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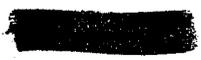
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Section I: NORTH AND LATIN AMERICAN THEATERS

- 2      East Atlantic: SS Bodegraven (Dutch cargo ship, 5,593 tons) sunk by SS at 04-14 N, 11-00 W.
- 7      Caribbean: SS Esso Harrisburg (U.S. tanker, 9,887 tons) sunk by SS at 13-56 N, 70-59 W.
- 24     South Atlantic: SS William Gaston (U.S. cargo ship, 7,177 tons) sunk by SS at 26-37 S, 46-13 W.
- 28     South Atlantic: SS Robin Goodfellow (U.S. cargo ship, 6,885 tons) sunk by SS at 20-03 S, 14-21 W.

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Section II: WESTERN EUROPEAN THEATER

1 France:

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VIII Corps All resistance ceases in Cap de la Hague area.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Elements of 9th SS Pz Div make several early morning attacks on L of Corps sector in Rauray area; 70th and 146th Brigs (49th Div) with armd support repulse all. In late afternoon, another counterattacks from SE and forces make slight withdrawal of 70th Brig but ground lost is later regained.

VIII Corps At 0300 enemy attacks S of Odon R. after heavy mortar preparation but is repulsed. Tenth and 12th SS Pz Divs again attack, former toward Baron and latter toward Fontaine Etoupefour; 10th is repulsed and 159th Brig attacks from Baron and Grainville areas; 12th recaptures Fontaine and establishes junction with R wing of 10th. Allies well supported with blanket of naval and arty fire.

Bad weather hampers Allied air operations; 9 heavy bombers of 247 dispatched drop 20 tons of bombs on robot bomb sites in Pas de Calais area. Supply sites in Pas de Calais and Dieppe-Rouen areas hit with 1,102 tons of bombs by 328 RAF heavy bombers in daylight attack. About 20 fighters carry out armd rch over battle area, striking at RR facilities and destroying a bridge SW of Coutances.

2 France:

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Patrols of 49th Div find enemy withdrawn from Brettevillette but village is heavily booby-trapped.

XIII Corps Enemy attacks 129th Brig from SW and SE but is driven off. If anything, Div completes

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relief of 15th Div during night in area N of Grainville N to le Haut Bosq. Patrols report that enemy has withdrawn from Fontaine Etopefour, S of Odon R.

Weather again limits air operations. Pilotless plane sites in Pas de Calais area are targets for 200 B-17s and B-24s which unload 711 tons of bombs; 389 RAF heavy bombers drop 2,122 tons on supply sites near Oisement and at Domleger and Beauvoir (all in Abbeville-Amiens area). Approximately 215 fighters bomb and strafe RR targets near Tours and troop concentrations near La Haye du Puits.

SS Empire Broadsword (British cargo ship, 7,177 tons) sunk by mine off Utah beach.

3 France:

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VIII Corps After 15-min. arty barrage, Corps attacks at 0530 in pouring rain without air support; 79th, 82d Airborne, and 90th Divs are to advance abreast down W side of Cotentin peninsula. On L, 79th Div, in area NW of La Haye du Fuits, advances S and SW, meeting stiff delaying action from hedgerow to hedgerow; only 82d Div attains day's objective, capturing Hill 131, 2½ mi. NE of La Haye, with L flank swinging around to La Poterie Ridge. Ninetieth Div fans out with 359th Regt on R driving toward Foret de Mont Castre in face of deadly fire from its N slope; Ste. Suzanne gained; 358th Regt, on L, heads S and wins St. Jores after savage, day-long battle.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Local counterattacks against 159th and 129th Brigs S of Odon R. dispersed. SW of Carpiquet, Marcelet and Byude occupied by 32d Inf Brig, attached to 43d Div.

air operations hampered by adverse weather. Fuel dump near Fontaine hit with 93 tons of bombs by 52 B-25s;

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330 fighters drop 172 tons of HE and 407 RPs (rocket projectiles) on targets in Calais area, bridges over Orne R., and troop concentrations and transport just S of Caen and near Lessay.

4 France:

U.S. FIRST ARMY

At noon, all available arty on Army front fires at known enemy targets.

VIII Corps Hill 121, dominating La Haye du Puits from the NW, captured by 79th Div's 314th Regt while 315th advances S to area of Bolleville. Eighty-second completes occupation of dominant hill features N of La Haye with seizure of Hill 95, about 1 mi. slightly NE of the city, after bloody fighting against elements of 353d Inf Div. In 90th Div sector, 359th maintains positions around Ste. Suzanne only after bitter fighting; 358th drives S and captures La Butte, on NW edge of Prairies Marecageuse de Gorges; entire sector under accurate fire throughout day as enemy has excellent observation from Foret de Mont Castre.

VII Corps After 15-min. arty barrage, elements of 83d Inf Div attack S in narrow corridor bounded by tributaries and marshes of Taute R. on the E and Prairies Marecageuses de Gorges on W and immediately encounters determined opposition from well placed defenses; 330th and 331st Regts advance S from le Varimesnil area about 1 1/2 mi. toward Culot, E of Carentan-Periers highway; enemy troops with arty, A/W, and mortars check progress.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps N of Odon R. Mouen, Tourville, and Verson reoccupied by 214th Brig of 43d Div, which also crosses the Odon and seizes Fontaine Etoupefour.

I Corps Eighth Brig, 3d Cdn Div, attacks E and captures Carpiquet; fighting at close quarters

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continues in area of airfield hangars S of Village; enemy tanks dug in on ridge just N of Bretteville-sur-Odon delay advance; by late afternoon, 8th Brig is 600 yds. W of hangars.

Airfields at Dreux, Evreux, Conches, Creil, Illiers l'Eveque, Beaumont le Roger, and Beaumont-sur-Oise hit with 544 tons of bombs dropped by 252 B-17s and B-24s. Total of 328 RAF heavy bombers strikes at supply sites at St. Martin l'Hortier, Domleger, and Biennais, unloading 1,101 tons of bombs with good results. RAF continues attacks during night; 533 bombers hit RR centers at Orleans and Villeneuve St. Georges and supply dump at St. Leu d'Esserent with 1,721 tons.

Robot bomb sites in Pas de Calais area are targets for 60 B-25s with 118 tons of bombs. Ninety-eight B-26s and A-30s strike Oissel bridge and enemy positions near Anneville-sur-Mer with 158 tons. Total of 1,207 fighters and fighter bombers attack enemy transportation and communication around Lessay, Periers, Coutances, Camberton, Chartres, Falaise, and Bueil, dropping 576 tons of bombs; enemy road movement so thoroughly strafed that enemy finds it nearly impossible to move reinforcements into battle zone in front of VIII Corps attack on Cotentin peninsula.

SS Ringer (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,499 tons) sunk by mine off Normandy.

5 France:

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VIII Corps On extreme R, 313th Regt (79th Div) advances to Glatigny, in coastal area, and swings E; 315th reaches outskirts of Montgardon in drive toward Hill 84, a height about 1 mi. SW of La Haye du Puits; 314th secures RR station just N of La Haye but relinquishes it in face of heavy mortar and arty fire; some tanks succeed in entering La Haye but are thrown back by 353d Eng Bn. Eighty-second Div completes occupation of territory immediately NE of La Haye. Elements of 90th Div secures high ground on N side of Foret de Montastre but are checked short of NE nose.

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VII Corps Eighty-third Div again attacks SW but gains are measured in yds. as enemy offers determined resistance from well placed defenses. Strong counterattack from elements of what is probably 265th Inf Div repulsed around midnight.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

I Corps Eighth Brig (3d Cdn Div) repulses counterattack from N and S of Carpiquet.

