W and SW of Carentan 501st and 506th Regts in conjunction with Combat Command A of 2d Armd Div move along main roads, encountering strong resistance from German hedgerow defenses; 17th SS Pz. Div makes strong but unsuccessful counter-attack; 101st troops then set up defensive positions, almost surrounded by marshes, which they hold for remainder of month. SE of Carentan, 327th Glider Inf is forced out of Montmartin and withdraws N of E-W RR from Carentan to point just S of St. Pellerin.

V Corps Two regts of 29th Div press toward St. Lo,

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capturing St. Clair sur l'Elle. First Div thrusts salient between R flank of 352d Inf and L flank of Pz Lehr Divs: 26th Regt secures Caumont and 18th Regt establishes defensive positions along St. Lo road.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Villers-Bocage occupied by 7th Armd Div which is unable to advance S of the town because of strong opposition by 2d Pz Div, just arrived in the battle area; by evening, Germans recapture town and 7th Armd withdraws to high ground W. Fiftieth Div engages in lively fighting W of Tilly and withdraws slightly to an arc from Le Belle Epine N and E to Bernieres-Bocage and le Haut d'Audrieu.

I Corps Fluctuating fighting continues NW and N of Caen where 3d Cdn Div unsuccessfully attempts to drive S; 51st Div also meets strong resistance NE of Caen where Div is established along both sides of Orne R. British cruiser shells enemy troop concentrations in support of ground forces. Farther E, British BB bombards batteries near Le Havre.

HMS Boadicea (DD) sunk by 2 Ju-88 torpedo hits.

Bombing and strafing missions carried out by 733 fighters and fighter bombers of 8th and 9th AFs; 360 tons dropped on enemy troops, communications, and transport; 2d TAF makes 920 sorties against similar targets.

Airfields in vicinity of Paris and behind battle line attacked by 234 B-17s and B-24s with 567 tons; bridges and RR yards at base of Brest Peninsula hit with 225 tons by 102 B-24s. Road and RR communications, airdromes, and fuel dumps near battle zone and in NW France pounded by 397 B-26s and A-20s with 653 tons.

Germany:

Mediterranean-based bombers attack targets in Munich area: 193 B-17s and B-24s drop 463 tons on airfield at Oberphaffenhofen; 88 B-24s hit Milbertshofen ordnance works with 176 tons, while 55 more unload 24 tons on Allach motor works; 213 B-24s drop 454 tons on RR yards and not

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works at Munich. Munich RR station damaged in night attack by 63 Wellingtons, Halifaxes, and Liberators which drop 106 tons.

Austria:

Innsbruck marshalling yards are target for 24 B-24s with 56 tons.

14 France:

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VII Corps On coast of Cotentin Peninsula 22d and 39th Regts attack N; former gains high ground W of Quineville, after it changes hands several times, while latter secures the town. In center of peninsula 90th Div appears unable to make substantial headway in Gourbesville area; elements of 82d Div pass through and, against fierce hedgerow defense by 77th Inf Div, drive W from Etienville toward St. Sauveur le Vicomte. Farther N, 60th Regt (9th Div) attacks toward Orglandes at 0500 and by midnight is in positions bordering highway to town.

XIX Corps Corps becomes operational at noon. Twenty-ninth Div makes slight gains to S, capturing Couvains.

I Corps Second Div makes some progress in area S of Foret de Cerisy, attacking L flank of 3d Parachute Div on both sides of St. George d'Elle in direction of St. Lo.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Seventh Armd Div secures enemy strong-points W of Villers-Bocage and E of Caumont, at Amaye-sur-Seulles, Bricquessard, and La Paumerie; in evening 2 serious enemy counterattacks repulsed. Fiftieth Div, with 231st Brig on R, 151st in center, and 56th on L, attacks southward to clear Germans from area W and SW of Tilly-sur-Seulles; opposition

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is strong from units of 1st SS Armd and 47th Armd Corps and progress tedious; Verrieres finally cleared but a fluctuating tank battle continues N of Lingevres where enemy armd forces make strong counterattack in afternoon; 56th Brig reaches area about 1 mi. N of Tilly.

I Corps German inf and tank troops maintain stubborn defense N of Caen and violently oppose efforts of 6th Airborne Div and 51st Div units to extend bridgehead toward Dives R.; Escoville cleared of enemy. Allied ships bombard targets E of Orne bridgehead.

RAF heavy bombers dispatched in daylight for 1st time; 344 Lancasters and Mosquitoes heavily damage Le Havre port area with 1,953 tons of bombs. Total of 617 B-26s and A-20s concentrates on viaducts, road and RR junctions, bridges, and RR yards S of battle area and N of Loire R., dropping 1,047 tons of bombs; during night 323 Lancasters, Halifaxes, and Mosquitoes strike at enemy MT and troop concentrations S of Caen, dropping 1,759 tons on Evrecy and Aunay-sur-Odon; 317 others hit RR targets NE of Paris, releasing 1,193 tons on Douai, Cambrai, and St. Pol. Enemy troops, transport, and communications constantly harassed with dive-bombing and strafing attacks; 609 tons dropped by 1,100 fighters and fighter bombers. RAF Typhoons, Mustangs, and Spitfires also maintain pressure on battle area with total of 1,524 sorties.

Eighth Bomber Command concentrates on airfields in N. France and Low Countries: 1,147 B-17s and B-24s drop 2,836 tons on fields around Paris, as far S as Orlean, E of Pas de Calais, on Brussels, Coxyde, and Florennes in Belgium, and on Eindhoven in Holland. Robot bomb sites near Beauvoir hit by 101 B-24s with 228 tons. About 180 enemy bombers operate over Normandy during night.

Germany:

Force of 61 B-24s drops 157 tons of bombs on Emmerich oil refinery with good results. Thirty-five Mosquitoes make night attack on Gelsenkirchen with 55 tons.

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15 France:

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VII Corps Pushing toward St. Sauveur le Vicomte, 82d Div drives enemy across Douve R. W of Etienville during night. To the N, between Merderet and Douve Rivers, 357th Regt seizes Gourbesville while 359th drives toward bridge N of Orglandes. Ninth Div's 60th Regt fights toward Orglandes; 1st Bn makes gains but is counterattacked by elements of 1050th and 922d Inf Regts and forced back to Orglandes - Bonneville road. High ground W of Orglandes secured by 47th Regt. Units of 2d Armd Div probe German strength along axis of Carentan - Periers road.

VIII Corps Becomes operational at noon.

XIX Corps On R flank 120th Regt of 30th Inf Div, after naval and air bombardment, attacks S to recover ground N of Canal Vire et Taute; against determined enemy resistance, Montmartin-en-Graignes occupied. Along R bank of Vire R. 119th Regt (30th Div) occupies line from Airel to point just N of La Meauffe. NE of St. Lo, troops of 29th Div reach St. Andre de l'Epine.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Fiftieth Div probes enemy strength W and NW of Tilly; Lingevres is captured by armd units against only light opposition. Forty-ninth Div enters battle zone NE of Tilly and finds enemy strongly entrenched at Cristot.

British EBs bombard targets near Le Havre. Six Allied cruisers bombard targets on E flank of battle zone.

Total of 541 B-26s and A-20s drops 946 tons of bombs on tactical targets near battle zone, hitting bridges at Chartres, St. Lo, Argentan, Conde sur Noireau, and Lessay, fuel dumps at Domfront and Foret de Ecouvres, tank concentrations near Valognes and Aunay, and R^{ail} yards at Laval; 815

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supporting fighters drop 427 tons on enemy troops, transport, and communications in battle area and S to Loire R. In addition, 748 fighters and fighter bombers of RAF and 8th AF make sorties against Normandy targets.

Loire R. bridges between Nantes and Tours hit with 1,210 tons of bombs by 456 B-17s and B-24s; bridges N and S of Paris, at Etaples, Peronne, and Villeneuve hit with 60 tons by 41 bombers. Force of 246 B-17s and B-24s drops 582 tons on airfields near battle area and in vicinity of Paris, while 144 others hit field at Bordeaux with 306 tons. Angouleme explosive works are target for 70 others with 182 tons of bombs; 115 more hit robot bomb sites near Beauvoir and targets of opportunity with about 300 tons. During night 273 Lancasters, Halifaxes, and Mosquitoes make damaging attack on port area of Boulogne, dropping 1,438 tons of bombs. RR centers at Valenciennes and Lens get 889 tons of bombs from 217 Lancasters, Mosquitoes, and Stirlings while 224 bombers unload 845 tons on fuel depots near Rennes and at Chatellerault.

Five airdromes in S France (Orange Caritat, Orange Plan de Dieux, La Jasse, Avignon Chateau Blanc, Avignon Pujaut) strafed by 77 Mediterranean-based P-38s and P-51s with strong escort.

Germany:

Hannover/Misburg oil refinery hit with 374 tons of bombs by 172 B-17s. Twenty-eight Mosquitoes drop 50 tons on Gelsenkirchen oil plant during night.

16 France:

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VII Corps Corps troops continue westward drive to cut Cherbourg Peninsula: 505th and 508th Regts of 82d Div cross Douve R. S of St. Sauveur le Vicomte, seize the town, and drive enemy troops N, W, and S; 60th Regt of 9th Div reaches the Douve at St. Colombe and, finding bridge intact, crosses and establishes bridgehead while 47th Regt reaches positions along St. Sauveur - Valognes road; 39th Regt covers Div's R flank and seizes Orglandes.

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despite severe opposition from German 77th Div units.

XIX Corps La Raye, just N of Canal Vire et Taute, occupied by 120th Regt; 1 bn then works S from RR and clears out enemy positions in vicinity of Deville; Regt occupies line following Taute R. and the Canal by nightfall. Twenty-ninth Div after heavy arty barrage attacks S toward St. Lo with 175th Regt leading; road cut E of La Meauffe and troops advance S to Les Buteaux, while 116th pushes S of Couvains and occupies La Blotrie woods; 115th cleans out enemy pockets SW of St. Clair sur l'Elle.

V Corps Second Div makes gains S of St. Georges d'Elle.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps SW of Tilly-sur-Seulles 50th Div attacks toward Hottot; NE of Tilly 49th Div seizes Cristot and Broney and drives about 1 mi. S of latter.

I Corps Third Cdn Div troops find Le Mesnil-Patry evacuated and occupy it. British BB shells enemy armd troops N of Caen. In early morning 21st Pz Div attacks 153d Brig (51st Div) and units of 6th Airborne Div in bridgehead E of the Orne; Herouvillette recaptured and good progress made near Escoville but 153d troops manage to hold town and stop enemy about noon.

SS Albert (British cargo ship, 793 tons) mined and sunk off the beaches.

Airfields N and NE of Paris and robot bomb sites in Pas de Calais area heavily hit: 313 B-17s and B-24s drop 886 tons in daylight attacks; 385 Lancasters, Halifaxes, and Mosquitoes drop 1,427 tons during night on bomb sites in Calais and Abbeville-Amiens areas. Total of approximately 700 fighters and fighter bombers bombs and strafes enemy troops, transport, and communications in battle areas, dropping 312 tons; good results on fuel and ammunition dumps near Caen and bridges in Cherbourg Peninsula.

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Germany:

In night attack, 300 Lancasters, Halifaxes, and Mosquitoes drop 1,249 tons of bombs on synthetic oil plant near Duisburg. Twenty-six Mosquitoes hit Berlin.

Austria:

Oil refineries in Vienna area bombed by 433 B-17s and B-24s which drop 816 tons of bombs; results generally believed good.

17 France:

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VII Corps Forty-seventh Regt passes through bridgehead established by 82d Div at St. Sauveur and drives swiftly westward toward the sea, severing Barneville - La Haye du Puits road, capturing St. Lo d'Ourville, and cutting Cherbourg Peninsula at 2200; 60th Regt advances W astride St. Colombe - St. Jacques de Nehou - Barneville road, flanking opposition encountered at Blandamour.

XIX Corps In 30th Div sector, 120th Regt unsuccessfully tries to cross Canal Vire et Taute to gain high ground to the S; 119th Regt engages enemy in Cavigny - La Meauffe area. German 353d Inf Div enters battle line, opposes 29th Div's southward drive, and forces a withdrawal to line from La Meauffe to Villiers-Fossard area to St. Andre.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps German armd units attack 7th Armd Div around Bricquessard, forcing it to withdraw about 1 mi. to line along Livry - St. Germain d'Ectot road where strong positions halt enemy; some ground regained by night. With violent fighting 151st Brig (50th Div) attacks Tilly-sur-Seulles and digs in W, NW, and N of town.

I Corps Forty-first Commandos capture radar station

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at Douvres, reducing last enemy strongpoint in rear of battle line.

Airfields in N France and in Loire area and Noyen RR bridge hit with 1,292 tons of bombs by 504 B-17s and B-24s. Total of 276 B-26s and A-20s drops 498 tons of bombs on fuel dumps, supply depots, RR facilities, and port installations near battle area. RAF night bombers concentrate on robot bomb sites in Pas de Calais area; 201 Lancasters, Halifaxes, and Mosquitoes drop 706 tons through solid overcast.

Bridges along the Seine R., RR installations, enemy troops, and transport dive-bombed and strafed by 1,002 fighters and fighter bombers of 8th and 9th AFs with 347 tons of bombs; British planes make 409 sorties against tactical targets in battle zone.

Germany:

Twenty-seven Mosquitoes hit Berlin with 42 tons of bombs during night.

Norway:

Soviet aircraft bomb Kirkenes during night; Moscow announces that 10 fires are started and a tanker and 3 coastal vessels are destroyed.

18 France:

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VII Corps Forty-seventh Regt reaches area of Neuville-en-Beaumont and Portbail and is relieved by 357th Regt (90th Div) which takes up positions N of Portbail - St. Sauveur highway; farther N, 60th Regt reaches coast at Barneville, which is occupied, and seizes Carteret; throughout day 60th Regt, with support of divisional arty, frustrates all attempts of 77th Inf Div to escape S; Axis troops finally retreat N, bombed and strafed by Allied planes. S of Douve R. units of 82d Div (325th Glider Inf and 508th Regt) advance SW toward Bois de Limors; 507th Regt pushes W from Cretteville area.

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XIX Corps On R flank ^{Company B,} 119th Regt (30th Div) occupies La Meauffe after stiff fighting but withdraws to conform to withdrawal of 175th Regt on its L flank; 175th is strongly counterattacked and makes minor withdrawals but holds on to salient which is within 3 mi. of St. Lo.

SS Albert C. Field (Canadian cargo ship, 1,764 tons) torp. and sunk in the Channel.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Enemy troops recapture Bricquessard, then advance to line from outskirts of St. Germain to Livry; 7th Armd Div unsuccessfully attempts to retake Bricquessard. W of Tilly 50th Div's 69th Brig reaches outskirts of Longraye while 151st Brig secures N section of Tilly; E of Tilly 49th Div holds St. Pierre and nearby wood despite furious counterattack by German armd units.

I Corps NW of Caen 3d Cdn Div fights to gain control of enemy strongpoints at Gruchy and Buron. E of the Orne, 346th Inf Div with support of 21st Pz Div maintains pressure on British troops but is unable to make substantial progress; Allies supported by fire from Allied ships; British BB silences enemy battery at Houlgate, E of the Orne.

Bad weather hampers air operations. Rennes RR yards hit with 97 tons of bombs by 75 B-26s; 155 B-26s and A-20s drop 310 tons on military installations in Calais area; 58 B-24s drop 220 tons on similar targets. Transportation, radar stations, gun emplacements, and bridges in battle zone and Paris - Nantes - Cherbourg area attacked by 1,153 P-38s, P-47s, and P-51s with 245 tons of bombs; RAF fighters and fighter bombers make 573 sorties against enemy troops and transport in Normandy. Allied positions attacked during night by about 180 German bombers.

Germany:

Oil refineries at Hamburg and Lissburg hit with 581 tons of bombs by 234 B-17s; 489 B-17s and B-24s deliver smashing blow at Hamburg with 1,233 tons. Dock areas and industrial targets at Bremerhaven, Wesermunde, Nordenham, Hannover, Bremen, and Brunsbuttel get 958 tons from 371 B-17s

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and B-24s. An additional 66 B-24s drop 165 tons on airfields at Stade, Husum, and Helgoland.

- 19 France: Violent storm hampers operations throughout assault area; air attacks and supply build-up seriously handicapped.