Total of 106 B-26s and 86 A-20s drops 304 tons of bombs on robot bomb sites in Pas de Calais area, bridges around Caen, and communication targets S of battle zone. Coastal batteries, bridges and supply dumps near Periers, gun positions at Lessay, bridges S of Caumont-Caen line, and RR targets S of battle area attacked throughout day by 1,177 fighters and fighter bombers which unload 298 tons of bombs and 336 RPs and strafe road movement. Dijon RR facilities hit during night with 625 tons of bombs by 154 RAF heavy bombers; 389 others drop 1,660 tons on 4 special military targets in NW France. Pilotless plane sites hit by 101 U.S. heavy bombers with 336 tons of bombs.

Marshalling yards at Montpellier and Beziers in S France are targets for 240 heavy bombers from Italian bases; 637 tons of bombs dropped with good results; B-17s striking Beziers are on last leg of England-Russia-Italy-England shuttle trip which began 21 June. Submarine base at Toulon hit with 574 tons by 233 bombers.

SS Glendinning (British cargo ship, 1,927 tons) torp. and sunk off Normandy.

Belgium:

Le Coulet airfield and Brussels/Melsbroek airdrome attacked by 42 bombers with 76 tons of bombs.

Holland:

Airdromes at Gilze/Rijen, Volkel, and Eindhoven and factory near Moll attacked by 90 heavy bombers with 258 tons of bombs; only fair results achieved.

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## U.S. FIRST ARMY

VIII Corps Corps attacks to isolate La Haye du Puits. On SW edge of 79th Div sector, 313th Regt attacks E toward Hill 84 but encounters such strong opposition from units of 243d Inf Div that it returns to LD (line of departure) along road at la Beeterie. Hill 84 gained by 315th but 314th makes no progress in attack on La Haye. SE of La Haye, 77th Inf Div contests 359th's occupation of Foret de Mont Castre slopes; 358th Regt is clearing out enemy pockets in rear of 359th positions, advancing W almost to Lithaire; 357th is pushing S toward le Flessis but is strongly counterattacked near Beau Coudray and several companies are cut off.

VII Corps Twelfth Regt, 4th Div, attacks at 0930 from positions just SW of Meautis; minor gains registered in face of strong opposition; 83d Div is driven back from Culot area by strong counter-attack but in late afternoon again attacks and advances to Culot, suffering heavy casualties as it attempts to push forward into flat, marshy country which offers little protection.

RAF and 8th AF deliver smashing blow at robot bomb sites in Pas de Calais area; 1,303 heavy bombers unload 4,287 tons of bombs with very good results. Bridges over Loire R. at Gien and Sully damaged by 83 heavy bombers with 269 tons of bombs, while 77 others strike miscellaneous airfields with 170 tons. Total of 556 B-26s, B-25s, and A-20s hit RR installations in Loire valley, Dol-Rennes RR in Brittany, and fuel dumps at Cerences, Chartres, and Argentan, dropping 956 tons of bombs. Approximately 2,195 fighters and fighter bombers escort heavy bombers and bomb and strafe RR targets and gun positions, concentrating on area S of U.S. VII and VIII Corps and objectives in Paris area; 315 tons of bombs and 433 RBs dropped.

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his yards at Kien are target for 231 U.S. heavy

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bombers which drop 658 tons of bombs; hydrophone and aeronautical signalling apparatus works severely damaged.

Austria:

In night attack, 61 Wellingtons, Halifaxes, and Liberators drop 82 tons of bombs on Feuersbrun airdrome.

7 France:

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VIII Corps Germans continue savage defense of Mahlman Line, running roughly from le Plessis-Foret de Mont Castre-S of La Haye du Puits-St. Germain-sur-Ay and bring entire Corps attack almost to a standstill by night. Strong counter-attack against Hill 84 defeated by 315th and 313th Regts but 314th is unable to gain in attack toward La Haye, although some fighting takes place within the city. Fifteenth Para Regt and elements of 2d SS Pz Div (which has been moved into general area N of Lessay) drive salient into positions of 358th Regt by forcing 1st Bn off high ground on NE corner of Foret de Mont Castre when 2d Bn still holds high ground to the E; 359th clings to its advanced position despite strong counterattacks by units of 77th Inf Div in the course of which Hill 122 changes hands several times in close quarters fighting but is finally retained by Allies; 77th Div also re-establishes MLR in le Plessis area and checks all efforts of 357th Regt to reach Beaucoudray.

VII Corps Eighth and 12th Regts, 4th Div, make slight gains S of Meautis against strong resistance; after arty and air bombardment, regts again attack and advance slightly down main Carentan-Periers road. Elements of 83d Div seize high ground~~EE~~ of Sainteny; enemy counterattacks immediately from SE but is stopped SW of le Mesnil by heavy arty fire.

XIX Corps Thirtieth Div, on R flank, attacks: 120th Regt storms across Canal Vire et Taute

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and captures St. Jean de Daye; 117th crosses Vire R. under cover of darkness and establishes bridgehead but is unable to seize high ground E of St. Jean and so leaves 120th exposed on 3 sides to enemy fire; 119th crosses the Vire just N of Airel and reaches point just S of Pont de St. Fromond.

Force of 467 RAF heavy bombers drops 2,363 tons of bombs on military targets in Caen area with excellent results. During night Vaires RR center hit with 564 tons by 128 Halifaxes and Lancasters while 228 others unload 1,127 tons on supply dump N of Paris. Tours la Riche RR bridge believed destroyed as result of attack by 32 B-26s which drop 63 tons of bombs.

Tank Tanks, MT, and troop concentrations in rear of front lines hit with 165 tons by 107 B-26s and A-20s. Total of 416 P-38s, P-47s, and P-51s of 9th AF drop 177 tons of bombs on targets along Loire R. and in Periers, Lessay, Avranches, Vire, and St. Lo areas; enemy road movement severely strafed, a factor which greatly hinders reinforcement of German troops at the front. RAF fighters and fighter bombers make about 500 sorties against enemy transport and communications in battle area.

Germany:

Eighth AF concentrates on strategic targets in Germany. Total of 489 B-17s and B-24s hits aircraft plants at Halle, Aschersleben, Bernburg, and 4 in Leipzig area, dropping 1,246 tons of bombs with generally good results. Oil refineries at Lutzkendorf, Bohlen, and Merseburg severely damaged by 267 B-17s and B-24s which unload 583 tons of bombs. RR station at Leipzig and marshalling yards at Leipzig, Gottingen, Kolleda, and Hamelin are objectives for 90 heavy bombers with 211 tons of bombs while 75 others drop 152 tons on airfields at Kolleda and Nordhausen. Targets of opportunity in central Germany hit by about 100 other bombers. Very strong fighter opposition encountered in Magdeburg area and bombers with escort of 756 fighters shoot down 109 enemy planes; 38 bombers and 6 fighters lost.

Mediterranean-based heavy bombers strike at 2 targets in Silesia: 345 bombers unload 910 tons on synthetic oil plants at Blochhammer, encountering strong opposition from Axis fighters of which 34 are shot down; 106 planes unload coke plants at Odertal with 221 tons.

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8 France:

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VIII Corps La Haye du Puits stormed by elements of 314th Regt and is under control by 2240 although a strong point in RR yards continues to held out. Counterattacks against Hill 84 continue. Eighth Inf Div assumes responsibility for sector in middle of line and is to make main effort S. Attack begins at 0700 with 28th Regt S of La Haye and E of Hill 84 while 121st is SE of La Haye and driving for W side of Foret de Mont Castre; some progress made initially but resistance stiffens about noon and troops are checked. Ninetieth Div holds positions with 359th Regt repulsing 3 strong counterattacks by inf and arty.

VII Corps Eighth and 22d Regts, 4th Div, attack after dive-bombing and 15-min. arty preparation; Raffouville and Les Baleries occupied. Eighty-third Div breaks up enemy counterattack in morning and then drives S but resistance increases and attack bogs down before dark.

XIX Corps Three strong counterattacks repulsed by 120th Regt S of St. Jean de Daye but 4th counter-attack forces some withdrawal; rest of Div attacks W and seizes crossroads S of St. Jean. Combat Command B of 3d Armd Div passes through bridgehead and drives S to area just W of Cavigny.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps In 50th Div sector, 56th Brig attacks S to get track and road junction just SE of Granville.

I Corps At 0420 Corps opens drive on Caen from positions N of the city with 3d Cdn Div on R, 59th Div in center, and 3d British Div on L. Ninth Brig of 3d Cdn captures Gruchy and Buron and advances S toward Authie, in direction of Carpiquet. In 59th sector, 197th Brig secures Gaimanche and drives

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St. Contest where fighting continues after its capture; 176th takes la Bijude and Epron, about  $2\frac{1}{4}$  mi. N of Caen. On L flank, 185th Brig, 3d Br Div, secures Lebisey Wood and Herouville and advances SW of latter.

Factory at Mantes/Gassicourt, RR bridges on lines supplying battle area, and strongpoints and bridges at Caen hit with 447 tons of bombs by 268 B-26s and A-20s; Approximately 1,660 fighters and fighter bombers support British troops in Caen area and attack enemy troops and communications in battle zones, dropping about 438 tons of bombs and 1100 RPs. Pilotless plane sites in Pas de Calais area attacked by 172 heavy bombers with 431 tons. RR installations at Rouen and Etaples hit by 17 bombers with 42 tons. Airfields at St. Andre de l'Eure, Poix, Conches, St. Valery, and Abbeville attacked by total of 76 heavy bombers with 197 tons; 83 others drop 204 tons on 7 bridges in NW France.

Low Countries:

Three bridges in Holland attacked by 23 bombers with 89 tons of bombs; good results believed achieved.

Austria:

Seven oil refineries in Vienna area pounded by 520 B-17s and B-24s which drop 1,292 tons of bombs with excellent results; strong fighter opposition encountered at Florisdorf where 23 Axis planes are shot down.

North Sea:

SS Sif (Swedish cargo ship, 1,365 tons) sunk at 54-12 N, 07-53 E.

9 France:

## U.S. FIRST ARMY

III Corps Last points of resistance in La Haye on Puits cleared in morning; remaining pockets of

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resistance on N and S slopes of Hill 84 also cleared. Eighth Div again attacks, after 15-min. arty barrage, but bad weather and tenacious enemy forces limit progress to about 400 yds.; 121st Regt front strongly but unsuccessfully counter-attacked W of Foret de Mont Castre by elements of 353d Inf Div. Regts of 90th Div hold positions despite constant counterattacks.

VII Corps Fourth Div attacks from area about 1 mi. N and NW of Sainteny and makes slow progress; on L flank 331st Regt, 83d Div, captures Sainteny in morning but strong resistance continues E of the town.

XIX Corps In St. Jean de Daye area, 120th and 117th Regts encounter determined opposition; 119th Regt moves S along Vire R. through Cavigny. CCB attacks SW toward Hts. Vents (SE of Esglandes) and reaches objective but is ordered to withdraw. Counterattack by 2d SS Engineer Bn is frustrated by heavy arty concentration.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps On R flank of Corps, 56th Brig, 50th Div, defeats enemy counterattack.

I Corps Eighth Brig, 3d Cdn Div, engages in bitter fighting throughout day for Carpiquet village and airfield; by night these objectives are firmly secured and troops advance S and seize Bretteville-sur-Odon. Ninth Cdn Brig battles elements of 12th SS PZ Div on main road into Caen in village of St. Germain la Blanche-Herbe but finally reaches Odon R. and covers crossings with some units also fighting through Caen to Orne R. Fifty-ninth Div, N of Caen, fights to clear enemy pockets and moves S of St. Contest to la Folie and N outskirts of the city. Ninth Brig, 3d Br Div, advances through Caen, against disorganized resistance from 12th SS and elements of newly-arrived 16th GAF Div, to the canal.

Pilotless plane sites in Pas de Calais area hit with 1,409 tons of bombs by 325 heavy bombers of 8th AF and

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RAF with good results. Airfields at Chateaudun and St. Omer are targets for 48 B-17s with 94 tons of bombs. Four bridges over Loire R. and a viaduct at La Possonniere attacked by 104 B-17s with 207 tons of bombs; approaches to bridges damaged. Ninety-six P-38s make damaging strafing attacks on Moulins-Nevers-Tours RR lines; RR lines in Brittany and bridges in Loire valley attacked by 62 B-26s and A-20s with good results. Approximately 875 fighters and fighter bombers hammer enemy transport and communications S and E of battle lines, dropping 158 tons of bombs and 549 RPs.

10 France:

## U.S. FIRST ARMY

VIIICorps Corps attacks S to secure road junctions, Lessay and Periers. Seventy-ninth Div makes some progress in area of Lessay road: 315th approaches Angoville although fire against exposed R flank causes some delay; 314th captures a hill overlooking the road, about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mi. S of La Haye du Puits. Eighth Div regts gain about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mi. in Barville - Mobecq area, between W slopes of Foret de Mont Castre and road to Lessay. Ninetieth Div breaks enemy hold on Foret de Mont Castre positions: 3d Bn of 358th Regt attacks SE into heavily wooded slopes; fierce opposition (hand grenades, spider trap holes, close-range MG from trees, etc.) from 15th Para Inf Regt met and bloody hand-to-hand fighting takes place; position overlooking road to Lastelle finally reached but troops receive fire from 3 sides; 359th Regt attacks in late afternoon and secures southernmost hill mass of Mont Castre.

VII Corps Fourth Div attacks S but makes only minor gains; 8th Regt encounters particularly strong opposition from the line of Blehou Ridge, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi. NW of Sainteny. SE of Sainteny, 83d Div is pinned down S of Bois Grimot and 330th Regt, on L flank, suffers heavy counterattacks. On L flank of Corps sector, 9th Div attacks S with aim of cutting Periers - St. Lo road: 60th Regt drives W, turns N through area of Graignes, and secures crossings of Vire et Taute Canal while

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2d Bn occupies Haut Verney and sends patrols against strongly-held Tribehou; 47th Regt drives S, secures le Mesnil-Angot, and advances down E edge of Bois du Hommet to le Gline; 39th Regt enters le Desert, on L flank of Div. Combat Command A of 3d Armd Div is attached to 9th Div and assists in protecting roads in area.

XIX Corps CCB, 3d Armd, resumes attack toward Hts. Vents but terrain is difficult for armor and opposition is very strong. Night of 10/11, combat groups of Pz Lehr Div counterattack positions of 120th Regt in attempt to break through to St. Jean de Daye; heavy fighting results.

### BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Heavy fighting ensues as Corps attacks S of Odon R. toward Orne R. Forty-third Div makes progress against heavy opposition: 129th Brig on R captures Hill 112 and repulses several counterattacks; 130th Brig on L captures Eterville and reaches Maltot area, despite several counterattacks; fighting rages along road between Eterville and Hill 112. Eighth Cdn Brig, under command of 43d Div, advances into Louvigny area, just W of junction of Orne and Odon.

Adverse weather greatly limits air operations. Supply dump at Nucourt is target for successful raid by 223 Lancasters with 1,205 tons of bombs. Enemy gun positions, troops, transport, and RR bridges attacked throughout day by about 660 fighters and fighter bombers with 171 tons of bombs and 548 MPs; 74 Mosquitoes make night attacks on RR facilities in Loire valley and on Orleans airfield.

### ii. France:

#### U.S. FIRST ARMY

VIII Corps Seventy-ninth Div advances in SE direction toward Lessay, reaching Angoville - Hierville area NW of the town and, NE of the town, a ridge NW of Vesly. Eighth Div troops advance slowly against determined resistance: 28th Regt

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pushes to pt. 300 yds. N of Vesly; 121st Regt secures Hill 112, immediately SW of Foret de Mont Castre. In 90th Div sector, elements of 358th and 359th Regts gain full control of Foret de Mont Castre, capture Lastelle to the SE, and attack SE toward enemy positions which are halting 357th Regt in le Plessis area.