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VII Corps Corps initiates drive on Cherbourg: on R flank 4th Div captures Montebourg and high ground to the W, breaking through enemy line completely; 79th Div attacks from S of Valognes to cut Cherbourg - Valognes road: 313th Regt makes main effort on L, by-passing Valognes and reaching Bois de la Bricque to the NW; 315th Regt checked by strong opposition in Lieusaint area S of Valognes and 314th is brought into the line and immediately attacks northward. On L flank 9th Div's 47th Regt mops up area E of Barneville, around Fierville, and to the N as far as St. Germain le Gaillard while 60th Regt drives N through Les Pieux to point about 4 mi. beyond where strong prepared defensive positions - underground tunnels with tracks for heavy guns and SA positions dug into hedgerows and embankments - are encountered; 39th Regt advances N through Bricquebec without opposition and moves NW through Quettetot to area of St. Christophe du Foc and Couville. E of Portbail 357th Regt repulses enemy troops attempting to drive from S through Allied line to troops trapped in N; 90th and 82d Divs are now facing S to protect rear of VII Corps.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Furious fighting takes place in Longraye area; 231st Brig breaks through enemy defenses around Hottot and captures village, defeating several strong counterattacks by German inf and tanks. Tilly-sur-Seulles secured by 151st Brig after bitter fighting.

Adverse weather greatly limits air operations. Five airfields near Bordeaux, hit with 545 tons of bombs by 249 B-17s. Robot bomb sites in Calais area get 1,129 tons from

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516 B-17s and B-24s; same targets attacked by 26 Lancasters and Mosquitoes which drop 17 12,000-lb. bombs; 105 9th AF fighter bombers drop 44 tons on 6 sites in same area.

20 France: All operations hindered by storm; unloading ceases.

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VII Corps Enemy troops are withdrawing to prepared defenses around Cherbourg, closely pursued by Allied forces. Fourth Div speeds NW, captures Valognes, and advances generally parallel to Valognes - Cherbourg road toward Bois de Coudray and high ground near Le Theil, reaching points just S of these objectives; R flank covered by 24th Cavalry Rcn Sq which moves N to occupy Quettehou. In center 79th Div makes rapid strides with 314th Regt on L reaching line SE of Tollevast where it is checked by pillboxes and other permanent fortifications; 313th on R reaches Delasse, about 6 mi. from Cherbourg, where long-range arty brings advance to a halt. Ninth Div also penetrates to perimeter defense of Cherbourg as 47th Regt drives N to Teurtheville - Hague line, about 8 mi. SW of Cherbourg; on L flank 60th Regt reaches E-W line through Vasteville without opposition and then pushes farther N for another $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. to crossroads S of Gourbesville.

VIII Corps SW of Etienville 505th Regt (82d Div) occupies Bois de Limors and defends a line from there SE to vicinity of Pretot for remainder of month.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Heavy fighting continues SW of Tilly-sur-Seulles where 69th Brig (50th Div) makes slight gains SW and captures Onchy; 231st Brig attempts to clear enemy completely from Hottot where he is lodged firmly in E section of town.

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Total of 2,960 fighters and fighter bombers of 8th, 9th, and 2d Tactical air forces act as escort and dive-bomb and strafe robot bomb sites, RR facilities E and S of battle line, and troops and gun positions in Caen and Cherbourg areas; approximately 700 tons of bombs dropped with generally good results. Robot bomb sites in NE France hit with 710 tons by 177 B-24s; 371 B-26s and A-20s drop 619 tons on 10 sites in same area and on gun battery at Houlgate. Sixty-nine B-17s and B-24s drop 124 tons on RR junction near Hazebrouck, airfields at Merville and Ypres (Belgium) and several unidentified targets.

Germany:

Total of 1,266 B-17s and B-24s makes devastating attack on oil refineries near Hamburg, Hannover, Magdeburg, Politz, and Ostermoor, on aircraft engine factory at Fallersleben and tank depot at Konigsborn; 3,405 tons of bombs dropped; 63 enemy planes destroyed; 52 bombers lost.

21 France: Storm continues, but convoys resume sailings.

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VII Corps Fourth Div inches slowly forward SE of Cherbourg, encountering vicious opposition S and E of Bois de Coudray; 22d Regt thrusts N and cuts Cherbourg - St. Fierre Eglise road about midway between the two. On extreme R, 24th Cavalry Rcn Sq patrols northward, meeting stiffening opposition along line of Saire R. S of Cherbourg 79th Div cautiously probes enemy strength and positions. On L flank, 60th Regt struggles against strong resistance E of Gourbesville while remainder of 9th Div reconnoiters Axis positions and reorganizes its own.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps SW of Tilly-sur-Seulles enemy troops maintain grip on E edge of Hottot; 49th Div makes slight gains SE of Tilly, capturing wood N of Fontenay-le-Pesnel.

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HMS Fury (DD) mined and sunk off the coast.

RR targets from Conches to Rambouillet, RR and high-way traffic and communication centers N and W of Paris hit with 207 tons of bombs by 352 fighter bombers; bomber escorts also also strafe transportation and communication targets. Twelve robot bomb sites in Pas de Calais area attacked by 273 B-26s and A-20s with 441 tons of bombs; 70 B-24s drop 200 tons on similar targets, while 120 Halifaxes, Lancasters, and Mosquitoes hit 2 sites in Abbeville - Amiens area with 463 tons.

Germany:

Industrial targets heavily hit: Ruhland oil refinery, synthetic oil plants near Gelsenkirchen and Cologne, engine works at Marienfelde, Genshagen, Basdorf, and Niederschonweide (all in Berlin area), marshalling yards in vicinity of Berlin, and Berlin severely damaged in day and night attacks; 1,112 heavily escorted B-17s and B-24s drop 2,618 tons, of which 1,154 are on city of Berlin; 266 Lancasters and Mosquitoes drop 1,348 tons. Planes bombing Ruhland go on E to land at bases in Russia.

22 France: Gales decrease and unloading is resumed in afternoon.

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VII Corps Fourth Div maintains pressure SE of Cherbourg, in Bois de Coudray - Le Theil area. In center and on L flank, 79th and 9th Divs attack after tremendous aerial and arty barrage. Seventy-ninth: 315th Regt covers L flank in area W of Tollevast and Hardinvast while 314th advances about 1 mi. N to Les Bertrands and 313th gains about 3 mi. N of Delasse. Ninth Div: SW of Cherbourg 47th Regt crosses Divette R. line but is checked by strong enemy position about 1 1/4 mi. NE of Teurtheville-Hague; to the L 60th Regt meets strong opposition in area generally NW of Flottenmanville-Hague.

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I Corps E of Orne R. Allied naval and arty fire

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constantly harasses enemy; 151st Brig of 51st Div attacks Ste. Honorine la Chardonnerette during night.

Robot bomb sites in Calais area hit with 791 tons in daylight attack by 198 Halifaxes, Lancasters, and Mosquitoes. Bomb sites, RR yards in Paris area, N France, and Belgium, airfields and power installations in N France, oil depots near Rouen and Paris, and bridges over Loire R. attacked by 935 B-17s and B-24s with 2,540 tons of bombs. During night 203 Lancasters, Halifaxes, and Mosquitoes hit Laon and Rheims RR centers with 794 tons of bombs.

Enemy gun positions, strongpoints, fuel dumps, troops, and transport between Cherbourg and front line of 9th and 79th Divs pounded by AEF from 1200 to 1455: total of 1,668 light, medium, and fighter bombers and fighters drop approximately 1,342 tons of bombs with shattering effect on enemy fortifications and morale; dive, glide, and skip-bombing employed and bombing and strafing at altitudes as low as 200 ft. RR and transport targets in Loire valley and around Caen enemy troops, communications, and gun positions in battle area hit by 807 B-26s, A-20s, and fighter bombers with 553 tons.

Germany:

Twenty-eight Mosquitoes drop 46 tons of bombs on Hamburg during night.

23 France:

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VII Corps In 4th Div sector 22d Regt secures enemy strongpoint on high ground N of Le Theil; 12th and 8th Regts are unable to crack obstinate resistance farther W. Fighting toward southern approaches to Cherbourg, units of 79th Div reach points about 1½ mi. from the city: 313th Regt, after 5-min. dive-bombing attack and 25-min. arty barrage against enemy positions, attacks and fights way to area of La Mare a Canard where Axis arty concentration checks advance; a 2d dive-bombing attack is made but it is too close to Allied

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troops and resulting casualties and disorganization makes additional progress impossible for the day; 314th Regt reaches La Loge, slightly NW of 313th's positions. On L flank of corps front 47th Regt of 9th Div cracks perimeter defense of Cherbourg, driving beyond Bois du Mt du Roc to high ground W of Nouainville overlooking Cherbourg; 60th Regt, attacking NW of Flottemanville-Hague, suffers cross fire on exposed flanks but gains enemy strongpoint near Tonneville after terrific air and arty attack has been made on German positions.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

I Corps E of the Orne, Ste. Honorine Chardonnerette falls to British; counterattack of 125th Regt of 21st Pz Div is broken up by naval gunfire and air bombardment.

Enemy strongpoints, troops, transport, and communications S and SW of Cherbourg, in Caen area, E of the Orne, and in Loire area attacked by 1,121 fighters and fighter bombers with 455 tons of bombs and 956 rocket projectiles; 1 bridge over the Loire believed destroyed and several SE of Paris damaged. Robot bomb sites in Calais area, 3 bridges near Paris, and airfields at Juvincourt, Laon, Soissons, and Coulommiers hit with 1,027 tons of bombs by 407 B-17s and B-24s; 6 military installations near Calais attacked by 178 B-26s and A-20s with 288 tons; during night 407 Lancasters, Halifaxes, and Mosquitoes drop 1,956 tons on 3 bomb sites near Calais and 1 near Amiens. Saintes and Limoges RR yards in SW France attacked during night by 205 Lancasters and Mosquitoes with 942 tons of bombs.

Germany:

Bremen is target for night raid by 31 Mosquitoes with 55 tons of bombs.

24 France:

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VII Corps E of Cherbourg 12th Regt seizes Tourlaville

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and concrete emplacements overlooking Cherbourg while, to the L, 8th Regt gains high ground E of La Glacerie about 2 mi. SE of Cherbourg. N of La Glacerie 313th Regt captures Axis strongpoint while 314th seizes 2 strongpoints between La Glacerie and La Mare a Canard and unsuccessfully attempts an advance to high ground outside of Fort du Roule; 315th unsuccessfully tries to capture Hardinvast. Ninth Div meets strong resistance from heavily fortified pillboxes W of Cherbourg but pushes to within a mi. of the city, reaching outskirts of Octeville. Three Allied BBs and 4 cruisers with DD support bombard enemy fortifications and shore batteries in Cherbourg area. HMS Swift (DD) mined and sunk off French coast.

Fuel dumps, rolling stock, troops, and tanks in battle area, RRs and bridges W of Paris and S of Loire R. attacked by about 1,480 fighters and fighter bombers which drop about 600 tons of bombs. Pilotless aircraft sites in Calais - Dieppe - Amiens - Rouen area heavily attacked both day and night: 492 RAF and U.S. heavy bombers unload 1,547 tons in daylight attacks; during night 723 Lancasters, Halifaxes, Stirlings, and Mosquitoes drop 2,934 tons on 6 installations. Airfields around Paris and at Orleans and Chateaudun attacked by 265 B-24s with 629 tons of bombs; 25 P-51s sweep Angers - Le Mans area, destroying 35 grounded enemy planes. Loire bridges at Saumur and Tours are targets for 74 B-17s with 198 tons of bombs. Total of 432 B-26s and A-20s drops 742½ tons of bombs on wide variety of targets; RR installations at Hazebrouck, Beauvais, and Evreux, fuel dumps S of battle zone, gun positions S of Cherbourg are among objectives hit.

Germany:

Oil refinery at Osterburn (near Bremen) and cities of Bremen and Wesermunde hit with 767 tons of bombs dropped by 315 B-17s. Twenty-seven Mosquitoes drop 46 tons on Berlin during night.

25 France:

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VII Corps Second Bn of 22d Regt attacks directly N and reaches the coast; 3d Bn secures Bretteville and 1st holds high ground on Cherbourg - St. Pierre-Eglise road. To the L 12th Regt seizes enemy positions less than 1 mi. E of Cherbourg. Immediately S of Cherbourg 313th Regt moves down to flat land but is heavily shelled by enemy guns in Fort du Roule; after dive-bombing attack, 314th attacks the fort and receives its surrender at 2148. Hardinvast falls to 315th Regt. Suburbs of Cherbourg on SW side reached by 39th Regt while 47th reduces fortress at Equerdreville, enters W part of city at 1505, and fights through to the beach; every inch of ground fiercely contested and arsenal remains strong opposition center. Allied naval force again bombards enemy installations.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps British open offensive against enemy line W of Caen, attacking SW and SE of Tilly-sur-Seulles. Fiftieth Div reaches area E of Hottot. Forty-ninth Div attacks S, crossing Hottot - Fontenay road E of Juvigny: 146th Brig advances to S edge of wood N of Vendes; 147th Brig, after fierce fighting, clears E end of Fontenay. Main opposition comes from 12th SS Pz Div and Pz Lehr Div which are believed to have suffered severe casualties in last two weeks.

Approximately 1,100 fighter and fighter bomber sorties flown against road and RR targets and fuel dumps S of battle line and around Cherbourg; 9th AF planes drop 229 tons of bombs. Fuel dump, 2 bridges, and a viaduct SW of Paris, between Chartres and Dreux and Foret de Andaine hit with 736 tons by 407 B-26s and A-20s. Force of 330 Halifaxes, Lancasters, and Mosquitoes drops 1,268 tons of bombs (including 16 12,000-lb. bombs) on 4 pilotless plane sites in Calais - Abbeville - Amiens area. Total of 1,115 B-17s and B-24s drops 433 tons on 7 RR bridges E and S of Paris, 528 tons on power stations NE of Paris and in Belgium, about 1,000 tons on airfields around Paris and at Toulouse, Avord, and Bourges, and 147 tons on fuel dump near Toulouse. Mediterranean-based heavy bombers attack targets

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in southern France. Marshalling yards and oil installations at Sete hit with 579 tons by 220 B-17s and B-24s; Balaruc oil installations are target for 134 tons of bombs dropped by 67 B-24s. Road and RR bridge and marshalling yards at Avignon bombed by 157 B-24s with 398 tons; Tarascon and Arles RR bridges attacked by 8 bombers with 20 tons. Twenty-five B-24s attack telephone exchange at Le Pontet with 61 tons.

Germany:

Thirty-nine Mosquitoes drop 47 tons on synthetic oil plant near Duisburg in night attack.

26 France:

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VII Corps Twelfth Regt clears E section of Cherbourg and contacts 79th Div troops while 22d Regt turns E to wipe out enemy holding NE section of Cotentin Peninsula. Two Regts (313th and 314th) of 79th Div drive through Cherbourg to the beach but sporadic street fighting continues throughout the day; 2d Bn of 314th finally silences enemy guns on lower, unoccupied face of Fort du Roule; 315th clears enemy from area between Hardinvast and Cherbourg. Thirty-ninth Regt advances through city to beach against continuous MG, 20-mm AA, and sniper fire, contacting 79th Div units; 47th Regt clears out MG nests and house-top strongpoints but is unable to reduce arsenal, last remaining center of organized resistance after Lt. Gen von Schlieben (fortress commander) and Rear Adm. Hennecke (naval commander) surrender in the afternoon.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Forty-ninth Div engages in heavy fighting in Tessel - Bretteville sector (about 2½ mi. SE of Tilly) but succeeds in gaining to the SE and breaks into Rauray in the evening.

VIII Corps Fifteenth Div, W of Caen, supported

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by naval gunfire attacks S from line Le Mesnil-
Patry--Norrey-en-Bessin: on R 46th Brig captures
St. Mauvieu, La Gaule, Cheux, and Le Haut de
Bosq while 44th Brig advances in Marcelet area;
troops reorganize on line Cheux - St. Mauvieu and
advance S to Colleville - Mauen RR by dusk, positions
about 1 1/4 mi. from Odon R.

Very bad weather grounds Allied aircraft. Approximately
75 fighters dive-bomb and strafe enemy in Caen area.

Austria:

Total of 496 B-17s and B-24s drops 1,048 tons of
bombs on oil refineries, RR yards, and oil storage facilities
around Vienna; at Moosbierbaum, Schwechat, Lobau, Korneuburg,
and Florisdorf; 134 others hit aircraft assembly plant at
Schwechat with 328 tons; both ground and air opposition
strong and 36 bombers lost; 92 enemy planes destroyed.

27 France:

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VII Corps Fort Pelee surrenders to 12th Regt;
arsenal surrenders to 47th Regt, bringing to an
end all organized resistance in Cherbourg;
garrisoning of city taken over by 4th Div and 79th
moves S.

VIII Corps Eighty-third Div relieves 101st Div
SW of Carentan.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Units of 50th Div capture enemy position
E of Longraye while 49th Div secures Rauray after
heavy street fighting.