VII Corps On R flank, 8th Regt (4th Div) seizes Blehou and sends patrols W across Seves R. to occupy les Mares area; 4th Cav Rcn Sq, attached to 4th Div, attempts to occupy 2 islands in marshy area W of Blehou but meets intense rifle and MG fire; remainder of 4th Div encounters determined opposition and is unable to make progress. Eighty-third Div pushes slowly toward N bank of Taute R.; several enemy strongpoints cleared but opposition is strong; 330th Regt reaches area of la Lande, less than 1 mi. from river. In 9th Div sector units of Pz Lehr Div attack N with Isigny as ultimate objective; 39th Regt forced to withdraw from le Desert and Germans drive wedge between 39th and 47th on the R. Dive bombers, tank destroyers, and units of CCA aid 9th Div in stopping enemy drive; line re-established NW of le Desert.

XIX Corps Enemy troops in 30th Div sector advance and recapture les Landes; attack of 30th Div checks enemy but fails to produce any gains. CCB reaches crest of hill at Hts. Vents and defeats strong counterattack. On E side of Vire R., 35th Inf Div attacks to gain N bank of Vire R. W. of St. Lo; la Meauffe captured, attack by German 3d Paratrooper Div and elements of 352d Div repulsed, and about 1½ mi. gained before enemy's fortified positions at St. Gilles check advance. Twenty-ninth Div attacks with 2 regts abreast: 115th, on R, makes slow progress against strong opposition from units of 3d Para Div; 116th, on L, attacks astride Bayeux - St. Lo road, S of St. Andre de l'Epine, and seizes positions NE of La Boulaye.

V Corps Two regts (23d and 38th) of 2d Inf Div attack to capture Hill 192, dominant height NE of St. Lo; 23d advances against strong opposition to positions on R of objective while 38th pushes from hedgerow to hedgerow, reaching crest of 192 by noon and then advancing through woods on S slope; St. Lo - Berigny road cut.

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XXX Corps In 50th Div sector, 231st Brig attacks Hottot; resistance strong; forward units reorganize along road through town.

VIII Corps Enemy troops (probably from 9th SS Pz Div) recapture Hill 112 but are driven off shortly afterward; after heavy fighting all day, 43d Div is established on line generally Baron - 112 - Eterville - le Mesnil. At 1500, II Cdn Corps assumes control of 2d and 3d Cdn Divs.

Pilotless plane launching sites in Pas de Calais attacked first by 32 Lancasters and Mosquitoes with 110 tons of bombs; 2d attack made by 47 B-26s and A-20s with 73 tons. Fuel dumps and RR bridge in Loire valley attacked by 139 A-20s and B-26s with 229 tons of bombs. Enemy transport and communications attacked by about 1,000 fighters and fighter bombers which drop 234 tons of bombs with particular concentration on Lessay - Periers area. Blois and Tours RR centers and MT and bridges in the vicinity hit during night by 88 Mosquitoes with 78 tons.

Toulon harbor is target for 87 B-24s from Mediterranean bases; 200 tons of bomb dropped with good results.

Germany:

RR facilities, aircraft plants, and city area of Munich devastated by 905 B-17s and B-24s which drop 2,245 tons of HE and incendiaries; negligible opposition encountered.

12 France:

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VIII Corps On R flank, 79th Rcn Tp enters St. Germain-sur-Ay while 313th makes slight gains on W side of Lessay road. NE of Lessay, 28th Regt advance S of Vesly but is forced back by enemy counterattack; 121st Regt moves up slopes of Hill 92. During early morning, R wing of German 77th Inf Div withdraws about 3,200 yds. in front of 90th Div; 357th advances rapidly to le Plessis, then S along W edge of Prairies Marecageuses de Gorges while, to the R, 358th reaches point opposite Gorges but is unable to cross stream;

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3d Bn of this regt secures main crossroads at St. Germain, NW of Gorges.

VII Corps Fourth Div again attacks S in effort to drive to high ground E of Periers; 2d SS Pz Div prevents any advance. Eighty-third Div makes only minor gains against strong resistance but does clear St. Andre de Bohon area on L flank. In 9th Div sector, 60th Regt takes Bois du Hommet and turns W, securing positions on N end of les Champs de Losque peninsula; 47th and 39th Regts gain control of roads in le Desert area and repulse strong counterattack. Strong arty concentrations throughout day hamper enemy movement and cause severe casualties among 17th SS Pz and Pz Lehr Divs in this sector.

XIX Corps On R flank of Corps sector, 119th Regt attacks toward Pont Hebert and penetrates positions of Pz Lehr Div to reach point less than a mi. W of objective; CCB supports 119th but is somewhat disorganized after being mistakenly strafed by P-47s. Thirty-fifth Div attempts to push S but is checked by enemy troops in well fortified positions. On 29th Div front, 115th Regt captures Belle Fontaine but is then completely checked by enemy opposition; 116th occupies positions, including Hill 147, about 3 mi. E of St. Lo; 175th Regt, S of St. Lo - Bayeux highway, attacks S to secure high ground in vicinity of la Barre de Semilly but is stopped by S/A and mortar fire.

V Corps Both Regts of 2d Div move across St. Lo - Berigny road and dig in in defensive positions.

Bridges across Loire R. and fuel dumps S. of battle area hit by 336 A-20s and B-26s with 573 tons of bombs; 3 bridges and 1 fuel dump believed destroyed. Vaires RR center is target for 38 Lancasters and Mosquitoes with 46 tons of bombs; 215 Halifaxes, Lancasters, and Mosquitoes strike supply dump at Thiverny with 970 tons. In daylight attack, 23 Lancasters and Mosquitoes drop 75 tons on launching site in Pas de Calais area; 232 RAF heavy bombers continue attacks on similar targets by dropping 732 tons during night. Night attacks also made on RR centers at Revigny-sur-Ornain, Tours, and Culmont Chalindrey by 395 heavy bombers with 1,472 tons of bombs.

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Mediterranean-based bombers hit targets in S France. Var R. and Theoule bridges are targets for 106 planes with 174 tons of bombs; 316 additional B-17s and B-24s unload 760 tons on RR yards at Miramas and Nimes with good results; opposition encountered only at last where 11 enemy aircraft are shot down.

Total of 550 9th AF fighters and fighter bombers drop 196 tons of bombs on communications and transport in Periers and Rennes-Laval-Angers areas; enemy road movement S of battle area strafed constantly. RAF planes make approximately 1,000 sorties against Axis guns, troops, and communications.

Germany:

Eighth AF again delivers smashing blow at Munich; 1,149 B-17s and B-24s drop 2,789 tons of bombs on city area; no opposition hampers operations.

13 France:

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VIII Corps Seventy-ninth Div advances slowly, in face of heavy mortar fire, down road to Lessay, reaching point less than 2 mi. from objective. In 8th Div sector, 13th Regt passes through 28th in Vesley area, attacking toward high ground N of Ay R.; every inch bitterly contested by 353d Inf Div and regt advances only to area W of Laulne and about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi. SE of Vesly. Elements of 357th and 358th Regts cross stream and capture Gorgès, on R flank of enemy's defense line along Ay R.

VII Corps Fourth Div repulses several counterattacks, probably by 2d SS Pz Div, and sends patrols across Molerotte R. There are indications of an enemy withdrawal shortly after midnight on 83d Div front; at 0930 Div attacks and makes some progress in crossing marshy area W of Tribéhou although opposition gets strong in late afternoon. On R flank of 9th Div, 24th Cav Rcn Sq occupies Tribéhou; 60th Regt is firmly astride Tribéhou - le Champs de Losque road and has hopped up N part of peninsula; 39th and 47th establish positions along stream line S of le Hommet and le Desert.

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XIX Corps CCB and 2 regts of 30th Div hold positions under heavy fire; all enemy attempts to retake hill at Hts. Vents defeated. La Luzerne, SW of Belle Fontaine, captured by 115th Regt which is pushing steadily SW toward St. Lo despite determined resistance; E of St. Lo, 175th Regt occupies Hill 150, just S of St. Andre de l'Epine, and passes through 116th but opposition is so strong that progress is impossible.

V Corps Fifth Inf Div relieves 1st Div.

XII Corps Corps assumes control of VIII Corps sector, taking command of 11th Armd Div, 43d, 15th, and 53d Inf Divs, 4th Armd Brig, and 31st Tank Brig.

Adverse weather hampers air operations. About 530 fighters carry out armed run over battle areas; about 200 tons of bombs dropped, with particular concentration on the Saar in the Hain valley.

### Germany:

Munich is again target for 8th AF; 592 B-17s and B-24s pound city with 1,444 tons of bombs. Force of 298 others attacks Saarbrucken marshalling yards with 908 tons, causing severe damage to buildings but not to tracks.

### 14 France:

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VIII Corps On R flank 313th and 314th Regts reach N bank of Ay R. from which enemy has withdrawn to S bank during night 13/14. In center of line, 13th Regt advances generally S to high ground N of E-W branch of Ay R. although, to the L, 121st Regt is halted just S of Bretet. In 90th Div sector, 358th Regt advances SE against light opposition and seizes Gonfreville; front then established on high ground overlooking Seves R. from Nay westward to crossroads above Seves which are seized by 359th, about 2½ mi. N of Periers.

VII Corps Fourth Div's scheduled attack cancelled because weather does not permit air support. Elements of 83d Div make some gains SW of Bois Grimot, in effort to reach Taube R. in this sector; Div front heavily shelled by enemy throughout day. Ninth Div engages in severe

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fighting in Champs de Losque - le Hommet d'Arthenay - le Desert area where enemy is offering stubborn resistance to prevent troops from reaching Periers - St. Lo road.

XIX Corps Pont Hebert captured by troops of 119th Regt, 30th Div; elements of 117th Regt move W to Terrette R. to protect Div's R flank. Thirty-fifth Div attacks S toward Hill 122, overlooking St. Lo from the N.

Approximately 780 fighters and fighter bombers drop 142 tons of bombs and numerous RPs on RR targets S of battle area, enemy troops and gun positions, and MT. Sixty-two A-20s and B-26s unload 95 tons on RR embankment at Bourth and Merey RR bridge. In day and night attacks, 139 RAF heavy bombers strike 3 robot bomb sites in Calais area with 440 tons. Perrone and Montdidier airfields damaged by 93 B-24s with 219 tons; no opposition encountered. Villeneuve St. George RR center hit during night with 431 tons of bombs by 128 RAF heavy bombers; 125 dispatched to attack Revigny but they are unable to identify and only 12 drop 44 tons of bombs.

### 15. France:

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VII Corps Eighth and 12th Regts (4th Div) resume attack on either side of Carentan - Periers road but 2d SS Armd Div presents stubborn defense. In 83d Div sector, 329th and 331st Regt reach Taute R. and clear enemy positions; 330th Regt, attached to 9th Div, advances S in area W of les Champs de Losque against heaviest enemy arty concentration of entire southern drive. Sixtieth Regt takes Gde Hairie but is unable to make substantial gains toward Periers - St. Lo road; 47th Regt attacks toward enemy strongpoint at Eslandes but is checked by heavy mortar, MG, and tank fire and extremely heavy arty fire.

Eighty-third and 4th Divs pass to control of VIII Corps; 30th and 1st Inf Divs and 2d Armd Div pass to control of VII Corps.

XIX Corps Just W of Moon-sur-Elle - St. Lo road, 134th Regt (35th Div) pushes to N slope of Hill 122, forcing L wing of German 352d Inf Div to withdraw

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about 5/8 mi. Twenty-ninth Div attacks at 0515 and immediately encounters stiff resistance; 115th Regt advances about 1/2 mi. SW of La Luzerne but rest of Div is unable to gain during day; units of 352d Inf and 3d Para Divs are fighting strong defensive battle. During night 2d Bn of 116th Regt advances to positions about 1 mi. E of St. Lo, S of stream junction at Ste. Croix de St. Lo; troops dig in but are isolated from rest of regt.

## BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XII Corps Fifteenth Div attacks SW at 2145 with 44th Brig on R and 227th on L; 227th captures Esquay and le Bon Repos. Enemy arty concentrates on 43d Div front.

III Cdn Corps Corps front subjected to heavy enemy shelling all day; patrols cross Orne R. in Caen but are immediately fired upon and return.

About 490 fighters and fighter bombers support ground troops, bombing and strafing enemy communications and transport with 95 tons of bombs and 335 RPs; strongpoints in St. Lo area and RR tracks in Falaise - Argentan area particularly hit. Supply dump at Nucourt is target for daylight attack by 53 RAF heavy bombers with 173 tons; same target hit during night with 814 tons dropped by 190 plans. Night attacks also made on RR centers at Nevers and Chalons-sur-Marne when 229 bombers unload 878 tons.

16. France:

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VII Corps All 3 regts of 9th Div attack generally S toward Periers - St. Lo road but opposition is so strong that progress is very slow; on R flank, 330th Regt of 83d Div widens bridgehead across Lozon R.; on L flank, 120th Regt of 30th Div attacks S but is checked by strong counterattack.

XIX Corps German 3d Paratroop Div counterattacks several times but is repulsed by 29th and 35th Divs; 116th Regt secures Martinville, 1 1/2 mi. NE of St. Lo.

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XXX Corps At 0530 59th Div attacks on L of Corps sector with 177th Brig on L and 197th on R; progress made SW and SE of Brettevillette; Pt. 126 and Haut les Forges captured. At 0700 146th Brig of 49th Div attacks Vendes but is unable to advance because of MG fire from high ground E of objective.

XII Corps Fifteenth Div secures Gavrus and reaches Bougy and area just N and NE of Evrecy. In 53d Div sector, 71st Brig captures woods and village of Cahier, SE of Haut des Forges, despite determined opposition.

II Cdn Corps Elements of 4th Brig, 2d Cdn Div, occupy area NE of Eterville.

Robot bomb site attacked by 33 Lancasters and Mosquitoes with 117 tons of bombs. Thirty-six B-25s strike fuel dump near Chartres with 60 tons of bombs. Special targets at St. Lo bombed by 64 B-26s with 116 tons of HE and incendiaries; 301 B-26s and A-20s hit RR tracks and bridges S of battle area with 462 tons. Approximately 900 fighters and fighter bombers attack enemy transport and communication S and E of battle area; 275 tons of bombs and 158 RPs dropped.

Germany:

Munich area bombed by 260 B-17s and B-24s with 616 tons of bombs; major damage caused to motor works, RR repair sheds, station, and yards, and buildings throughout the city which is now estimated to be about 80% destroyed. RR installations at Saarbrücken severely damaged by 407 U.S. heavy bombers with 1,140 tons. Force of 260 others strikes Stuttgart with 622 tons, damaging RR facilities. Augsburg hit with 132 tons by 54 bombers. Thirty-five Mosquitoes damage synthetic oil plant at Homberg with 55 tons of bombs dropped in night attack.

Austria:

Targets in Vienna area attacked by Mediterranean-based bombers; 374 B-17s and B-24s drop 885 tons of bombs on engine factory, marshalling yard, airdrome, and oil depot; strong fighter opposition encountered at Wiener Neudorf engine factory and 20 enemy planes shot down.

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VIII Corps In 83d Div sector, 329th and 331st Regts organize positions N of Taute R.; 331st attacks in late afternoon to secure N end of la Varde peninsula but encounters vigorous opposition.