VIII Corps Fifteenth Div continues drive toward
Odon R.: 227th Brig supported by 29th Armd Brig
of 11th Div encounters stiff resistance outside
of Le Haut du Bosq but reaches Tourville, captures

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bridge intact, and establishes bridgehead across the Odon. Third Br Div makes slight gains N of Caen.

Corps operations supported by naval gunfire.

Robot bomb sites in Pas de Calais area pounded by Allied planes: 976 heavy bombers of RAF and 8th AF drop 3,538 tons in day and night attacks. During night 273 Lancasters, Halifaxes, and Mosquitoes drop 1,116 tons on 2 RR centers S of battle area (Mezidon and Vire) and on Vitry-le-Francois and Vaires (NE of Paris). Gun positions, troops, roads, and RR lines S and E of battle zone attacked by 1,090 fighters and fighter bombers with 418 tons of bombs.

28 France:

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VII Corps All forces on peninsula E of Cherbourg surrender. Twelfth Regt receives surrender of Forts East, Central, and West after heavy air bombardment from 1030-1100.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Seventieth Brig of 49th Div captures Tessel-Bretteville and Le Manoir, to the S, and engages in heavy fighting to Brettevillette.

VIII Corps Eleventh Armd Div pushes forward, bypassing a strongly resisting enemy N of Odon R. to reach area about 2 mi. N of Evrecy; bridge N of Bougy secured by 227th Brig which is then unable to establish bridgehead; remainder of 15th Div is eliminating enemy N of river in Grainville - Mondrainville area.

I Corps Third Br Div is fighting just N of Epron, about 2½ mi. N of Caen.

Robot bomb sites in Calais area hit with 430 tons by 102 Lancasters, Halifaxes, and Mosquitoes. Bridges at Givet, Anizy, and Fismes (all E and NE of Paris), airfields at Laon, Juvigny, Denain, Le Bourget, and Florennes in

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Belgium, and oil depot at Dugny attacked by 341 B-17s with 724 tons of bombs. Thirty P-47s dive-bomb La Perthe airfield, damaging a hangar. Medium bombers grounded by weather which also limits fighter operations; about 540 fighters and fighter bombers dive-bomb and strafe enemy troops, transport, and communications in battle areas. Total of 211 RAF heavy bombers drops 681 tons of bombs in night attacks on Metz and Balinville-sur-l'Eau RR centers.

English Channel:

SS Charles W. Eliot (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons) mined and sunk off assault beaches.

Germany:

Force of 343 B-24s drops 893 tons of bombs on Saarbruecken RR yards in daylight; 11 Mosquitoes drop 13 tons on same objective during night.

29 France:

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VII Corps Sixtieth and 47th Regts (9th Div) turn NW to clear enemy from Cap de la Hague; former reaches main road running SE from Beaumont-Hague, encountering strong sniper and mortar fire S and W of Fleury; 47th advances along coast, reaching Macqueville - Greville line.

XIX Corps Twenty-ninth Div extends its salient slightly with capture of Villiers-Fossard and La Fossardiere, while German 352d Div makes minor penetration of corps R flank with recapture of La Meauffe.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Enemy counterattacks 49th Div in Brettevilllette area but is repulsed.

VIII Corps Fifteenth and 43d Divs continue mopping

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up enemy resistance N of the Odon while, S of the river, 11th Armd Div meets strong opposition in attempts to extend its salient but captures Hill 112, Esquay, and Gavrus and reaches Caen - Evrecy road. First and 2d SS Pz Corps (1st, 12th, 9th, 10th, and units of 2d SS Pz Divs) counterattack in early afternoon; largest gains made on L flank where Gavrus, Gougy, Grainville, and Rauray are retaken after violent fighting; on R Esquay and Hill 112 also taken. Allied troops with strong arty and particularly heavy naval fire support counterattack and recapture Rauray, Grainville, and Gavrus.

Force of 109 B-26s and A-20s drops over 200 tons of bombs on enemy gun positions and troops in Cap de la Hague area; 83 others drop 120 tons on RR lines in Brittany and on Oissel bridge. Pilotless plane sites in Calais - Amiens area hit with 1,651 tons by 293 Lancasters, Mosquitoes, and Halifaxes. About 2,000 fighters and fighter bombers attack troops and road and RR transport S of battle lines, dropping about 300 tons of bombs and 865 RPs; 32 Mosquitoes hit Thury Harcourt during night with 27 tons.

Germany:

Synthetic oil plant at Bohlen hit with 177 tons of bombs dropped by 81 B-17s. Aircraft engine, fighter assembly, and aircraft components factories in Leipzig area, near Magdeburg, and at Bernberg and Oschersleben, airfields at Stendal, Burg, and Quackenbruck, and marshalling yards at Wittenberg and Leimbach attacked by 626 B-17s and B-24s with 1,588 tons of bombs; enemy air opposition stronger than usual and 52 planes destroyed for loss of 17 Allied bombers and 3 fighters.

30 France: Total of 29 LSTs, LCTs, and LCI (L)s, as well as numerous smaller craft, sunk in invasion operations.

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VII Corps Forty-seventh Regt occupies Greville after stiff fighting and pushes swiftly NW to area of Digulleville while 60th Regt seizes

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Beaumont-Hague; enemy resistance breaks in afternoon and 60th speeds through Herqueville to area of Joburg.

XIX Corps Twenty-ninth Div, with strong arty support, continues attack down both sides of Monn-sur-Elle - St. Lo highway, pushing tip of salient about $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. farther S.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps At 0130, 2d SS Armd Corps attacks British R flank; against strong Allied opposition, enemy creeps forward, recaptures Gavrus, and reaches a line running from Hill 112 to crossroads just NW of Esquay to N side of Gavrus. Progress halted by extremely heavy arty and naval barrage directed on Gavrus and Hill 112. Enemy armd and inf units assembling for fresh counterattack completely disorganized by attack of 258 RAF heavy bombers which drop 1,092 tons.

Montdidier, Conches, Evreux, and Le Coulot airfields near Paris and Coxyde airfield in Belgium hit with 318 tons of bombs by 136 B-17s and B-24s; majority of planes dispatched are forced to abandon missions because of adverse weather. Total of 105 Lancasters, Halifaxes, and Mosquitoes drops 554 tons on supply dumps N of Paris. RR installations, roads, and highway junctions S and E of battle line are targets for 155 B-26s and A-20s with 238 tons of bombs. Road and RR junctions, bridges, MT, and troops bombed and strafed; 2,213 fighters and fighter bombers carry out these missions and escort bombers. Vierzon, junction of Paris - Bordeaux and Tours - Bourges RR lines hit during night by 115 Lancasters which drop 631 tons.

Germany:

Thirty-five Mosquitoes make night raid on synthetic oil plant near Hamburg, dropping 54 tons.

England:

Enemy pilotless aircraft have made daily attacks on England in constantly increasing numbers.

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1 Russia: German troops continue attacks N of Jassy but Moscow announces that all are repulsed; ground forces of both sides receive strong air support. German aircraft make night attacks on Fastov and Kazatin, junctions on Kiev - Zhmerinka RR.

Hungary: Approximately 45 Halifaxes, Liberators, and Wellingtons make night attack on Szolnok marshalling yards and bridge; 72 tons dropped through thick ground haze.

2 Russia: Heavy fighting continues N and NW of Jassy; Red Army troops counterattack but are unable to prevent some German penetration NW of the town. GAF and SAF support their respective ground troops.

Rumania: Marshalling yards at Cluj, Simeria, and Oradea in Transylvania attacked by 278 B-17s and B-24s with 634 tons of bombs; no opposition encountered. Storage tanks at Giurgiu, just N of Bulgarian border, bombed during night by 38 Wellingtons, Halifaxes, and Liberators with 53 tons; fires visible 150 mi. started.

Hungary: RR yards in E Hungary, at Miskolc, Szeged, and Debreczin, attacked by 188 B-17s and B-24s which unload 475 tons of bombs; 1 formation of 130 B-17s continues E to land at new American bases in Russia.

3 Russia: Russians claim repulse of all enemy attacks in Jassy area but Berlin announces capture of several dominating heights.

4 Russia: Germans claim gains NW of Jassy and report unsuccessful Soviet counterattacks. During night Soviet planes bomb RR and military installations at Kishinev, SE of Jassy.

5 Russia: German and Rumanian troops continue attacks on Soviet positions in Jassy area. Jassy is target for heavy night attack by Soviet aircraft. Red Banner Baltic Fleet reports sinking 3 German transports, totalling 11,000 tons.

6 Russia: Enemy attacks in Jassy area decrease. Soviet

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planes make night attack on Jassy; large fires result. GAF bombs RR junctions of Proskurov and Zhmerinka, SW of Kiev, during night.

Rumania: Force of 308 B-17s and B-24s hit Floesti oil refineries with 704 tons of bombs; considerable opposition encountered; 15 bombers lost and 25 enemy planes shot down. Marshalling yards at Pitesti and Brasov are targets for 176 heavy bombers with 498 tons of bombs; 28 others drop 84 tons on Iron Gate Canal. Force of 105 B-17s from bases in Russia drops 361 tons on German airfield near Galatz.

- 10 Russia: Soviet troops, after 3-hour arty barrage, attack Finnish defense line on Karelian Isthmus; Finns admit Red army penetration of defenses. On southern front, Russians improve their positions N of Jassy.

Axis bombers make night attack on RR junction of Zhmerinka, reporting large fires.

Rumania: Thirty-nine P-38s with 37 others as top cover drop 18 tons of bombs on Romano Americano oil refinery at Floesti in low-level attack; several hits scored on installations and 2 oil tanks left burning; of about 100 intercepting enemy planes, 26 destroyed; 22 P-38s fail to return.

- 11 Russia: With strong arty, naval gunfire, and air support Red Army forces break through Finnish lines with gains of up to 15 mi. on L flank; Terijoki, on Gulf coast, occupied; Karvala is northernmost point reached.

German aircraft attack Soviet supply lines to southern front, bombing Kazatin, Fastov, and Darnitsa during night.

Rumania: Total of 391 B-17s and B-24s drops 853 tons of bombs on oil refineries at Constanta and on oil storage depot at Giurgiu; 36 Axis planes shot down over 1st target. Focsani airfield hit with 223 tons of bombs dropped by 121 B-17s returning from Russian bases.

Bulgaria: Forty Wellingtons, Halifaxes, and Liberators make night attack on Karlovo airfield; 54 tons dropped; several hangars left burning.

- 12 Russia: Russians advance L flank on Karelian Isthmus to capture Vammelsuu, Raivola, and Kivennapa although Finns

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claim that Soviet attacks at Vammelsuu and Kivennapa are repulsed.

Soviet tank and troop concentrations near battle front bombed by enemy planes; SAF makes night attacks on German airdromes near Brest-Litovsk, Bialystok, Baranovichi, Pinsk, Minsk, Bobruisk, and Orsha.

Hungary: Forty-eight Wellingtons, Liberators, and Halifaxes drop 93.5 tons of bombs on Almasfuzito oil refinery; storage tanks and buildings left burning.

- 13 Russia: Red Army troops make slight gains on W side of Karelian Isthmus; Finns report bitter fighting in Kivennapa area.

SAF again makes night attacks on German airdromes in W Russia and E Poland.

- 14 Russia: Red Army continues to gain on Karelian Isthmus; Kuuterselkae and Laaselkae captured despite stubborn Finnish resistance.

Russian troops and equipment in W part of isthmus attacked by enemy bombers. Viipuri is target for night attack by about 150 Soviet bombers. Other SAF planes bomb German airdromes in E Poland during night.

Hungary: Three oil refineries in Budapest area are targets for 241 B-17s and B-24s which drop 596 tons; Szony refinery believed destroyed and the others severely damaged. Petfurdo refinery, N of Lake Balaton, hit with 279 tons by 142 bombers; target believed destroyed. Kecskemet airdrome attacked by 29 P-38s with 13 tons of bombs; 8 grounded planes destroyed.

- 15 Russia: Moscow announces further gains on Karelian Isthmus and states that in the 1st 6 days of the offensive, 2 permanent defense lines have been breached and advances up to 25 mi. on a 42-mi. front have been made. Finns acknowledge Russian gains W of Vammelsuu toward Uusikirkko.

Viipuri again attacked by Soviet bombers.

- 16 Russia: Red Army troops make gains on E and in center of line in Karelian sector; on W Uusikirkki falls; in center

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Kanneljaervi is captured. SAF lends strong support to ground troops, bombing enemy fortifications and communications.

Czechoslovakia: Oil refinery near Bratislava is target for 158 B-24s with 369 tons of bombs; considerable air opposition encountered and 21 enemy planes shot down for loss of 3 bombers.

Rumania: Thirty-nine Wellingtons and Halifaxes, in night attack, hit Timisoara RR yards with approximately 100 tons.

- 17 Russia: Soviets capture Perkjaervi, in center of Karelian line, and make gains on both R and L flanks. SAF continues close support of ground troops.

During night German heavy bombers attack RR stations at Gomel and at 2 towns to the E and SE; fires and explosions reported resulting.

- 18 Russia: Red Army forces breach Mannerheim Line; on the coast of Finnish Gulf, Koivisto is captured; 17 mi. S of Viipuri, Makslahti is occupied; farther E other units seize Valkjaervi and advance N to take Oravaniemi; troops on extreme R flank capture Rautu and Vaskela as they advance N along shores of Lake Ladoga.

Soviet aircraft continue to bomb enemy positions in advance of Red Army. German planes make night attack on Sarny RR junction in E Poland. Planes of Red Banner Baltic Fleet hammer Viipuri day and night, reporting 6 supply ships sunk.

- 19 Russia: Soviet troops on L flank advance swifly northward beyond Koivisto to Vatnuori and to Rokkala (10 mi. S of Viipuri); Summa falls to a column which continues NW to Huumola while, in the center, Kaemaerae and Kuusa are seized. Forces on R flank clear S shores of Lakes Vuoksi and Suvanto.

SAF supports ground forces with attacks on enemy strong-points and communications while planes of Red Banner Baltic Fleet attack shipping in Viipuri Bay.

- 20 Russia: Viipuri falls to Soviet forces. To the E,

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Heinjoki RR station is occupied; other units seize Poellaekkaelae, at NW end of Lake Vuoksi. Finns report establishment of Soviet bridgehead on N part of Koivisto Is.

Finns report bombing of Kotka by Soviet aircraft. Ground forces of both sides well supported by aircraft.

- 21 Russia: Red Army troops open offensive on Aunus Isthmus (between Lakes Ladoga and Onega) and on Maaselkae Isthmus (N of Lake Onega). In former, Russians clear S bank of Svir R. and cross it at W end near Lodeinoye Pole; in latter, Soviets capture Povenets and engage in violent fighting in outskirts of Medvezhegorsk. On Karelian Isthmus slight gains made by Red Army troops SE of Viipuri.

Finns report that weight of Soviet air attacks shifts to Aunus Isthmus. SAF also attacks German shipping in Gulf of Finland and reports sinking of 6,000-ton German transport in the Barents Sea. German bombers make heavy night attack on airdrome at Poltava, which Berlin claims is one of the American Soviet bases.

- 22 Russia: On Karelian Isthmus, Russians occupy Tali RR station, NE of Viipuri. In center of Aunus Isthmus, Podporozhye falls to Soviet troops; other units widen bridgehead N of Svir R. on W side of isthmus. Soviets N of Lake Onega report capture of several stations on RR to Murmansk; Finns frustrate Red Army attacks against Medvezhegorsk.

Soviet planes attack enemy troops and vehicles near battle areas and shipping in Viipuri Bay. German planes make night attack on airfield near Mirgorod reported to be an American base.

- 23 Russia: Red Army makes gains N and NE of Viipuri, on Karelian Isthmus; on Aunus Isthmus Russians cross Svir R. near Podporozhye and also enlarge bridgehead established at W end. Soviets land on NE shore of Lake Ladoga, near Tuulos. On central front Soviets open summer offensive with drives NW and SE of Vitebsk: in NW direction, Vitebsk-Polotsk RR is severed with capture of stations of Sirotino and Yazvino; Shumilino, a district center just S of the RR, also occupied; SE of Vitebsk, RR station of Zamostochye

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captured by Red Army troops, cutting Vitebsk-Orsha RR; farther to the SE, Visochany seized.

Finns report heavy attacks by Finnish and German aircraft on Soviet troops and equipment.

Rumania: Oil refineries at Ploesti are targets for 133 B-17s which drop 330 tons of bombs with good results; 233 B-24s hit oil stores at Giurgiu with 487 tons; only light opposition encountered at both objectives.

24 Russia: Red Army forces in Finland register large gains: N of Lake Onega Medvezhegorsk is occupied while, on Aunus Isthmus, entire length of Svir R. is forced, giving Russians control of White Sea Canal.

W and NW of Vitebsk 1st Baltic Army advances along RR to Polotsk and also drives southward, reaching shores of Dvina R.; S of Vitebsk elements of 3d White Russian Army move W while other units turn S toward Orsha and capture Babinovichi. Second White Russian Army attacks toward Mogilev; Pronya R. crossed and troops advance W and NW for gains up to 12½ mi.

During night Soviet aircraft strike RR installations at Polotsk and Obol in advance of 1st Baltic Army; large fires and explosions reported.

Rumania: Rail repair depot at Craiova is target for 146 B-24s with 383 tons of bombs; 134 B-24s hit Ploesti oil refineries with 328 tons; Piatra RR bridge believed damaged as result of attack by 55 B-17s with 168 tons; only opposition is at Ploesti where 12 enemy fighters are shot down.

25 Russia: Soviet forces on Aunus make further gains N of Svir R.; troops N of Lake Onega cross Kumsa and Oster Rivers and capture several additional stations on Murmansk-Leningrad RR.

Soviet troops in Vitebsk area cross W Dvina R. and make gains W of the city, cutting Vitebsk-Lepel highway about 25 mi. SW of Vitebsk and join with forces which have advanced in area S of Vitebsk; city encircled and street fighting takes place. Klyustina, about 9 mi. NW of Orsha, falls to Red Army troops which are driving on that city. Second White Russian Army captures Chausy, E of Mogilev. Farther S, 1st White Russian Army is also on the offensive and driving to outflank RR junction of Zhlobin: units N of Rogachev cross Drut R. and

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advance toward Bobruisk; S of Bobruisk, several villages captured and Bobruisk-Luninets RR severed.

SAF supports offensives on central front. German heavy bombers make night attack on Smolensk, claiming destruction of large quantities of supplies.

Hungary: Koolaz oil refinery near Budapest bombed during night by 130 Halifaxes, Liberators, and Wellingtons, dropping 183 tons with good results.

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Russia: N of Lake Onega, Soviet forces capture Pereguba and clear another section of Murmansk-Leningrad RR; gains made N of Svir R. on Aunus Isthmus. Moscow reports that islands of Koivisto and Tiurinsaari in Gulf of Finland are freed of enemy troops.

Vitebsk falls to Red Army troops which tighten ring around enemy units encircled W of the city; Obol, a station on Vitebsk-Polotsk RR, captured. Line between Vitebsk and Orsha pushed farther W with capture of Ulla, Beshenkovichi, and Chereya. Highway and RR from Orsha to Borisov cut SW of former with seizure of Tolochin; RR line from Orsha to Lepel cut NW of former. Russians capture Gorki, E of Mogilev, and move swiftly W, reaching Dnepr R. on 12-mi. front N of Mogilev after cutting Mogilev-Orsha highway. RR junction of Zhlobin falls to units of 1st White Russian Army which also captures Mormal, S of Zhlobin; another group approaches Bobruisk with capture of Brozha.

Berlin announces heavy night attack by German bombers on Bryansk and Klinty, stations on Gomel-Moscow main RR.

Poland: Drohobycz oil refinery attacked by 72 B-17s which drop 140 tons of bombs with good results; these planes take off from Russian bases where they landed after coming from Britain to bomb Ruhlant; after attack they land at bases in the Mediterranean.

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Russia: Soviet forces on Aunus Isthmus make further gains. Moscow announces surrender of remnants of 5 German divisions encircled SW of Vitebsk; Kamen, 24 mi. from Polish border, occupied. Forces of 3d White Russian Army capture Orsha while, farther N, forward units seize Chasniki and Lisichino. Bobr, on Orsha-Borisov highway, captured. Second White Russian Army crosses Dnepr R. N and S of Mogilev and engages enemy in streets of the city. Glusk and Karpilovka captured by troops of 1st White Russian Army, Bobruisk and

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German troops to the SE encircled; Bobruisk-Minsk RR cut and Berezina R. reached NW of the city.

Ground troops supported by Soviet planes. SAF makes heavy night attacks on RR junctions W of central front, hitting Polotsk, Minsk, Luninets, Bobruisk, and Baranovichi. German planes make daylight attack on Kalinkovichi, a RR junction near Mozyr; GAF makes night attack on Smolensk.

Hungary: Rakos marshalling yards near Budapest hit with 378 tons of bombs by 146 heavy bombers; 11 enemy planes shot down.

28 Russia: SW of Viipuri, Trongsund occupied by Russians; on E shore of Lake Ladoga, Vidlitsa seized by Red Army.

Troops of 1st Baltic Army drive closer to Polish border; Lepel, road junction 25 mi. from the frontier, and many small villages captured. Mogilev falls to 2d White Russian Army after bitter street fighting; towns N and S of Mogilev also occupied and Dnepr R. bridgeheads extended. First White Russian Army captures Klichev and Osipovichi, N and NW of Bobruisk, and tightens encirclement of latter.

Soviet planes make heavy night raids on RR junctions of Polotsk, Minsk, Baranovichi, and Luninets; trains left burning at all targets.

Rumania: Heavy bombers of MAAF continue pressure on enemy oil refineries; 144 B-24s drop 247 tons of bombs on Prahova and Titan refineries near Bucharest, leaving both targets in flames; 14 enemy planes shot down at latter for loss of 3 bombers. Chitila marshalling yards near Bucharest hit with 229 tons by 100 B-24s. Ninety-eight Wellingtons, Halifaxes, and Liberators drop 157 tons of bombs on Giurgiu oil storage tanks during night; bombing scattered because of ground haze.

Bulgaria: Karlova airdrome is target for 138 B-24s which unload 281 tons of bombs with good results; no opposition encountered.

29 Russia: Petrozavodsk, on W shore of Lake Onega, captured by Soviet forces; Kondopoga also seized; entire length of Murmansk-Leningrad RR now clear.

First Baltic Army captures Vetrino, cutting Polotsk-Molodechno RR; this drive is outflanking Polotsk from the SW where Ushachi also is occupied. NW of Borisov, Butcha

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captured by units of 3d White Russian Army which reaches Berezina R. in this area. Russians drive W of Mogilev and reach Byelinichi, on highway to Minsk. Bobruisk falls to 1st White Russian Army which advances W toward Slutsk and NW toward Minsk.

30 Russia: Russians advance N and NE of Viipuri; RR station of Kakisalmi, on W shore of Lake Ladoga, captured; gains also made on Aunus Isthmus.

First Baltic Army continues advance NW and SW to out-flank Polotsk, capturing Disna and Prozoroki; some units approach town from the E, Berezina R. crossed N of Borisov and reached SE of the town; other forces of 3d White Russian Army approach from the E, capturing Loshnitsa and Namanitsa, and break into the town; street fighting takes place. Soviet forces W of Mogilev cross Drut R. and advance NW and SW to Esmone and Stoyalovo. First White Russian Army drives rapidly W in area between Minsk and Pripet R.; Lyuban and Slutsk occupied as well as numerous towns and villages to the N and S. Farther S, Soviet troops advance along Pripet R., capturing Ptich, Konkovich, and Petrikov.

Soviet planes make heavy night attacks on RR stations at Polotsk, Molodechno, Minsk, Luninets, Yaglevichi, and Baranovich.

Hungary: Kapsovar marshalling yards bombed by 32 B-24s with 129 tons; 22 B-17s hit targets around Budapest with 60 tons; some slight air opposition encountered at latter.

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1 Italy: Eighth Army: Elements of 2d New Zealand Div on R flank of 10th Corps advance in Sorra area to point just S of Campoli. Farther W, in 13th Corps sector, 19th Brig of 8th Ind Div, moving NW along S. Giovanni-Veroli road, takes Casamari and advances 2 mi. W of town, while 11th and 38th Brigs of 78th Div progress to area 5 mi. E and SE of Frosinone. During night British parachute force is successfully dropped in area S of Avezzano in effort to harass enemy transportation and communication. Twelfth Mtzd Brig of 6th South African Armd Div continues fighting S of Frosinone, while units of 1st Cdn Div advance to within 3 mi. of Ferentino on Highway 6 under heavy mortar fire.

Fifth Army: In FEC sector, Sgurgola, 6 mi. SW of Ferentino, is captured by 5th RIM of 2d Mor Div, while other units of Div reach Gorga; meanwhile, Montelanico, in Lepini Hills, falls to 4th Mtn Div. Advances are made all along front. Against determined stand of infantry and tanks of Hermann Goering Div, 3d Div attacks enemy positions astride Artena-Valmontone road and pushes to within 400 yds. of Highway 6 in effort to seize Valmontone and cut highway; troops of 1st Special Service Force and 88th Divs reach points 2 and 4 mi. SW of Valmontone, respectively. Elements of 85th Div move to position $5\frac{1}{2}$ mi. N of Velletri, while units of 36th Div continue to advance, secure Monte Artemesio, overlooking Velletri and Highway 7 from the NW, and cut E-W road to Velletri in 3 places; at midnight, Velletri is enveloped and entered from N by advance units of 141st Regt. Thirty-fourth and 45th Divs make slow progress in Lanuvio area against stubborn resistance of troops believed to be of 362d and 62d Divs. On L flank, British 5th Div moves in area 1 mi. S of Ardea.

In cooperation with ground forces, 375 P-40s, P-47s, P-51s, A-20s, and A-36s pound troop concentrations, bivouacs, MT parks, and gun positions in battle areas, destroying 134 MT; just N of battle line, roads and troop concentrations at Palestrina, Genazzano, and Albano are targets for 120 B-26s. Total of 164 B-25s, 57 P-47s and 60 Spitbombers attacks roads, RRs, and bridges N of Rome in Orte-Spoleto-Terni and Grosseto-Arezzo-Crvieto areas and hits station at Chieti on Adriatic coast, while in same sector along coast, 24 B-26s and 66 A-30s cut lines at Porto Recanati and near Ancona. During night marshalling yards at Teramo, Montefiascone, and Fano are objectives for 24 A-30s; all targets believed hit.

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Yugoslavia: During night strong assault force of Partisan, British, and U.S. troops successfully lands in Bol area on S shore of Brac I., off Dalmatian coast. German troops move toward center of Dugi I., opposite Zara.

Aegean: Twelve B-26s, 17 A-30s, and 26 Beaufighters escorted by P-51s and Spitfires attack convoy 35 mi. N of Heraklion, Crete, destroying 3 merchant vessels and severely damaging a DD. During night Heraklion harbor is target for 11 B-24s and 8 Wellingtons; explosions and fires result. Before dawn 7 Venturas bomb quay and building at Portolago Bay, Leros I.

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Italy: Eighth Army: Despite extensive demolitions, 2d NZ Div advances to area 3½ mi. N of Sorà. In 13th Corps sector, 8th Ind Div captures Veroli, while Alatri falls to 36th Brig of 78th Div after heavy fighting. Elements of 1st Cdn Div occupy Ferentino and move along Highway 6 to point 1 mi. W of town.

Fifth Army: Second Mör Div of FEC continues attack in Sgurgola area, while farther W 4th Mtn Div advances 2½ mi. N of Montelanico. During afternoon, 1st SSF, in 2d Corps area, makes contact with FEC at Colle Ferro. Against intense and accurate SA, MG, and mortar fire, units of 3d Div occupy Valmontone during morning and then continue to advance under arty fire across valley to Cave and W to Labico, where contact is made with enemy elements assumed to be HG Panzer and 1st Para Divs. To W, 88th Div, attacking NW against units of 1st and 2d PG Divs, reaches position 3 mi. SW of Labico, while 85th Div progresses to area 3 mi. NW of Lariano. Troops of 143d and 142d Regts of 36th Div, after capturing Nemi and high ground in vicinity of Mt. Alto, Mt. Cavo, and Colle Tano, attack N from Monte Artemesio and move rapidly toward Rome; other elements of Div move to positions 4 mi. SW of Albano. On L flank of 6th Corps, in Lanuvio area, 34th and 45th Divs repulse severe counterattacks. Enemy launches unsuccessful counterattack in coastal sector held by British 5th Div.

Ground forces S and SE of Rome well supported by Allied planes: total of 464 P-40s, P-47s, P-51s, A-36s, and Spith bombers hammers roads, CPs, and ammunition dumps in battle area and just N of battle area at Frascati, Genzano, Tivoli, and Palestrina.

Roads, RRs, bridges, and viaducts in central Italy at

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Arezzo, Terni, and Foligno, and along Adriatic coast at San Lorenzo, Civitella, Fossombrone, and Macerata successfully attacked by 120 B-26s, 145 B-25s, and 6 A-30s. North of Rome and on W coast, 151 P-40s and P-47s bomb bridges at Furbara, Orbetello, Tarquinia, Spoleto, and Lake Bolsena. Twenty-six A-20s and 32 A-30s make night attack on MT and roads in areas N and S of Rome, scoring many direct hits.

Yugoslavia: On Brac I., after unsuccessful attempt, Partisans take Pt. 778 overlooking town of Bol. Other troops surprise enemy positions SW of Supetar (N coast of island) and, under intermittent shelling, move to form semi-circle around town. At night Partisans unsuccessfully attack enemy positions in Nerezisce area (central part of island). Meanwhile 1st Partisan Brig secures Homac and moves toward Sumartin, eastern end of island. Enemy reinforces garrisons of Rab and Pag Islands off coast of Dalmatia. Partisan troops make night attack on Leskovac airfield, Serbia, and destroy 2 hangars, 4 planes, 20 MT, and fuel dump.

Spitfires and Hurricanes attack in Bihac, Mostar, and Sarajevo areas, causing casualties to personnel and damage to transportation.

Aegean: Eleven A-30s and 12 B-26s escorted by 9 Spitfires hit merchant vessel at Heraklion harbor.

3 Italy: Eighth Army: Second NZ Div, advancing N of Sora-Avezano road, meets strong enemy **resistance** just S of Balsorano; 4th Armd Brig moves to point 6 mi. NE of Sora. In 13th Corps sector, elements of 8th Ind Div, 78th Div, and 6th Armd Div advance in arc N and W of Alatri; meanwhile other units of 78th Div continue mopping up town. Canadian 1st Div troops reach positions 6 and 8 mi. NW of Ferentino. Along Sacco R. 6th SA Armd Div progresses slowly, delayed by mines and demolitions, to area 1½ mi. N of Sgurgola and clears river valley as far W as Anagni.

Fifth Army: Second Mor Div, in FEC sector, crosses Highway 6 to reach point 3 mi. S of Paliano; meanwhile, farther W, other units of Div move to within 3 mi. of Genazzano. In 2d Corps area, Labico falls to 7th Regt of 3d Div, which then moves N towards Palestrina, as 30th Regt reaches objective just W of Cave; 85th Div is able to occupy M. Ceraso and M. Fiore (about 4½ mi. E of Rocca di Papa); 351st and 350th Regts of 88th Div advance parallel to Highway 6 to area W of Laghetto. Units of 1st Regt of 36th Div mop up Nemi, and swing rapidly toward Rome after seizing towns of Rocca di Papa and Montefratte. Against

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determined opposition, Lanuvio is captured in morning by 34th Div; heavy fighting takes place in 45th Div sector about 3 mi. SW.

In direct support of ground troops, 551 A-36s, P-40s, and P-47s bomb roads and bridges in battle area; 90 MT destroyed, 73 damaged. Forty-seven A-20s cause fires and explosions to fuel and ammunition dumps at Tivoli, E of Rome.

During night 44 Wellingtons and 6 B-24s drop 82 tons of bombs on road bridge NW of Rome with good results. Total of 176 B-26s, 52 Spitbombers, and 81 P-47s attack viaducts, bridges, and approaches at Fossato, Cortona, Castiglione Fiorentino, Albinia, Spoleto, Fara Sabina, Vernio, Arezzo, and Bucine in N central Italy, Civitanova, San Elpidio, and Ancona in Adriatic coastal area, and cut Foligno-Spoleto and Lucca-Pistoia lines. Hurricanes make day and night attacks on 3 convoys off W coast of Italy; results are 3 E-boats, 3 F-lighters, 3 schooners, and 4 barges destroyed, E-boat and R-boat damaged.

Yugoslavia: By noon troops of 1st Partisan Brig capture many points on E end of Brac I. and report 130 enemy killed, 100 prisoners taken; later, from vicinity of Selca, they shell enemy positions in Sumartin. During night British troops make unsuccessful assault on Pt. 622; some casualties result. In W Bosnia, German forces withdraw from Potoci to Petrovac and E beyond Ribnik; Ribnik and Kljuc again in Partisan hands.

In support of Allied raid on Brac I., 74 B-24s successfully drop 133.5 tons of bombs on ports of Omis and Split; same targets also are hit by 54 A-30s with good coverage. Spitbombers and Hurricanes strike buildings, warehouses, transportation, and shipping at Supetar and Sumartin on Brac I.

Aegean: Six Venturas bomb administration buildings W of Rhodes harbor and Calato airfield, Rhodes, with 5 tons of bombs.