VII Corps Enemy troops are withdrawing slowly under pressure and waging delaying actions, gaining time for organization of positions S of Periers - St.Lo road. Ninth Div, in center of Corps area, gains steadily despite enemy resistance from well defended hedgerow positions: on R, 60th Regt reaches points less than 1 mi. from Periers - St.Lo road while, on L, German strongpoint at Esglandes is reduced by 39th Regt; in center, 47th Regt seizes crossroads at Pte. Ducrie. Advancing along W bank of Vire R., elements of 30th Div reach objectives just S of le Mesnil Durand.

XIX Corps Thirty-fifth Div continues slow, southward advance, gaining about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mi. in face of strong opposition from L wing of 352d Inf Div. Twenty-ninth Div closes in on St.Lo: 115th Regt presses S to high ground just W of Martinville and sends a bn to outskirts of St.Lo; enemy armor and inf of II Paratroop Corps attacks this bn which requests close air support; air corps breaks up counterattack shortly before midnight.

## BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps In 59th Div sector, 177th Brig engages in heavy fighting at Noyers Station and by nightfall is E and S of it.

XII Corps Evrecy attacked by 158th Brig, 15th Div, but strong opposition prevents any advance. Forty-sixth and 227th Brigs of 15th Div being relieved by 71st and 160th of 53d Div which clears area N of Odon R. as far as R Corps boundary with exception of enemy pocket in woods W of Gavrus.

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Pilotless plane sites in Pas de Calais area are targets for 272 heavy bombers of 8th AF and RAF; 866 tons of bombs dropped with good results. Total of 232 B-25s, B-26s, and A-20s unloads 363 tons of bombs on fuel dumps at Rennes, Bruz, and St. Malo and on Alencon. Total of 459 B-17s and B-24s drops 1,243 tons of bombs on bridges over the Loire, Seine, and Somme rivers; 146 additional bombers strike Belfort and Laon RR yards, Rilly la Montagne tunnel, Hesdin oil dump, and 3 airfields, dropping 454 tons of bombs. Total of 162 Mediterranean-based bombers drops 421 tons on marshalling yards and RR bridges at Avignon, Arles, and Tarascon in southern France. Approximately 1,000 fighters and fighter bombers support ground troops in St. Lo area and attack enemy communications and transport in rear of battle line, concentrating on Coutancés and Periers areas; about 375 tons of bombs and 574 RPs dropped.

18 France:

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VIII Corps Fighting continues for la Varde peninsula positions but opposition is so strong that 331st Regt is unable to secure objectives.

VII Corps Ninth Div units continue attack S and reach E-W line through Amigny as 117th Regt, 30th Div, secures 2 bridges across Terrette R. in area SE of Pte. Ducrie; patrols push forward to Periers - St. Lo road.

XIX Corps After bloody street fighting all day, St. Lo falls, at 1900, to task force from 29th Div; 115th and 116th Regts had formed an arc about the N and E sides of the city from S of St. Georges Montcocq to S of Ste. Croix de St. Lo to S of Martinville and across Bayeux road to stream N of la Barre.

XXX Corps Fiftieth Div makes small gains; by evening line stretches from about 1 mi. E of Hottot W to Onchy. Fifty-ninth Div is unable to take Noyers where elements of 276th Inf Div resist strongly. Forty-ninth Div troops reach positions just NW of Vendes.

XII Corps Enemy makes small and unsuccessful counter-attacks against 43d and 53d Div fronts.

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II Cdn Corps Eighth Brig of 3d Cdn Div attacks Colombelles and meets fierce opposition just S of it; troops move to crossroads near Giberville. Seventh Brig is in Faubourg de Vaucelles area where 9th Brig is relieving them. Fourth Brig of 2d Cdn Div is clearing Louvigny woods although unable to dislodge enemy from town.

VIII Corps At dawn, terrific air assault blasts gap 7,000 yds. wide through which armor and inf attack E of Orne R. Eleventh Armd Div crosses LD at 0745 with 29th Brig leading, closely followed by 159th; by 0930 forward troops are through Demouville and approaching Cagny with 159th clearing Cuverville (N of Demouville); by noon 29th Brig advances 4 mi. S of Demouville to la Hogue. Guards Armd Div follows 11th and by noon 5th Brig is in Cagny-Frenouville area with 32d Brig crossing Orne R. Forward units of 22d Brig, 7th Armd Div, are in Cuverville area at noon with remainder of Div following across the Orne. Enemy pockets on flanks of narrow gap in Demouville area make progress difficult. In afternoon 21st PZ and 16th GAF Divs stiffen their resistance and elements counterattack 29th Brig in area from Tilly la Campagne to la Hogue; 11th Armd then takes up positions in area Grentheville - Bras - Hubert Folie; 22d Brig of 7th Armd reaches Soliers area. Guards Div meets considerable opposition from enemy anti-tank screen in Frenouville - Emieville area.

I Corps Eighth Brig. of 3d Br Div secures Sannerville after stiff fighting; 185th Brig captures Cuiverville (in Emieville area) while 9th Brig pushes forward to about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi. NW of Troarn. Backing up 3d Br Div, 152d Brig, 51st Div, captures crossroads just W of Bois de Bures.

Allied air forces concentrate on enemy E and SE of Caen, supporting ground troops. Total of 1,627 heavy bombers unloads 6,433 tons on area from Colombelles to Troarn to Frenouville; 318 A-20s and B-26s drop 650 tons of GP and fragmentation bombs on same general area. About 1,375 fighters and fighter bombers drop 341 tons and 2,200 RPs on troops, gun positions, and transport in battle zones with particular concentration on targets in Caen area.

In day and night attacks, 373 RAF heavy bombers strike RP centers on Vaines, Aulnoye, and Revigny sur Ornain with 1,592 tons

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of bombs; 116 B-26s hit bridges at Conflans, Cherisy, Rouen, and Nogent le Roi with 226 tons. Robot bomb site in Abbéville-Amiens area hit during night by 62 Lancasters with 203 tons. Thirty-six A-20s drop 33 tons on Glos sur Risle.

Germany:

Peenemunde experiment station is target for 378 B-17s and B-24s with 918 tons of bombs; 38 others strike targets near Peenemunde. Straslund RR yards hit by 20 others while 55 drop 133 tons on Hemmingstedt oil plant. Kiel dock area extensively damaged by 106 heavy bombers with 252 tons; Cuxhaven hit with 120 tons by 54 bombers. During night 364 RAF heavy bombers unload 1,498 tons on synthetic oil plants at Buer and Wesseling, causing huge fires.

Total of 146 B-24s from Mediterranean bases drops 364 tons on Memmingen airdrome and aircraft factory at Friedrichshafen; opposition at 1st target strong and 26 enemy planes shot down for loss of 17 bombers.

19 France:

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VIII Corps Heavy counterattack forces withdrawal of units of 331st Regt after they have occupied positions on la Varde peninsula.

VII Corps Thirty-ninth Regt encounters strong opposition in woods SW of Amigny but largely eliminates it by nightfall.

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XXX Corps Enemy is withdrawing on 49th and 50th Div fronts; forward troops reach line slightly S of Hottot then E to area N of St. Vaast and SE of the town. Landelle occupied by 59th Div troops but enemy remains in Noyers.

II Cdn Corps In 2d Cdn Div sector, 4th Brig secures Louvigny and finally occupies chateau N. of it after bitter fighting throughout day. 5th Brig crosses Orne R., takes Fleury, and advances SE to Iffs and S to high

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ground N of St. Andre-sur-Orne. Ninth Cdn Brig captures Faubourg de Vaucelles in morning and joins with 7th Brig which had established bridgehead over the Orne the previous evening; 7th captures Cormelles and relieves elements of 9th Brig. Orne R. bridged in 3 places through the center of Caen.