Italy: Fifth Corps: On R flank of 5th Corps in Adriatic sector, small enemy counterattack in area 2 mi. S of Tollo repulsed by elements of 4th Ind Div.

Eighth Army: Stiff resistance and extensive demolitions in Balsorano area hamper 2d NZ Div. Troops of 13th and 1st

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Cdn Corps, making steady progress, are able to clear Piglio-Cave road: units of 8th Inf Div occupy Vico and advance 2½ mi. NW, while 6th Armd Div takes Acuto, Piglio, Fiuggi and reaches point 5 mi. E of Piglio-Cave road; Paliano falls to 12th Mtzd Brig of 6th SA Armd Div, which then advances NW to cut Piglio-Cave road 4 mi. E of Cave. In late afternoon 1st Cdn Corps goes into reserve.

Fifth Army: Allies enter Rome, 88th Rcn Sq of 88th Div moving into the city at 0800; enemy retreats northward with troops of 11th German Para Regt covering withdrawal of rearguard. FEC makes rapid advance NW to cover R flank of 5th Army: 3d Alg Div and 1st Mtzd Div swing NW from Cave area to capture Lunghezza, 7½ mi. E of Rome. Third Div continues advance on Rome: 3d Rcn Sq enters the city at 0900; 7th Regt takes Cave, smashes German counterattack (probably troops of HG Div), and advances toward city; 15th Regt, protecting R flank, moves toward city from area E of Finocchio on Highway 6. Troops of 351st and 350th Regts, 88th Div, attacking NW between Highway 6 and 5; are delayed on outskirts of city by enemy resistance but later in afternoon they enter Rome on Highway 6. In effort to screen R flank of 2d Corps, 91st Rcn Sq is directed toward Aniene R. Task Force Frederick (Task Force Howe plus SSF) moves W from Finocchio on Highway 6 and at 0630 is held up at city limits by stiff enemy resistance; at 1400 **this force launches** coordinated attack and moves into Rome. During night, SSF pushes through city to secure bridges over Tiber, all of which are found intact. Eighty-fifth Div continues general attack NW, although 337th Regt changes direction and moves S to cut Highway 7 near Maria Nuova in effort to join troops of 1st armd Div and cut off retreat of enemy opposing 6th Corps: meanwhile 339th Regt clears Frascati during morning and moves toward Rome. In 36th Div sector, units of 141st and 143d Regts advance 2 and 4 mi. N of Albano, respectively, while

142d Regt mops up Colli Laziali. Thirty-fourth and 45th Divs are in vicinity of Albano. First British Div on L flank reaches position 5 mi. S of Falcognano.

In support of ground troops, total of 388 fighters and fighter bombers attacks roads N of Rome, destroying 268 MT and damaging 295 and also hits bridge near Subiaco.

In N Italy, 499 escorted B-24s successfully pound marshalling yard at Turin, Genoa, Novi Ligure, and Savona and hit Recco viaduct and RR bridge at Gad with total of 1,154 tons of bombs. RR bridges, viaducts, and roads at Orte, Monte Pescali, Pescara, Pistoia, Castiglione Fiorentino

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Torre, and Littoria in N central and central Italy are targets for 218 B-26s, B-25s, and A-30s. Meantime, 72 Spitbombers attack RRs E and NE of Rome at Rieti, Popoli, Pescara, Aquila, and Sulmona. During night Terni bridge and road junction are objectives of 43 Wellingtons and 5 B-24s, which drop 97 tons of bombs with excellent results; road block caused. Seven A-20s and 24 A-30s make night attack on MT moving N from Rome and cause fires and explosions at Viterbo, Civita Castellana, and Guilianova. Total results for day are 657 MT destroyed, 621 damaged.

Yugoslavia: Partisans, with British artillery support, clear German positions W of Selca on E end of Brac I. Hard fighting continues in hills SE of Nerezisce in center of island. However, at 0800, Allies begin evacuation of troops from island with DDs and Coastal Air Force providing cover.

Spitbombers attack German Hq and bomb and strafe other military targets on Brac I.

Aegean: Eight B-24s make night attack on landing strip at Paros I., while 6 Venturas bomb Portolago Bay, Leros I. and seaplane bases at Rhodes harbor.

5 Italy: Eighth Army: On R flank of 13th Corps, 21st Brig (8th Ind Div), advancing toward Subiaco, moves to point 4 mi. NW of Guareano and at 1800 Div passes to command of 10th Corps; to W, 61st Brig of 6th Armd Div pushes up Genazzano-Palestrina road to Galliciano; forward units of 6th SA Armd Div reach Valmontone area.

Fifth Army: Elements of 1st Mtzd Div of FEC, with 3d Alg Div on L just S of Highway 5, advance to vicinity of Tivoli; meanwhile, 2d Mor Div moves along Paliano-Cave road, while 4th Mtn Div remains in Sezze area. Second Corps pushes through Rome and continues advance N and NW. During afternoon 15th Regt, 3d Div, with 751st Tank Bn on L, engages enemy infantry and tanks just N of Aniene R. and E of its confluence with Tiber; later in day, Div reverts to army control to garrison Rome. Little resistance is met by 350th and 351st Regts. of 88th Div, which cross Tiber bridges in NE section and advance to area 2½ mi. N of Rome on Highway 2; 85th Div crosses still farther S on bridges secured by SSF and moves 4 mi. to NW. Task Force Howze assembles in area 3 mi. E of Rome near Sapienza. First Armd Div gains bridges S of Rome and swings rapidly 10 mi. W along Highway 1; meanwhile, leading units of 141st and 142d Regts of 36th Div progress to area about 1 and 2½ mi. NW of Vatican City.

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Thirty-fourth and 45th Divs have advance elements across river with remainder of troops ready to cross. Fifth British Div reaches E side of Tiber in coastal area.

Total of about 429 fighters and fighter bombers concentrates on bridges, MT, ammunition dumps, and RRs N of Rome; same targets are also attacked N and NE of Rome by 422 B-25s, B-26s, and A-30s with especially good results on bridges at Narni, Orte, Viterbo, and Rieti and, in Adriatic sector at Popoli-Macerata-Fossombrone; total of 336 MT destroyed, 325 damaged.

RR bridges and marshalling yards hammered by Allied heavy bombers. In NE Italy, Bologna, Castel Maggiore, Ferrara, Faenza, and Forli yards damaged by 622 tons of bombs dropped by total of 281 escorted B-24s; RR bridges at Rimini, Marradi, Vado Ligure, and Fornova Di Toro attacked by 165 B-17s, which drop 472 tons of bombs with good results. During these attacks 95 P-38s strafe airfields at Ferrara, Poggio Renatico, Reggio Emilia, and Bologna, destroying 7 planes on ground; same planes drop 7 tons of bombs on bridge E of Mantova.

Yugoslavia: After considerable damage to enemy installations and heavy casualties to personnel, Allies complete final evacuation of Brac I. Germans are reported to have withdrawn from Kornat and Olib islands and during night from Dugi I. (all islands off Dalmatian coast).

Spitfires attack transportation at Bos Novi and Bos Krupa in W Bosnia; large fires and explosions result.

6 Italy: Fifth Corps: Enemy activity and arty fire increases in 4th Ind Div sector, as 4th Ind Div patrols find Palena clear of enemy and, on L flank, advance units occupy Pietransieri, Rocca Cinquemiglia, and M. Arazacca.

Eighth Army: Second NZ Div receives heavy shelling in area S of Balsorano, but captures Opi and S. Traversa to E. After being delayed by mines and demolitions, 17th, 19th, and 21st Brigs of 8th Ind Div are at Veroli, Piglio, and Guarcino, respectively. Both 6th British Armd and 6th SA Armd Divs make excellent progress: British Armd Div continues to advance up Highway 4 along Tiber R. with forward elements reaching Monterotondo; 6th SA Armd Div, led by 11th Armd Brig, crosses Tiber and moves N on Highway 3 to positions S of Castelnuovo.

Fifth Army: In FEC sector, troops of 1st Mtzd and 2d

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Mor Divs are halted at Teurone R., just NE of Rome. Units of 2d Corps advance rapidly N and NW of Rome with 91st Rcn Sq screening R flank, 117th Rcn Sq, the L; 85th Div reaches Isola Farnese, about 10 mi. N of Rome; as 350th Regt, 88th Div, moves still farther N to M. Aguzzo area; 3d Regt of SSF, relieved of protecting Tiber bridges, assembles with other elements of SSF in vicinity of Sapienza. Thirty-sixth Div advancing NW takes towns of Bracciano and Manziano; meantime, 1st Armd troops drive to area about 10 mi. WNW of Rome, as 34th and 45th Divs push 5 mi. W along Highway 1.

Light and fighter bombers attack roads, bridges, and MT N and NW of Rome; 340 MT destroyed, 333 damaged.

Medium and light bombers concentrate on communication targets N of Rome. A total of 250 B-26s and B-25s hammer road junctions and bridges in area N of Rome and cause ammunition dump near Terni to explode, while Spitbombers hit RR bridges NE of Orvieto, at Serchio, and Montepescali, and strafe MT near Grosseto. Towns of Montefiascone and Terni and surrounding roads are targets for night attack by 13 A-20s and 22 A-30s, which also set fire to hydroelectric plant at Pepigno. During night total of 39 Wellingtons and 5 B-24s effectively attack road junctions at Viterbo and E of Orvieto with 86 tons of bombs.

Yugoslavia: Twenty-eight B-17s successfully drop 82 tons of bombs on Belgrade marshalling yards and RR bridge. Fighters and fighter bombers strafe transportation in Banja Luka-Bihac and Mostar areas and hit shipping along Dalmatian coast.

7 Italy: Fifth Corps: During night Lanciano and NE part of Orsogna in 5th Corps area shelled by enemy (assumed to be 278th Inf Div); some casualties result.

Eighth Army: Advance elements of 2d NZ Div enter Balsorano, where they are delayed by mines and demolitions. Nineteenth Brig of Ind Div captures Subiaco, and moves along Subiaco-Roviano road to reach position 3 mi. NW of Subiaco; later in day 21st Brig occupies Jenne and Valle Pietra, while forward units contact enemy at Filettino. In 13th Corps area, San Angelo and Montecelio fall to 10th Brig of 4th British Div during morning, although opposition continues in general vicinity until noon. Sixth Armd Div shoots up tanks and vehicles near Monterotondo. To L, troops of SA Armd Div drive rapidly N to capture Civita Castellana, 25 mi. N

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of Rome, and continue N to area 3 mi. NE of town, where they are halted by blown bridges and demolitions; advance patrols reach Ponzano.

Fifth Army: Second Corps continues to push N and NW against weakening enemy resistance. Rapid advance brings Combat Command A of 1st Armd Div to vicinity N of Manziano, 25 mi. NW of Rome. Meanwhile, during morning, 168th Regt of 36th Div captures Civitavecchia, 40 mi. NW of Rome, and later in day meets some resistance NE of town from Nazi troops believed to be 4th Para Div.

In cooperation with ground troops, total of 284 A-36s, P-40s, P-47s, and Spitbombers cuts tracks and attacks MT and bridges N of battle area; 117 MT destroyed, 187 damaged.

Heavy bombers pound targets in N Italy: marshalling yards at Savona, Vado Ligure, and Arenzano (NE of Savona), successfully hit by total of 75 B-24s which drop 221 tons of bombs, while 170 B-24s unload 426 tons on Voltri shipyards and industrial areas and Leghorn harbor with good results; 42 P-38s dive-bomb Recco viaduct with 21 tons of bombs with unobserved results. During night 6 A-20s and A-30s hit roads N of battle area near Pedaso, Orvieto, Terni, Orte, and Perugia; 27 Wellingtons drop 50 tons of bombs on roads, RR, and road junctions at Orvieto with good results. Meanwhile, road bridges N and NW of Rome at Cecina, Pitigliano, Acquapendente, Albinia, and in Grosseto-Arezzo area are objectives for 108 B-25s, 47 B-26s and 81 P-47s. During night Lussinpiccolo on Lussino I. is shelled by DDs.

Yugoslavia: Partisans repulse enemy thrust from Ljubija to Sanski, S of Prijedor in NW Bosnia.

Aegean: In night attack 5 Venturas effectively drop 2 tons of bombs on Calato airfield, Rhodes, while 1 more attacks buildings at Rhodes harbor.

8 Italy: Fifth Corps: Patrols of 4th Ind Div enter Tollo, while other elements advance in area S of here to high ground overlooking Arielli.

Eighth Army: On R flank of 10th Corps, 2d NZ Div, hampered by mines and demolitions, continues N to reach Civitella Roveto; to W, units of 8th Ind Div, supported by tanks, reach Roviano. British 4th Div gains are slight because of mines, shelling, and enemy opposition, but during early morning some units of Div reach Palombara Sabina and Moricone, where they contact enemy. Unable to progress N of Civita Castellana-Narni road due to heavy demolitions

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and rear guard action, 6th SA Armd Div swings E through Fabrica and Vignanello; 6th Armd Div encounters strong enemy action and demolitions as they advance along Highway 4 beyond where Rieti road turns E out of Tiber valley.

Fifth Army: In 2d Corps area, 88th and 85th Divs continue to advance NW in general area 10 and 7 mi. N of Lake Bracciano, respectively; Capranica falls to 85th Div. Advance elements of 1st Armd Div take Vetralla and move 3 mi. beyond, while to SW, Allumiere and Rota fall to units of 36th Div. Thirty-fourth Div troops with CC"B" of 1st Armd Div, operating on coastal road, reach Tarquinia.

Enemy positions, communications, and roads in battle zone and central Italy are hammered by total of 703 fighters and fighter bombers; 190 MT destroyed, 175 damaged.

Fifty-two B-17s escorted by 31 P-47s drop 156 tons of bombs on submarine base and workshops at Pola on Istrian peninsula with fair result. RR bridges and ammunition dumps along W coast of Italy at Cinigiano, Grosseto, Fallonica, Cecina, Piombino, and Riparbella and viaducts and RR at Ficulle and Bucine are effectively hit by 164 B-25s and B-26s, while 34 A-20s hit Bolsena town and surrounding roads. Sixty-eight P-40s and P-47s cut tracks in 11 places NE of Grosseto.

Yugoslavia: Partisans have started offensive in Vrbljani area and advance towards Mlinsta in W Bosnia.

During night Nis marshalling yard is target for 39 Wellingtons, 10 B-24s, and 14 Halifaxes which drop 102.5 tons of bombs with heavy concentration in target area. Wellingtons also bomb town of Omis on Dalmatian coast.

Aegean: Twelve B-26s and 6 A-30s escorted by 8 Spitfires attack shipping at Heraklion harbor, Crete, starting fires; same targets and harbor installations are also hit in night attack by 8 B-24s with unobserved results.

9 Italy: Fifth Corps: Fifth Corps follows up enemy withdrawal in Adriatic sector: Miglianico and Tollo fall to 4th Ind Div, while to S, Utili Div takes Canosa, Crecchio, Filletto, and Orsogna during morning and pushes on to outskirts of Guardiagrele; later in day, units take Rocca and Giuliano.

Eighth Army: Units of 2d NZ Div, flanked by 8th Ind Div, continue to advance to outskirts of Capistrello, 5 mi. S of Avezzano; Ind Div reaches Arsoli, Agosta, and Marano. Demolitions hamper 4th Div, although advance units are able to occupy Monte Libretti. To L, British 6th Armd Div repulses

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2 enemy counterattacks 5 mi. N of Monterotondo; 6th SA Armd Div meets heavy enemy resistance, but finally captures Vallerano, where 88th Div of 2d Corps is also engaged with enemy. A task force of 78th Div moves N along bank of Tiber to area 7 mi. S of Orte.

Fifth Army: Troops of 85th Div push to within 4 mi. of Viterbo, which is captured during early morning by CC"A" of 1st armd Div; CC"B" advances to outskirts of Tuscania, where it is delayed because of blown bridge. Elements of 36th Div swing rapidly along Highway 1. Meanwhile, at 0600, Tarquinia falls to 34th Div.

In cooperation with ground forces, total of 593 fighter bombers and 422 fighters attacks roads, bridges, MT, and RRs in battle area; 224 MT and 300 RR cars destroyed, 150 MT and 13 RR cars damaged; RR lines cut in many places.