VIII Corps Armored units wage bitter battle against villages strongly defended by 21st Pz and 16th GAF Divs. Eleventh Armd Div finally captures Bras and Hubert Folie. Seventh Armd secures Soliers and Four with 22d Brig reaching positions E and W of Bourgebus; 1 bn of 131st Brig is in Grentheville. On L flank of Corps area, Gds Armd Div is delayed by strong opposition in Cagny-Vimont area; Le Poarien (between Grentheville and Frenouville) captured in evening but enemy AT screen still protects Frenouville - Emieville line.

I Corps After difficult fighting, 9th Brig (3d Br Div) reaches point about 500 yds. NW of Troarn; 152d Brig patrols toward Bures, on La Dives R. N of Troarn; 185th Brig is N of Emieville but encounters much opposition from enemy troops in area SW of Troarn.

Launching sites in Calais area bombed by 34 Lancasters and Mosquitoes with 152 tons; 110 more unload 554 tons on supply dump at Thiverny. Supply dumps at Orleans and St. Hilaire de Harcourt and RR bridges over Loire R. attacked by 36 B-25s, 167 B-26s, and 98 A-20s; 495 tons of bombs dropped with good results. Approximately 405 fighters and fighter bombers drop about 150 tons on enemy transport, communications, and troops in battle areas.

### Germany:

Chemical plant at Hollriegelskreuth damaged by 107 U.S. heavy bombers with 266 tons of bombs; industrial plants at Ebelsbach and Schweinfurt are targets for 227 B-17s and B-24s with 531 tons while 188 others unload 433 tons on aircraft factories at Augsburg and Kempton. Airfields at Lechfeld, Laupheim, Leipheim, Sindelfingen, and Stuttgart pounded by 245 planes with 592 tons. Total of 263 B-17s and B-24s strikes marshalling yards at Strasbourg, Saarbrucken, Ulm, Koblenz, Konz-Karthaus, and Neunkircher with 730 tons; 172 tons dropped on targets of opportunity by 70 bombers. Enemy offers little opposition at any target.

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Total of 412 Mediterranean-based bombers hammers targets in Munich area, dropping 1,003 tons of bombs on aircraft plant, ordnance works, motor works, airdrome, and marshalling yard; no opposition encountered.

20. France:

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VII Corps Fourth Div reverts to VII Corps. Troops are concentrating for break-through of enemy positions.

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Fiftieth Div makes slight gains; line runs from just W of Bricquessard NE to Bosq Renard area, then N to Torteval and E to area N of Granville, then E to vicinity of St. Martin.

XII Corps Forty-third Div relieves Cdn troops S of Louvigny and secures Athis, E of Eterville.

II Cdn Corps Third Cdn Div relieves 11th Armd in Bras - Hubert Folie area. Second Cdn Div attacks in afternoon with 6th Brig passing through 5th; steady progress made against strong opposition and St. Andre captured; southern advance continues to St. Martin de Fontenay and to cross-roads W of Bourguebus; enemy counterattack repulsed.

VIII Corps Seventh Armd Div captures Bourguebus and elements of 32d Brig (Gds Div) secure Frenouville.

Launching and supply sites in Calais area hit with 1,609 tons in day and night attacks by 486 RAF heavy bombers. Senonches fuel dump and Chaulnes marshalling yards are targets for 63 B-26s and A-20s with 81 tons of bombs. Ground troops supported by about 770 fighters and fighter bombers which drop over 200 tons of bombs on enemy troops, communications, and transport.

Belgium:

Courtrai RR yards devastated with 1,646 tons of bombs dropped by 322 RAF heavy bombers in night attack.

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Germany:

Eighth Air Force continues hammering of German industry, airfields, and marshalling yards: 1,168 B-17s and B-24s drop 2,954 tons of bombs on Erfurt, Bindersleben, Giessen, Nordhausen, Kollada, Harborn, and Wordensrecht airfields, marshalling yards at Friedburg, Fulda, Herleshausen, Idstein, Wernhausen, aircraft plants at Gotha, Eisenack, Leipzig, Dessau, and Kothen, Merseburg and Lutzkendorf oil plants, city areas of Leipzig, Dessau, Schmalkalden, and Kothen, and various industrial targets in central Germany. Aircraft plant at Friedrichshafen and air-dromes at Friedrichshafen and Memmingen hit with 900 tons of bombs dropped by 366 heavy bombers from Mediterranean bases. RAF heavy bombers make night attack on synthetic oil plants at Homberg and Bottrop; 1,287 tons of bombs dropped with good results; opposition heavier than usual and 28 bombers fail to return.

North Sea:

SS Mode (Swedish cargo ship, 1,227 tons) torp. and sunk at 57-55 N, 11-34 E.

21 France:

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XII Corps Enemy counterattacks 160th Brig of 53d Div at night; Axis tanks forced to withdraw but fighting with inf units continues.

II Cdn Corps Enemy counterattacks unsuccessfully throughout day. Fifth Brig, 2d Div, is in area of Basse and N with elements in orchard N of Etavaux; 6th Brig holds positions in St. Andre area while 4th is near Ifs. Eighth Cdn Brig relieves 131st Brig in Bourguebus - Grentheville area.

I Corps Very heavy rain makes roads impassable. Enemy counterattack from Emieville against 185th Brig broken up by arty.

Adverse weather prevents air operations over France.

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Aircraft plants at Oberpfaffenhofen, Allach, Neaubing, and Regensburg believed severely damaged by 675 tons of bombs dropped by 271 B-17s and B-24s; 407 tons unloaded by 167 heavy bombers on city areas of Ludwigshafen, Bad Kreuznach, Wurzburg, and Munich. Ball bearing industries at Ebelsbach and Schweinfurt hammered by 182 bombers with 424 tons. A further 835 tons dropped by 341 B-17s and B-24s on industrial and RR objectives and airfields scattered throughout central Germany.

North Sea:

SS Orient (Finnish cargo ship, 4,160 tons) sunk at 53-12 N, 07-53 E.

22 France:

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VIII Corps At 0630 358th Regt attacks to clear enemy from positions on St. Germain-sur-Seves island but troops are pinned down by terrific arty concentration on exposed approaches to island; bridgehead finally secured with heavy Allied casualties.

## BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XII Corps Enemy makes 3 counterattacks against 160th Brig of 53d Div; heavy fighting ensues; enemy now holds le Bon Repos and Esquay. In 43d Div sector, 129th Brig captures Maltot with forward troops pushing about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mi. S and SE of town; 214th Brig attacks NE slope of Hill 112.

II Cdn Corps Fifth Cdn Brig with elements of 2d Cdn Armd Brig attacks Etavaux with some success but withdraws because of efforts of 129th on W bank of Orne R.; attack resumed during night and 5th Brig reaches woods just E of Etavaux without contacting enemy.

Inclement weather hampers air operations. Three launching sites in Pas de Calais area attacked by 40 Lancasters and Mosquitoes with 135 tons of bombs. Thirty-two A-20s unload

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39 tons on Bourth RR embankment. Three fuel dumps behind battle lines hit with 231 tons of bombs by 116 B-25s and B-26s. RR lines in Loire valley and in Paris area attacked by 150 fighters and fighter bombers with 49 tons of bombs; during night 17 B-25s and 55 Mosquitoes attack enemy troops and movement in battle areas with 71 tons of bombs.

23 France:

## U.S. FIRST ARMY

VIII Corps Enemy counterattack forces withdrawal of 358th Regt troops to N bank of Seves R.

## BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps British boundary extended W and U.S. 5th Inf Div relieved.

XII Corps Forty-third Div continues pressure toward the Orne with 214th Brig advancing SW of Maltot and 129th advancing S and SE of town, contacting 2d Cdn Div just NE of Feugueroles.

II Cdn Corps Fifth Brig clears Etavaux area.

## CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

Army assumes control of I Corps and its sector.