Seventy B-24s drop 155 tons of bombs on oil storage areas and warehouses at Porto Marghera with good results and hit RR line to Venice; 3 enemy planes destroyed near Pistoia. During night 45 Wellingtons, 8 B-24s, and 6 Halifaxes attack Trieste oil refinery with 123 tons of bombs, damaging E end of target. Total of 276 B-26s, B-25s and 56 A-30s hits RRs and bridges along W coast and in central Italy in vicinity of Castiglione Fiorentino, Monteciano, Montepescali, Florence, Grosseto, near Marsciano and Lake Bolsena, and along E coast at Pesaro, Cattolica, and Chiaravalle; along Adriatic coast 24 A-30s and 7 A-20s start fires at Fano marshalling yards and Civitanova in night attack. Terni road junction is objective of 19 Wellingtons, which effectively drop 35 tons of bombs during night. Anzio town and port area is raided at night by enemy planes, which drop about 80 bombs with damage to DD and AM. During night coastal forces sink F-lighter and possibly damage another S of Vada Rocks, off W coast of Italy. Small force of AMs enter harbor of Porto S. Stefano, just W of Orbetello, after Germans evacuate positions.

Elba: In night attack 67 P-47s immobilize a DD at Portoferraio and silence shore batteries.

Yugoslavia: During night Allied party lands on Solta I., raids town of Grohote, and withdraws without loss after inflicting heavy damage. In Montenegro enemy advances from Plejevljac across Tara R. to Zabljak.

Beaufighters and Hurricanes attack 2 ammunition trains in Zagreb area and set fire to hanger at Banja Luka airfield.

Aegean: Five Wellingtons and a Beaufighter make night

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attack on convoy of 6 vessels off Seriphos I., damaging 2 vessels and possibly 1 more.

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Italy: Fifth Corps: Fifth Corps on Adriatic flank is halted at Pescara R. by blown bridges. Meantime, 4th Ind Div takes Pescara and occupies Chieti to SW, while elements of Utili Div advance to area SW of Chieti.

Eighth Army: Eighth Army makes steady progress throughout front. In 10th Corps sector, 6th Brig of NZ Div reaches Avezzano, while to L, 4th Div arrives at Rome-Rieti road, 15 mi. N of Tivoli; 8th Ind Div moves to Licenza and 6th Armd Div reaches position 2 mi. N of Torrita. In 13th Corps area, 24th Guards Brig passes through 11th Armd Brig of 6th SA Armd Div to engage enemy (believed to be elements of 20th GAF Div) in area 7 mi. N of Viterbo; heavy casualties inflicted on Germans.

Fifth Army: Eighty-eighth and 85th Div sectors are taken over by 13th Corps and 3d Alg Div, respectively. FEC relieves 2d Corps; 1st Mtzd Div advances to vicinity just E of Tessennano, while 3d Alg Div, after reducing pocket of resistance at Piansano, proceeds to outskirts of Valentano. In 6th Corps sector, Tuscania falls to CC"B" of 1st Armd Div, which pushes on to Canino and then moves toward Valentano in effort to cut off enemy withdrawal S and W of Lake Bolsena. 361st Regt, 91st Div, takes Montalto di Castro without opposition and swings along Highway 1. Meanwhile, troops of 141st Regt meet intense resistance from German troops assumed to be from 4th Para Div and receive heavy casualties to personnel and damage to materiel in area about 3 mi. S of Capalbio; 142d Regt passes through Capalbio and continues attack NW.

Enemy line of communications in battle area attacked by 277 Spitfires and 14 P-51s, while MT and roads N of Grosseto-Viterbo-Terni areas and bridge NE of Piombino are targets for 168 P-47s, 60 P-40s, and 36 A-36s; total of 291 MT destroyed, 124 damaged. During night 10 A-20s and 22 A-30s attack MT N of battle area at Orvieto and Perugia with good results. Force of 109 B-25s and 76 B-26s concentrates on Fano marshalling yards, RR bridges, roads, and viaducts in Arezzo, Viterbo, Florence, and Grosseto areas with fair to good results, while 36 A-20s hit Arcidosso town and surrounding roads. Spitbombers make 2 direct hits on RR bridge N of Via Reggio.

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Heavy bombers hammer oil refineries and marshalling yards in NE Italy: oil stores at Porto Marghera and Trieste, yards at Mestre, Ancona, Faenza, Trieste, and airfield at Ferrara are hit by total of 553 escorted B-17s and B-24s, which drop 1,331 tons of bombs; large fires and explosions result.

Yugoslavia: Partisans push enemy back across Tara R. in Montenegro and break up enemy drive S from Prijepolje in same area.

In Slavonia Brod marshalling yards and oil refineries are targets for 52 Wellingtons, B-24s, and Halifaxes which drop 100.5 tons of bombs with excellent results; 60 fuel tanks destroyed.

11 Italy: Fifth Corps: Seventh Brig of 4th Ind Div throws bridgehead over Pescara R. preparatory to crossing.

Eighth Army: In mountainous area of central sector, 2d NZ Div occupies Avezzano; Fara falls to 8th Ind Div, which continues to advance to protect R flank of 6th Armd Div in vicinity of Magliano. Farther W, elements of 6th SA Armd Div capture Celleno and contact enemy S of Bagnoregio, where they encounter fierce resistance from units believed to be German 3d PZ Div.

Fifth Army: On R flank of 5th Army, Montefiascone falls to 1st Mtzd Div, while 3d Alg Div secures Valentano. On W coast, 4½ mi. E of Orbetello, troops of 141st Regt, 36th Div, continue attack against strongly fortified road block, but are unable to advance because of intense arty fire; later in day, town of Capalbio taken by units of Div. At noon 4th Corps assumes command of 6th Corps and moves toward objective Grosseto.

Because of adverse weather, medium and light bomber operations are cancelled; other operations restricted. In cooperation with army advance, fighter bombers attack roads, bridges, MT, and enemy positions; 57 MT destroyed, 42 damaged.

Along NW coast of Italy, 32 Spitfires and 18 P-40s hit roads and MT in Livorno-Pisa-Florence-Siena areas. Hurricanes sink 100-ft. schooner in Gulf of Quarnaro and attack shipping off San Sege harbor, S of Lussino I. Meanwhile, in central area of Adriatic sea, DDs engage 4 E-boats and sink one.

Yugoslavia: Fifty-five B-17s and 102 B-24s successfully attack oil installations and marshalling yards at Smederevo

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(SE of Belgrade) with 414 tons of bombs. During night British DDs, operating off Rogoznica, W of Split on Dalmatian coast, engage 4 E-boats, sinking one.

Aegean: Seven Venturas make night attack on Rhodes harbor; fires started on administration buildings nearby.

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Italy: Fifth Corps: Fifth Corps continues to follow enemy withdrawal on Adriatic flank. Elements of 4th Ind and Utili Divs cross Pescara R; advance troops push to Madonna and Spotlore, while 7th Brig successfully engages enemy rearguard at Citta S. Angelo and Cappele. Meanwhile, to S, Popoli, Sulmona, and Pescara fall to units of Utili Div.

Eighth Army: Tenth Corps makes little progress because of mines and demolitions. Strong enemy positions halt advance elements of 6th SA Div at Bagnoregio, 6 mi. S of Orvieto, where they prepare for attack.

Fifth Army: In FEC sector, 1st Mtzd and 3d Alg Divs advance rapidly to points $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi S of Bolsena and 3 mi. NW of Valentano, respectively. Fourth Corps makes only slight gains against strong enemy opposition in area E of Orbetello. Troops of 142nd and 143d Regts, 36th Div, attack N in effort to establish bridgehead across Albegna R; meanwhile 361st Regt cuts Highway 1 in 2 places; 142d Regt, moving NW, reaches area 8 mi. NE of Orbetello.

Unfavorable weather continues. Total of 316 fighter bombers destroys 68 MT, 3 bridges, fuel dump, and 4 gun positions and cuts RR lines in battle area.

Force of 160 B-26s and 106 B-25s effectively hits 9 RR bridges and many viaducts in N central Italy near Foligno, Poggibonsi, Marsciano, Massa, Bucine, Arezzo, and Perugia and along Adriatic coast at Pietrasanta, Cattolica, and Pesaro, while 173 P-47s attack roads and bridges in vicinity of Pisa and Florence with good results. During night 20 A-30s and 12 A-20s start fires in area between Terni and Spoleto and hit RRs at Civitanova and Fabriano.

Yugoslavia: Fighting continues in Bosnia and along Dalmatian coast. Partisans repulse enemy columns operating from Teslic and Doboij (towns SE and E of Banja Luka in Bosnia), attack column moving N from Knin to Petrovac, and engage enemy formation in Babin Potok area, W of Bihac.

Adverse weather limits air operations. Spitfires and Hurricanes attack E-boat in Korcula harbor off Dalmatian coast, and destroy 11 MT in same area.

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Italy: Fifth Corps: Demolitions and blown bridges hamper advance in Adriatic sector. Fourth Ind Div troops are still in contact with enemy rear guards (believed to units of 278th Div) N of Citta S. Angelo; troops of Utili Div work their way into Cepagatti and move SW to Rosciano.

Eighth Army: In 10th Corps sector, patrols of 2d NZ Div reach Castelnuovo and Orindoli; 8th Ind Div is retarded by demolitions, but later takes Cantalupo and Aspra and advances 2 mi. N. Leading tanks of 6th Armd Div receive heavy fire in Narni area and later move on to take town. To L, 6th SA Armd Div, astride main road, attacks and breaks through enemy positions at Bagnoregio.

Fifth Army: Stubborn defense by German 26th Armd Div in sector between Bagnoregio and Lake Bolsena continues to delay 1st Mtzd Div, as 3d Alg Div is pushed back 3 mi. in area along W side of Lake Bolsena; later in day L flank is able to take Ischia and Farnese and cut Highway 74. Elements of 36th Div seize heights of M. Polpi and M. Maggiore, E of Orbetello, while in coastal sector, other units cross Albegna R.

Total of 329 P-40s, P-47s, A-36s, and P-51s attacks roads, RRs, RR bridges, and MT behind battle lines, as well as bridge in Spezia-Forli area, while MT, N of battle zone, are targets for 171 Spitfires, which destroy 25 and damage 83.

Viaducts at Poggibonsi and Bucine, block ships in Leghorn harbor, RR bridges at Fabriano, Sasso Ferrato, and Cattolica and road bridges in Perugia area attacked by 120 B-26s and 110 B-25s; all targets believed hit. Twelve B-17s drop 10 tons of bombs on aluminum plant, coking works, and oil storage tanks at Porto Marghera.

Aegean: SS Fenja (Swedish cargo ship, 2,043 tons) sunk by mine at 36-55N, 27-21E.

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Italy: Fifth Corps: In Adriatic coastal sector, elements of Utili Div contact units of 276th German Inf Div at Penne. Patrols find Castiglione and Aquila clear of enemy.

Eighth Army: On R flank of 10th Corps, forward troops of 8th Ind Div reach M. Cosca and Cottanella area; leading elements of 6th Armd Div meet enemy (believed to 15th PG Div) on outskirts of Terni, where blown bridges on Highway 3 prevent further advance; other units concentrate in vicinity of Narni preparatory to continuing attack. Near Orvieto, in 13th Corps area, 78th Div units crush enemy resistance.

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from troops assumed to be 26th Div, and take town during morning. Sixth SA Div continues to move NW with rcn elements 3 mi. NW of Viterbo. Against enemy resistance and demolitions, 1st Mtzd Div of FEC captures Bolsena and advances to take Porano, while 3d Alg Div occupies Latera and pushes on to Gradoli. Forward elements of Task Force Ramey reach Pitigliano and Saturnia. To L, 36th Div continues to advance N and NW, meeting resistance on high ground between Fonta Blanda and Magliano; later in day town of Magliano taken without opposition.

In cooperation with ground forces, total of 350 fighters and fighter bombers attack supply dumps, MT, and RRs N of battle area; 85 MT destroyed and 49 damaged, while 35 A-20s destroy ammunition dump near Lake Trasimeno.

In N central Italy, 89 B-25s hit Borgo-Lorenzo RR, viaducts, tunnels, and tracks near Canneto and Prato, and 2 RR bridges in Florence area with good results; meanwhile, block ships again successfully attacked in Leghorn harbor by 36 B-26s. Roads, RRs, and junctions in Florence-Pistoia-Lucca area are targets for 120 P-47s with fair to excellent results.

Yugoslavia: Heavy bombers attack oil refineries in N Yugoslavia: 73 B-24s successfully drop 166 tons of bombs on refineries at Sisak, Croatia, starting fires, while 78 B-24s bomb similar target at Osijek, Slavonia, with 174 tons. Harbor of Split is objective of 18 B-24s which drop 38 tons of bombs with good results. During night 32 Wellingtons, B-24s, and Halifaxes attack Nis RR and locomotive sheds with 74 tons of bombs; all targets believed hit. Spitfires, over a wide area along Yugoslav coast, strike MT, dumps, RR and road bridges.

East Atlantic: St. Basile (French cargo ship, 2,778 tons) sunk by submarine at 05-00 N, 09-14 W.

15 Italy: Fifth Corps: At 0700 3d Carpathian Div assumes command of 4th Ind Div sector. Patrols of 2d Carp Brig reach Pineto, along coast.

Eighth Army: In 10th Corps area, 6th Armd Div captures Terni and pushes rapidly NW on Highway 79 to take Todi. Advance of 13th Corps continues: 78th Div moves N from Orvieto to reach Ficulle, while rcn elements move 7 mi. to E; units of 6th SA Armd Div approach Allerona, 10 mi. NW of Orvieto, with remainder of Div following.

Fifth Army: French forces, with 1st Mtzd Div on R and 3d Alg Div on L, occupy Aquapendente, Onano, and Sorano.

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In 4th Corps sector, resistance becomes more determined as Task Force Ramey presses toward Triana; 141st Regt of 36th Div moves N to take Scansano; 361st Regt enters Montiano at dawn and continues advance N.

In support of ground troops, 186 P-47s and 145 Spitfires destroy 2 enemy planes, 3 bridges, and 23 MT, and cut RR lines in 21 places; while 15 A-30s drop 11 tons of bombs in night attack on MT, roads, and RR junctions at Perugia, Foligno, Fossato, Fabriano, and Chiusi, and start fires at Civitanova with good results.

Six RR bridges and viaducts along W coast of Italy in Via Reggio-Castiglione area are targets for 110 B-25s; many hits result. Force of Wellingtons attacks harbor installations at Lussinpiccolo on Lussino I.

Yugoslavia: Enemy recaptures Zabljak in Montenegro. From Majeвица area, Bosnia, Partisans are forced to withdraw SW by counterattacks. During night Partisans destroy RR and bridge near Bresnica, central Serbia.

Aegean: Twelve escorted A-30s attack small convoy off Rhodes harbor; during night same target is objective of 7 Venturas which drop 5 tons of bombs with unobserved results.

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Italy: Fifth Corps: In Adriatic coastal area, 3d Carp Div is established along Giulianova-Teramo line, while forward elements of Utili Div find Teramo clear of enemy.

Eighth Army: Eighth Army continues to advance: 8th Ind Div, in rear-guard action, pushes N from vicinity of Terni to Spoleto, Foligno, and Bevagna, while other elements move to area N of Massa Martana; rapid advance of 6th Armd Div brings it to point 9½ mi. N of Todi; 78th Div meets opposition N of Ficulle; 6th SA Armd Div captures Alleronna, where further advance is hampered by demolitions.

Fifth Army: French forces, contacting 13th Corps on R, advance to area 4 mi. N of Lake Bolsena. Attack on Triana by Task Force Ramey continues with resistance still heavy. In 36th Div sector, enemy MG and mortar fire hamper 141st Regt, but after Caterina falls, Regt moves on to area ½ mi. S of Vallerona. Bridges over Ombrone R. found destroyed and area heavily mined, although troops of 361st Regt finally cross 4 mi. NE of Grosseto; 143d Regt moves up Highway 1, crosses river SE of Grosseto, and approaches the town with little difficulty.

Total of 313 fighters and fighter bombers attacks MT,

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RRs, and bridges N of battle line in Perugia, Fossato, and Antrodoco areas, while an additional 170 P-47s hit roads, fuel dump, and bridges in support of Allied troops.

Medium bombers concentrate on RR and road bridges N of Florence. Total of 109 B-25s effectively bombs RR bridges at Pietrasanta, Ronta, and Vernio with 198 tons of bombs; 116 B-26s hit RR and road bridges and viaducts at Via Reggio, Pisa, Vergato, and SW of Bologna with excellent results. Spitfires make 4 hits on 3 150-ft vessels at Voltri shipyards (W of Genoa).

Elba: In support of Allied operations, Spitfires and 155 P-47s attack roads, and bridges and hit vessel off Portoferraio.

Yugoslavia: Local fighting continues in W Bosnia. On Petrovac-Drvar road Partisans engage enemy, causing damage to transportation and casualties to personnel.

Aegean: In night attack on Rhodes harbor, 5 Venturas drop about 2 tons of bombs in vicinity of fuel stores; dense columns of smoke observed.

South Atlantic: SS Columbine (British cargo ship, 3,268 tons) sunk by submarine at 32-30 S, 17-40 E.

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Italy: Second Polish Corps: Polish 2d Corps assumes responsibility for 5th Corps sector in Adriatic area, as enemy continues rapid withdrawal; advance elements reach Bellante.

Eighth Army: On R flank of 10th Corps, Bastia entered by troops of 19th Brig (8th Ind Div), while 6th Armd Div is directed at Perugia. Seventy-eighth Div encounters strong opposition from troops believed to be elements of 356th Inf Div NW of Monteleone, but pushes N $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. to reach Citta Della Pieve; to L, 6th SA Armd Div progresses to area 8 mi. W of Monteleone.

Fifth Army: First Mtzd Div and 3d Alg Div continue steady advance in area NW of Lake Bolsena to take S. Fiora; some arty fire received. In 4th Corps area, 117th Rcn Sq moves W to improve contact between FEC and 36th Div. M. Moscona falls to 361st Regt, while to SW, 143d Regt enters Grosseto as 142d Regt moves N by truck.

Air operations hampered by adverse weather although fighter-bombers are able to hit roads, bridges, and gun positions N of battle area with good results. Twenty-two A-30s make night attack on enemy communications in Arezzo-Perugia-Fossato area, hit bridge at Civitanova and town of

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In Florence area, 10 B-26s damage RR bridge W of Poggibonsi with good results, while 23 A-20s cause explosion to ammunition dump near Fucecchio. Viaducts, quays, jetties, and barges at Sestri Levante (SE of Chiavari) are targets for P-47s; many hits result.

Elba: At 0400 task force from 9th Colonial Inf Div of FEC, reinforced by Bn de Choc and French Commandos, lands on Elba I. First assault on main beach in Marina di Campo area on S shore successfully made in LCA, although troops suffer severe casualties from heavy arty and mortar fire; Bn de Choc takes battery on Point de Campo. Another LCA, prevented from landing on Marina di Campo beach by arty and mortar fire, proceeds across Golfo di Campo to make successful landing on Nercio beach. By 0730, 4 Bns are landed to take village of Marina di Campo and nearby beach. Meanwhile, Senegalese Regt drives across island to seize M. Costello and advances in direction of Portoferraio. M. San Martino, in center of island, falls to 4th Regt, which moves E to approach Reciso. Tabors push toward Pallazzo and Margidore along coastal road.

In support of ground troops, 26 Wellingtons and 6 B-24s make successful night attack on docks and harbor installations at Portoferraio and Porto Longone with 60 tons of bombs, while during day 122 Spitfires fly patrols in support of landings.

Pianosa: Small force of French troops occupy Pianosa, I. (9 mi. SW of Elba), which was evacuated by Germans during night.

Aegean: Eleven escorted A-30s drop 5.5 tons of bombs on shipping at Rhodes harbor.

18 Italy: Second Polish Corps: Heavy rains and demolitions on extreme R in Adriatic sector slow advance of 2d Polish Corps, although elements of 3d Carp Div reach Teramo and push on to Torano, 12 mi. N.

Eighth Army: Bad weather and enemy resistance also hinder 8th Army. Nineteenth Brig of 8th Ind Div repulses strong Axis counterattack (assumed to be troops of 15th PG Div) in Bastia area; later, 19th Brig, with 17th Brig on R, establishes bridgehead over Chiascio R. and progresses to point 5 mi. E of Perugia. Farther W, 26th Armd Brig. of 6th Armd Div, protecting L flank of 8th Ind Div, moves to within 3 mi. of Perugia. In 13th Corps area, 11th Brig of 78th Div is able to take Piegara and advance 2 mi. N of town, while

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36th Brig engages in fierce fighting at Citta della Pieve against troops believed to be of 29th PG Div; to W, 12th Mtdz Brig (6th SA Armd Div) progresses to within 2 mi. of Cetona.

Fifth Army: On R flank of FEC, 1st Mtdz Div occupies town of Radicofani and M. Cetona; to L, some units of 3d Alg Div make slight gains in S. Fiora area. After taking Campagnatico, 12 mi. NE of Grosseto, TF Ramey encounters fairly stiff resistance, but pushes N; meanwhile rcn elements of 141st Regt cut Bagignano-Paganico road in several places. At 0600 36th Div resumes its attack, as 517th Para RCT on R flank crosses Ombrone R. above Istia and advances to hills in area Pgio Petriccio against SA fire; 361st Regt moves forward to position about 1½ mi. SW of Pianetti, while 143d Regt drives on against light opposition to reach area few mi. W. Later in day, 361st Regt captures Batignano.

Heavy rain cancels almost all air operations. Seventeen P-47s, in attack on shipping in Piombino harbor, hit steel hull.

Elba: French make good progress in attack on island: 13th Senegalese Regt, moving N, is delayed during morning by enemy battery fire from Mt. Enfolia, but by afternoon, with support of arty and naval fire, Portoferraio is captured; 4th Regt advances over central road and seizes Reciso; Tabors reach road junction S of Puccio, while to W, Bn de Choc mops up in mountain area.

In support of ground troops, 122 Spitfires attack enemy targets on Elba and hit 3 small vessels near island, while at night coastal forces sink F-lighter off coast.

Yugoslavia: Heavy fighting is in progress in Obrovac-Skradin area in Dalmatia.

Aegean: Six Venturas again bomb Rhodes harbor with bursts in harbor area. Unfavorable weather conditions still prevail.

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Italy: Second Polish Corps: On extreme R flank of 2d Polish Corps, 1st and 2d Carp Brigs reach general line of Tronto R; 1st Brig then crosses river and reaches Tesino R., N. of Offida. In meantime patrols move N on Teramo-Ascoli road.

Eighth Army: Eighth Army, delayed by bad weather and demolitions, makes slow progress toward Perugia. Against elements of 356th German Inf Div, 17th Brig of 8th Ind Div captures towns of Ripa and Civitella d'Arno in area NE of

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Perugia. In 6th Armd Div sector, 1st guards Brig attacks N on Todi-Perugia road to within 1 mi. of Perugia, while 26th Armd Brig cuts Highway 75, 2 mi. W of town; other elements of Div report Castiglione clear. Fifty-sixth rcn group of 78th Div reaches S shore of Lake Trasimeno, while other units of Div approach area 2 mi. S. Twenty-ninth German Div withdraws from Citta della Pieve after several days of fierce fighting against 36th Brig of 78th Div, which then moves 4 mi. NW.

Fifth Army: In FEC sector, 3d Alg Div, attacking NW from S. Fiore, captures Arcidosso and Castel del Piano, while Goum elements take M. Amiata and approach points about 3 mi. N and NE of M. Amiata. On L flank of 5th Army in 4th Corps area, 141st Regt of 36th Div moves against enemy, (believed to be elements of 20th L/W Div) to road $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. S of Faganico; troops of 117th Rcn sq enter Montorsai, while 143d Regt mops up area S of Montepescali and 361st Regt of 91st Div (attached to 36th Div) advances toward Sticciano.

Unfavorable weather continues to hamper air activities. Total of 217 P-47s, concentrating on targets along W coast, cuts rails NE of Leghorn, starts fires at Pontedera, hits yard and factory at Sestri Levante, sinks barge N of Leghorn, and destroys 180 cars at Via Reggio station.

Elba: With fall of Porto Longone, on E coast of Elba, all organized German resistance ends. However during night German Commandos land on Point di Cavo, Elba, where they are engaged by troops of 4th Senegalese Regt; later they withdraw from island after suffering losses.

Allied PT boats attack convoy of 5 F-lighters and an E-boat off Point di Cavo; 3 sunk and possibly one more.

Yugoslavia: Partisans block tunnel on Celje-Magibor RR line in Slovenia.

Aegean: In E Aegean SW of Kalymnos, 8 Beaufighters attack convoy with 2 direct and 10 possible hits on DD, causing fires and explosion; one other vessel damaged.

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Italy: Second Polish Corps: Small advances made along entire front despite adverse weather conditions. Third Carp Div takes S. Benedetto and moves 3 mi. up coast to approach Grottammare; patrols reach Ascoli; farther W, 8th Ind Div mops up area between Ripa and Tiber R, while to L, 3d Brig occupies Castignano.

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Eighth Army: On R flank of 10th Corps, 1st Guards Brig of 6th Armd Div captures Perugia and advances beyond against heavy mortar fire; M. Malbe, 4 mi. W of Perugia, falls to other elements of Div after stiff enemy resistance. Supported by tanks, 11th Brig, with 36th Brig on L, (both units of 78th Div) move N on W side of Lake Trasimeno to within 4 mi. of Castiglione; to SW, Chiusi entered by 12th Mtzd Brig of 6th SA Armd Div.

Fifth Army: At midnight 2d Mor Div assumes command of 1st Mtzd Div sector on R flank of FEC. Campiglio d'Orsa is taken and M. Giovi occupied after strong enemy resistance is overcome in area of Castel del Piano. In 4th Corps area, elements of 141st Regt advance against some resistance by 20th L/W Div to take Paganico; 117th Rcn Sq works N toward Roccastrada, while in contact to L, 517th Para Regt (attached to 36th Div) moves to high ground just N of Sticciano; 143d and 142d Regts, attacking 6 mi. NW along Highway 1, progress to Giuncarico area.

Air operations still curtailed by weather conditions. Along NE coast of Italy, 69 B-26s block approaches to Recco viaduct and destroy E span of RR viaduct near Rapallo, while on W coast, 39 P-47s cut RR between Leghorn and Pisa. Meantime, 173 P-47s destroy road bridges N of battle area, cut Pisa-Pistoia RR line in 7 places, and make 5 direct hits on incomplete CV (which is identified as former Italian liner "Roma.") in Genoa harbor. Hurricanes destroy I-boat near Marina Carrera and damage bridge near Spezia.

21 Italy: Second Polish Corps: Third Carp Div occupies Pedaso, 10 mi. N of San Benedetto.

Eighth Army: Eighth Army reports strong opposition along entire front: in 10th Corps area, 12th Lancers continue towards Camerino in contact with enemy troops while units of 6th Armd Div approach M. Tezio, N of Perugia; in 13th Corps sector, 38th Brig reaches point 3 mi. S of Castiglione, as 36th Brig captures Vaiano, 5 mi. SW of Castiglione; 11th and 12th Brigs of SA Armd Div still fighting in and around Chiusi.

Fifth Army: On R flank of FEC, 2d Mor Div progresses 7 mi. to reach point 10½ mi. NW of Radicofani; elements of 3d Alg Div are at Hill 615, 1 mi. SW of Castiglione d'Orcia, while other units take Montenero, just S of Orcia R., and make contact with 4th Corps S of Cinigiano. To L, 91st Rcn Sq screens. Plans as units of 141st Regt advance against

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arty fire and SP guns to area 2½ mi. S of Roccastrada and consolidate positions around Paganico; troops of 143d and 142d Regts advance slowly up Highway 1 under heavy fire to occupy Caldana, Ravi, and Gavorrano.

Total of 195 fighter bombers and large number of fighters attacks enemy communications N of battle areas and also cuts rails and attacks bridges in Florence area and along W coast; 36 A-20s bomb ammunition dump near Fucecchio with good results.

Medium bombers concentrate on bridges in N central Italy: RRs, road bridges, and viaducts at Bucella, Veghera, Vernio, Massa, and Pietrasanta and lines between Pitteccio and Castagna and Pitteccio and Fabrica are targets for 229 B-25s and B-26s; block ship in Leghorn harbor also hit. Twenty-four P-47s and 12 Spitfires crater runways and damage hangars at Novi Ligure airfield. In night attack 55 Wellingtons, 8 Halifaxes, and 2 B-24s drop 125 tons of bombs on marshalling yards at Ventimiglia with excellent results; also during night PT boats engage coaster and 2 lighters off Sestri Levante on Gulf of Genoa. Sixteen P-40s and 5 A-30s report 1 hit and near miss on royal yacht at Ancona. Wellingtons bomb harbor of Lussinpiccolo on Lussino I., probably damaging 2,000-ton ship.

Yugoslavia: During night Partisan sabotage party destroys Bulgarian radio station and ammunition store at Nis. Allied force lands on Korcula I. and ambushes enemy column, claiming 200 killed, while another force after landing on Brac I. claims 20 killed.

22 Italy: Second Polish Corps: In Polish Corps sector, 1st Brig of 3d Carp Div concentrates in S. Elpidio-Monte S. Guisto area, while other units cross Chienti R. at Beltrovato and move towards Morrovalle against units of 278th German Inf Div; one Bn crosses river N of S. Elpidio but withdraws after enemy counterattack.

Eighth Army: Stiff fighting against determined opposition takes place on whole 8th Army front. Units of 8th Ind Div still fight in area 4 mi. NW of Perugia, while other units clear R flank between Assisi and Pianello. In 13th Corps area, 6th SA Armd Div continues fighting in Chiusi sector.

Fifth Army: Second Mor Div, with 5th RTM on R and 8th RTM on L, makes minor gains, as 3d Alg Div advances 5 mi. to straighten out line in area SE of Roccastrada. Farther W, 1st Armd Div, 4th Corps, runs into mine fields and heavy

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arty fire, but finally reaches area 2 mi. S of Roccastrada; CC"B" repulses enemy counterattack in Castel di Pietra sector; 142d and 143d Regts of 36th Div continue to attack W on Highway 1.

North of battle area and along NW coast of Italy in Pisa-Empoli and Lavagna-Moneglia areas, RR and road bridges are targets for 232 P-47s; roads and junction N of Arezzo also hit by 96 P-40s and 22 P-51s.

Heavy bombers able to resume operations and RR yards, bridges, and airfields in N Italy hammered; total of 485 escorted B-24s and 157 B-17s drops 1,428 tons of bombs on yards at Ferrara, Parma, Bologna, Modena, Torno di Taro, Udine, Castel Maggiore, and Pola, on airfields at Forli, Poggio Renatico, and Pola, on factory at Turin, on MT depot at Chivasso, on bridges at Piave and Rimini; all targets hit with fair to excellent results, causing many fires and explosions. Total of 156 B-25s and B-26s attacks RR viaducts at Marzabotto and Selva di Boccheto and bridges at Cattolica and Fossombrone with good results. Beaufighters sink merchant ship and 7 small vessels near Rimini. Meanwhile, in night attack, 45 Wellingtons, 6 B-24s, and 8 Halifaxes drop 98 tons of bombs on Vado Ligure marshalling yards and oil refineries; many fires and explosions result.

Yugoslavia: Partisans capture Bos Grahovo in Dinaric Alps area, Montenegro.

Aegean: German ship bombards Keramidi harbor area, E coast of Greece.

23 Italy: Second Polish Corps: First Brig of 3d Carp Div crosses Chienti R. to capture Staz di Morravalle, but withdraws after enemy counterattack; advance guard of 2d Carp Brig reaches Lenza R., to the N.

Eighth Army: In 10th Corps sector, elements of 6th Armd Div make slight gains to R and L of S. Marco (NW of Perugia). Sixth SA Armd Div still engaged in heavy fighting in Chiusi sector.

Fifth Army: Enemy resistance very bitter along whole FEC front with artillery activity increased and considerable difficulty caused by mines and demolitions; line generally established along Ombrone and Orcia Rivers to 13th Corps area, W of Sarteano. Farther W, CC"A" advances in 2 columns: R moves N to area just S of Bagni di Petriolo; L progresses NW to point E of M. Alto. Elements of 141st Regt fight way into Roccastrada during afternoon, while CC"B" reaches general

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vicinity 3 mi. S and SE of Massa. Attack of 36th Div progresses against some resistance, with 142d Regt astride Highway 1 advancing W to area 4 mi. E of Fallonica. Troops of 117th Rcn Sq, screening attack on L flank, approach Fallonica, but withdraw to E under severe pressure. German troops in this area identified as 19th GAF Div. At midnight 34th Div moves into forward sector near Giuncarico.

Operations hampered by adverse weather conditions. Spitfires and P-40s attack MT in battle area.

Medium bomber missions cancelled. Along Adriatic coast, road bridge at Cattolica and RR bridge at Fano are targets for 29 A-30s, 12 B-26s, and 22 P-40s and P-51s, while on W coast at Fucecchio, Volterra, and Pistoia 32 A-20s and 42 P-47s attack roads, RRs, ammunition dump, MT, and marshalling yard. During night MT near Florence and roads at Arezzo are objectives for 6 A-20s and 1 A-30; earlier in day, French Spitfires effectively bomb road bridge N of Leghorn. Wellingtons attack roads and RRs at Ancona and again bomb Lussinpiccolo with good results; large explosion results.

Yugoslavia: Fifty-three B-24s drop 115 tons of bombs on Nis marshalling yards with fair results. Five Wellingtons bomb Rhodes harbor during night.

24 Italy: Second Polish Corps: Adriatic sector remains generally quiet except for patrolling by Polish Corps in Amandola area. Elements of 8th Ind Div cross Chiagio R. N of Bastia and establish line from Assisi to Pianello; troops of 6th Armd Div occupy high ground of M. Giogo and M. Croce, 3 mi. N of Perugia, while to L, 1st Guards and 61st Guards Brigs secure M. Pacciano, Fossio Montione, Corciano, and Castelvieto. In 13th Corps sector, 78th Div troops capture Pescaia and Ranciano just W of Lake Trasimeno; 28th Brig of 4th Div attacks to area $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. NE of Vaiano; elements of 6th SA Armd Div occupy Sarteano, with leading troops on road $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. NW of town.

Fifth Army: Under constant pressure, French forces, with tank support, gain ground on both flanks: on R, Castiglioncello falls to 2d Mor Div; on L, 3d Alg Div crosses Ombrone R., takes Casale, and contacts CC"A", which advances N to outskirts of Tornarella. To L, TF Howze secures Tatti and moves N 3 mi. along road from Tatti against stubborn infantry resistance. Right column of CC"B" takes Perolla, while center and L columns reach Guardione; rcn elements

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reach area S of Massa. Troops of 142d and 143d Divs, attacking vigorously, approach point W of Fallonica-Massa road, while rapid advance along Highway 1 brings 517th Regt to area 2 mi. NW of Fallonica; meanwhile town falls to elements of 117th Rcn Sq after heavy infantry and mortar fire.

Adverse weather again hampers Allied aircraft. In support of ground troops, 18 P-40s and 4 P-51s bomb crossroads, MT, and ammunition dump in battle area.

Road and RR bridges in Pontedera-Lucca-Via Reggio-Pisa area are targets for 175 P-47s; many hits result. Along W coast, Spitfires score hits on jetty and 2 vessels in Via Reggio area and RR station near Lucca; 5 A-30s make night attack on Cecina town, starting fires. Meanwhile, Beaufighters and B-26s attack shipping and hit barge 12 mi. S of Venice, as well as 2 enemy coasters 10 mi. NW of Pola.

Yugoslavia: Partisans regain several towns on Bihac-Jajce road in W Bosnia. During night PTs drive enemy PT ashore on Murter I., NW of Sibenik.

25 Italy: Second Polish Corps: Polish troops maintain line along Chienti R. with patrols across in Tolentino and Calderola areas.

Eighth Army: Despite stubborn resistance, 12th Lancers from vicinity of Serravalle contact 8th Ind Div E of Assisi. Eighth Army makes gains against stiff opposition: in foothills E of Tiber in Perugia sector, Valfabrica is taken, while rcn elements of 6th Armd Div clear E side of Lake Trasimeno to point 3 mi. S of Magione; on W side of lake, 36th Brig of 78th Div reaches position 1 mi. N of Ranciano. Meantime, after several days fighting, Chiusi is still in enemy hands. Twenty-fourth Guards Brig, on British L flank, continues to move N in Sarteano sector.

Fifth Army: Enemy resistance strong on R and center of French line, as 2d Mor Div pushes along Highway 2 to Orcia R. and seizes Castiglione d'Orcia and Rocca d'Orcia; to L, Goums take M. Acuto and continue upstream. Bitter fighting continues, but diminishes somewhat as 1st Armd Div advances: CC"A", keeping its 3 column formation, reaches point 6½ mi. N of Roccastrada; TF Howze fights with tanks and infantry to approach Montieri, while CC"B" captures Massa and proceeds NE. In 36th Div sector, 142d and 517 Para Regts move to positions 1 mi. W of Massa; 143d Regt, astride Highway 1, reaches Cornia R., 10 mi. NW of Fallonica. After brief skirmish with partisan defenders, who believed them to be

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Germans, 39th Engr Regt occupies Piombino.

Adverse weather continues. Sixty-five P-40s, P-51s, and Spitbombers attack gun positions in Arezzo-Siena area and hit Fano bridge; in same general area, 9 A-20s and 11 A-30s make night attack on Arezzo airdrome and roads near Pisa and Florence; large fire started in hangar at airdrome. Force of 130 P-47s bombs roads, RRs, and bridges between Genoa and Spezia, damaging 5 RR bridges, road bridge, viaduct, and tracks and blocking 2 tunnels. Shipping and transportation along Adriatic coast are targets for 43 Spitfires and Hurricanes; 1 schooner and 11 MT destroyed. Twenty P-38s strafe and bomb DD and radio station off Istrian peninsula in Fiume area.

Yugoslavia: Enemy force of 1,600, supported by tanks, attacks Bos Grahovo in Montenegro.

East Atlantic: SS Norfolk (British cargo ship, 7,131 tons) sunk by mine at 05-00 N, 09-00 W.

26 Italy: Eighth Army: On R flank of 8th Army, tanks of 8th Inf Div engage enemy (probably elements of 44th and 305th Inf Divs) in area 7 mi. NE of Perugia and advance 1 mi. N. Near Lake Trasimeno troops of 78th Div, supported by tanks, push along Highway 71 and cross Pesca R. to contact Germans on outskirts of Castiglione; heavy casualties inflicted and 200 prisoners taken. Lavilla, Bodia, and Lapi (towns N and NE of Chiusi) fall to 4th Div troops; meantime, after week of bitter fighting, Chiusi is captured by 11th Armd Brig of 6th SA Div, which then moves 3 mi. NW.

Fifth Army: French troops make slight gains along entire front and at end of day several more crossings of Orcia R. are secured by 2d Mor Div. In 4th Corps area, after delay caused by blown bridge, CC"A" advances $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. to reach point 7 mi. N of Roccastrada. R column of TF Howze progresses slowly against mines, demolitions, mortar and MG fire to area S of Chiusdino, while L column encounters stiff fighting S of Montieri; CC"B" advances to position about 2 mi. N of Massa. Thirty-sixth Div takes Suverto and Campiglia, where they are relieved during morning by 34th Div, which then pushes W against arty, mortar, and MG fire to reach coast 10 mi. N of Piombino.

North of battle area, total of 200 P-47s, 133 Spitfires, and 275 fighters attacks roads, bridges, MT, and gun positions near Florence, Pisa, Poggibonisi, and Bologna, as well as in Spezia-Arezzo-Fano-Castiglione areas; 3 MT and 4 aircraft on

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ground destroyed; royal yacht at Ancona sunk. In night attack 56 Wellingtons, 15 B-24s, and 9 Halifaxes drop 185 tons of bombs on oil refinery at Trieste with excellent results; many fires and explosions result. Harbor installations at Cherso harbor and coast road and RR near Fano are objectives of force of Wellingtons. During night 10 A-20s, 21 A-30s, attack dock installations and marshalling yards at Ancona, docks at Via Reggio, and also hit road junction near Bagni di Lucca.

27 Italy: Second Polish Corps: Line of 2d Polish Corps remains along Chienti R. During afternoon 1st Brig of 3d Carp Div crosses Chienti R., liquidates several enemy positions, and returns under heavy fire with 14 prisoners; arty and mortar fire continue active throughout night.

Eighth Army: In 10th Corps area, 21st Brig advances to Colombella, but is forced to retreat after fierce fighting against what are believed to be elements of 44th Inf Div; 19th Brig moves to high ground 6 mi. NE of Bastia; from S, patrols of 6th Armd Div approach to within 1 mi. of Magione on E side of Lake Trasimeno. Units of 4th Div seize Cassamaggiore, while 11th and 12th Brigs of SA Armd Div move to positions on arc 4 mi. NE and W of Chuisi. On L flank, 24th Guards Brig establishes bridgehead over Astrone R. at point 3 mi. N of Sarteano and takes La Foce, thus making contact with French 2d Mor Div.

Fifth Army: Against stiff opposition, 3d Alg Div advances 2 mi. in area 5 mi. SW of Montalcino. In 4th Corps sector, Chiusdino falls to CC"A" during morning, as TF Howze reaches point 2 mi. N of Montieri, where tank battle takes place against troops assumed to be 16th SS Armd Div. Meanwhile CC"B", advancing in 2 columns, progresses to area 6 mi. N of Massa. Troops of 168th Regt of 34th Div hold line 3 mi. E of Sassetta, while 442d Regt, 34th Div, takes town and mops up in area 1 mi. to N; on L flank, 133d Regt occupies S. Vincenzo, 12 mi. N of Piombino on Highway 1, and is directed toward Castagneto.

Unfavorable weather continues and medium bomber missions cancelled. N of battle zone, in Arezzo area, 58 P-40s, 12 P-51s, 36 Spitbombers, and 113 Spitfires hit German troops, destroy 13 MT, and damage 11. Total of 202 P-40s, A-20s, and P-47s, attacks enemy lines of communication and targets in Spezia-Leghorn-Pistoia-Savona area, destroying 2 bridges, damaging 2, and destroying ammunition dump. Meanwhile on E coast of Italy, 24 A-30s attack enemy battery SW of Macerata with good

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results. Thirty-four Spitfires destroy 3 enemy planes on ground at Reggio Emilia airdrome.

Yugoslavia: Total of 153 escorted B-17s and B-24s drops 377 tons of bombs on Brod marshalling yards; large fires and explosions result. Two B-17s attack aircraft on Sarajevo airfield with 5.5 tons of bombs, while landing ground at Banja Luka airfield is target for Spitfires which destroy 1 enemy plane and 3 MT.

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Italy: Second Polish Corps: Along Adriatic coast N of Cascinare and farther W at Beltrivato, enemy arty is very active.

Eighth Army: Tenth Ind Div begins relieving 8th Ind Div sector E of Perugia during early hours. West of Lake Trasimeno, elements of 78th, 4th, and 6th SA Armd Divs push slowly ahead under increased shelling and MG fire to capture La Bandita, Frattavecchio, and Casamaggiore.

Fifth Army: On R flank of French forces, 4th, 5th and 8th RTMs secure Pienza and Vergelle, while on L flank, units of 3d Alg Div capture Montalcino and reach confluence of Ombrone and Grevolone Rivers. Eighty-first Rcn Sq is in contact with FEC at Pentolina. First Armd Div advances against light opposition: CC"A" passes through TF Howze in Montingegnoli to reach Belforte; CC"B", advancing in 3 columns takes Fosini and Sasso. Thirty-fourth Div advances against disorganized resistance: on R, 168 Regt reaches Monteverdi and high ground to N; 442d Regt finishes mopping Sassetta area, while 133d Regt, advancing astride Highway 1, seizes Castagneto and moves forward to Bolgheri R., 8-mi. S of Cecina; 117th Rcn Sq, protecting L flank, crosses river.

Medium bombers again grounded because of unfavorable weather. Fighters and fighter-bombers, operating N of battle area, attack roads, RRs, communications, dumps, and MT with good results; 13 MT destroyed. During night 17 A-30s and 5 A-20s effectively bomb harbor installations at Rimini and Senigallia and attack MT along Proto-Pistoia road.

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Italy: Eighth Army: Second Polish Corps passes to command of 8th Army. On L flank of 10th Corps, patrols of 6th Armd Div enter Montedel Lago on E side of Lake Trasimeno. During night, enemy withdraws along whole 13th Corps front, covering withdrawals by extensive demolitions;

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56th Rcn Regt secures Castiglione and advances 2 mi. up coast road with 36th Brig of 78th Div following; farther W, 10th Brig of 4th Div seizes Nardelli and Pozzuolo, while 11th Brig of 6th SA Armd Div occupies Acquaviva after encountering demolitions and enemy rear guard action; 24th Guards Brig passes through Chianciano and approaches Montepulciano from S, while rcn elements contact French at Montichiello.

Fifth Army: Fifth Army makes good progress all along front, especially in 4th Corps area, where TF Howze, flanked by CC"A" and CC"B" continues to advance, taking Radicondoli, C. Paganina, Bruciano, and Leccia. After overcoming resistance in Monteverdi area, 168th Regt of 34th Div progresses 6 mi. beyond town; 135th Regt advances to Bolgheri, while 133d Regt swings along Highway 1 to point 1 mi. S of Cecina.

In cooperation with ground forces, 223 P-40s, 43 Spitbombers, 33 P-51s, and A-36s bomb bridges, RRs, roads, enemy Hq, and positions in battle area.

Medium and light bombers resume attacks on marshalling yards and bridges N of Florence. Total of 172 B-25s and B-26s and 66 A-30s and A-20s concentrates on 5 bridges in Bologna-Florence-Rimini area, RR viaduct and ammunition dumps near Spezia, Cecina, and Leghorn, and yards at Ravenna and Cesina with fair to good results; meanwhile, 153 P-47s score hits on 5 bridges, and cut approaches to 14 tracks near Bologna, and destroy 3 enemy planes at Poggio Renatico airfield. Later during night, 22 A-30s and 8 A-20s attack quay at Rimini, roads at Cortona (N of battle line) and Pontassieve, and MT in Pistoia-Florence-Arezzo-Bologna-Rimini areas. Wellingtons again make night attack on targets at Lussinpiccolo on Lussino I; an additional Wellington drops 1 ton of bombs on Trieste, starting several fires in hangar and dispersal areas. During night PT boats engage 2 E-boats, sinking one, damaging the other.

Yugoslavia: Partisans launch offensive on Zagreb-Karlovac and Zagreb-Sisak lines. Germans attack from Sjenica and Novi Pazar area in W Serbia towards Brodarevo and Bijelo Polje, NE Montenegro. In Kapaonak Mt. area, Partisans drive enemy back to Blazovo.

Spitfires and Hurricanes destroy 8 aircraft and damage at least 7, as well as buildings and hangars on Sarajevo airfield. Beaufighters destroy 10 barges and damage 4 in attack E of Novi Sad on Danube R.

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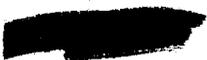
30 Italy: Eighth Army: During night enemy withdraws from positions on Chienti R. Patrols of 2d Polish Corps contact elements of 276th German Inf Div at C. Marche, S. Lucia, and near Macerata. In 10th Corps area, advance units make no contact with enemy except in area S and SW of M. Tezio. Sixty-first Brig of 6th Armd Div finds Magione clear, but encounters resistance about 1 mi. N of town. West of Lake Trasimeno, 10th and 12th Regts of 4th Div, after contacting enemy S and W of Petrignano, move N to take town. Still farther W, 11th Brig of 6th SA Armd Div breaks through strong enemy positions along Chiusi-Torrita road to capture Gracciano. On extreme L flank of 8th Army, 24th Guards Brig advances to point 4 mi. NW of Montepulciano.

Fifth Army: San Giovanni and Buonconvento fall to 2d Mor Div, while 3d Alg Div completes encirclement of Murlo and other elements approach point 8 mi. SW of Siena against heavy arty fire. Good progress made on 1st Armd Div front: CC"A" advances 2 mi. N of Radiocondoli, as TF Howze, operating in area 7 mi. to SW, clears Montecastelli, S. Dalmazio, Montecerboli, and Larderello; CC"B" passes through Castelnuovo to area 3 mi. N of town; L flank of Div is screened by 91st Rcn Sq, which moves on to take Canneto. Thirty-fourth Div makes substantial gains in Cecina R. area: 34th Rcn Tp, after taking Casole and Guardistallo, is along Cecina R. with one Bn across; 135th Regt reaches R. 2 mi. NE of Cecina; meanwhile, 133d Regt repulses counterattack in area S of Cecina.

In support of ground troops, 125 Spitfires destroy 31 MT and damage 25 in battle area, hit quays and shipping NW of Rimini, and attack gun sites in general area NW of Lake Trasimeno.

Seventy-five B-25s hit road and RR bridges and viaducts at Marradi and Pietrasante with poor to good results. Meanwhile 269 fighter bombers destroy 2 bridges and damage 3 in Sestri Levante-Chiavari areas and cut tracks near Bologna-Faenza-Lucca-Arezzo, while 160 more fighters strafe landing ground near Turin with damage to 5 enemy planes on ground. Additional roads and RR bridges at Forli, Faenza, Imola, and Iesi, as well as yard at Faenza are targets for 88 P-40s, 35 P-51s, 61 Spitbombers, 42 A-30s and 12 A-20s. Transportation in Pistoia-Volterra-Bologna-Arezzo areas bombed in night attack by 24 A-30s and A-20s. Wellingtons again hit Lussinpiccolo and attack Parenzo (W coast of Istrian peninsular) with good coverage.

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Yugoslavia: Total of 57 B-17s and B-24s drops 125 tons of bombs on town and marshalling yards of Zagreb, while airfield and marshalling yards at Banja Luka and Split are effectively hit by 41 B-17s and B-24s with 114.5 tons.

During month Spitfires and Hurricanes continue attacks on shipping and transportation along Dalmatian coast, while Venturas and Wellingtons carry out nightly bombing attacks on Rhodes harbor when weather permits.

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