Launching sites in Pas de Calais area hit with 571 tons of bombs dropped by 176 RAF heavy bombers in day and night attacks. Airdromes at Creil, Juvin-court, Laon/Athies, and Laon/Couvron believed heavily damaged by 244 B-17s and B-24s which unload 474 tons of bombs. Donges oil storage depot is target for heavy night attack by 119 Lancasters and Halifaxes which drop 400 tons of bombs. Total of 197 B-26s and A-20s drops 438 tons of bombs on RR bridges along Argentan-Paris and Lisieux - Bernay-Evreux RR lines; 19 A-20s hit Glos sur Risle RR junction with 27 tons; 63 B-26s strike fuel dump at Foret de Conches with 86 tons. Montfort RR center is target for 43 B-25s with 86 tons. Fuel dumps in rear of battle areas, RR lines in Loire valley, and enemy troops and vehicles attacked throughout day by 586 fighters and fighter bombers with 238 tons of bombs.

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RAF heavy bombers devastate Kiel in night attack; 2,916 tons dropped by 629 Lancasters, Halifaxes, and Stirlings.

English Channel:

SS British Advocate (British tanker, 6,994 tons) sunk at 47-18 N, 02-03 W.

24 France:

## BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Fifteenth Inf Div completes relief of U.S. 5th Inf Div.

Total of 484 B-17s and B-24s drops 950 tons of bombs on enemy troops, transport, and communications in St. Lo area. RR bridges and fuel dumps S of battle area and enemy positions in St. Lo area attacked by 275 A-20s and B-26s with 478 tons of bombs. Total of 150 RAF bombers strikes at 4 robot bomb sites in Calais area in day and night attacks, dropping 300 tons of bombs. Over 1,300 fighters and fighter bombers maintain pressure on enemy supply lines and attack road movement and troops in battle area, dropping over 400 tons of bombs. RAF heavy bombers make night attack on Donges oil supply depot; 113 planes unload 570 tons of bombs.

Germany:

During night RAF delivers smashing blow at Stuttgart; 614 heavy bombers drop 1,750 tons of bombs on city area.

25 France:

## U.S. FIRST ARMY

VIII Corps At 1100, 330th Regt of 83d Div attacks in conjunction with 9th Div on the L; le Mesnil-Vigot seized and a portion of St. Lo-Periers road secured; initial resistance light but it increases in afternoon and regt is halted after gaining about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi.

VII Corps After unprecedented air bombardment and heavy arty barrage, 9th, 4th, and 30th Inf Divs attack at 1100, cross Periers - St. Lo road, and drive generally S to open corridor between Marigny and St. Gilles. On R flank, 9th Div, with 47th and 39th Regts badly disorganized as result of Allied bombs falling short, drives due S, captures le Mesnil-Eury,

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and occupies positions just E and W of Marigny road and N of Montreuil and la Chapelle-en-Juger. In center of line, 8th Regt of 4th Div progresses steadily against strong opposition and reaches ridge just E of la Chapelle-en-Juger. On L flank, 30th Div, in area between St.Gilles road and Vire R. is delayed initially by heavy enemy arty; 120th Regt also delayed as result of being hit by Allied bombs but attack finally gets under way and Regt advances down St.Gilles road to point about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mi. N of the town; 119th Regt secures position around Hebecrevon, on L of Div front. By evening 5th Para and Pz Lehr Divs are withdrawing but no real break-through is achieved by Allied troops.

## BRITISH SECOND ARMY

II. Cdn Corps Corps attacks at 0330 with 2d Div on R and 3d on L; troops astride Caen - Falaise road encounter strong opposition and vigorous counter-attacks; 9th Brig engages in bitter fighting in vicinity of Tilly le Campagne. Seventh Armd Div moves to area just N of St.Martin - Verrieres road; Verrieres seized and held against several late afternoon counter-attacks. Heavy fighting takes place in May-sur-Orne during afternoon but 5th Brig, 2d Div, bypasses it and advances toward Fontenay le Marmion; opposition in Roquancourt area checks progress.

U.S. air forces concentrate on enemy in St.Lo-Periers area in preparation for break-through by ground forces; from H-80 to H / 75, 1,508 B-17s and B-24s and 497 B-26s and A-20s unload 4,439 tons of bombs on enemy troops and strongpoints with shattering effect. Total of 2,199 fighters and fighter bombers lend additional support to VII Corps and hammer enemy troops and transport throughout battle area dropping approximately 600 tons of bombs and 2,400 RPs.

In day and night attacks, 207 RAF heavy bombers drop 810 tons of bombs on 5 robot bomb sites in Pas de Calais area. Fuel dump at Bois de Orleans hit with 90 tons of bombs by 60 A-20s and B-25s; wooded areas near La Hogue are target for 74 more with 95 tons. St. Cyr airfield attacked by 100 heavy bombers with 464 tons.

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For 50 Lancasters, Halifaxes, and Stirlings drops 1,443 tons of bombs on Stuttgart in destructive night attack.

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Synthetic oil plant at Wanne-Eickel damaged by 135 RAF heavy bombers; 420 tons dropped during night.

Austria:

Tank factory at Linz and marshalling yards at Villach hit with 1,163 tons of bombs by 420 B-17s and B-24s from Mediterranean bases; opposition at Linz very strong and 54 enemy planes shot down for loss of 21 U.S. planes.

26 France:

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VIII Corps Along entire Corps front attack is launched at 0530 after heavy arty preparation. Eighty-third Div units make only minor gains because of strong opposition from mortars and S/A. Ninetieth Div is also strongly opposed and 359th Regt is severely counterattacked in efforts to establish bridgehead across Seves R., on Div's R flank. Main effort is made by 8th Div which has before it a narrow corridor of firm ground in contrast to the swamps and marshes along fronts of 90th and 79th Divs along Seves and Ay Rivers; 28th Regt on R and 121st on L push S in area between bridge  $3\frac{1}{2}$  mi. E of Lessay and point 1 mi. farther E; 28th gets astride Lessay-Periers road, about half way between the 2 towns, and 121st reaches area W and NW of Joliment. Behind 8th Div, 314th Regt of 79th Div begins to cross Ay R. at night. Bulk of forces opposing VIII Corps are 243d, 353d, and 77th Inf Divs and elements of 2d SS Pz Div.

VII Corps Combat Command B, 3d Armd Div, attacks S toward Marigny, bypasses the town, and swings SW to a line running from Gruchy to au Brun; RCT 18 of 1st Div closely follows CCB but is checked just N of Marigny and engaged in fire fight by enemy troops. On Corps R flank, 60th Regt captures Lozon and crossroads at la Torliniere while 39th attempts to gain control of secondary road net in vicinity of la Buissonnerie. Fourth Div advances S to point between Marigny and Canisy. Combat Command A, 2d Armd Div, passes through 30th Div, on Corps L flank.

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captures St. Gilles in afternoon and Canisy in early evening; CCA then splits into 2 columns, 1 of which moves S to St. Martin de Bon Fosse and the other, SE to St. Ebremond de Bon Fosse. Enemy resistance at Hebecrevon broken about noon and 119th Regt advances rapidly S and E of town to clear Axis opposition from sector W of St. Lo.

V Corps Corps attacks at 0600 with 5th Div on L and 2d Div on R. After heavy fighting, 2d Regt of 5th Div captures Vidouville. Ninth Regt, 2d Div, attacks SW toward high ground S of Vidouville road; elements of 3d Bn occupy St. Germain d'Elle. Twenty-third and 38th Regts attack S against strong resistance; former gains about 1½ mi., reaching positions N. of Notre Dame d'Elle; latter, with a very exposed R flank, gains less than 1 mi.

Force of 186 RAF heavy bombers makes night attack on Givors RR center, dropping 605 tons of bombs with good results. Fuel dumps S of battle area attacked by 162 A-20s, B-26s, and B-25s which unload 263 tons of bombs; tactical targets in battle area hit by an additional 100 B-26s with 151 tons. About 1,700 fighters and fighter bombers attack targets in battle area and S of it, concentrating on RR facilities; about 700 tons of bombs and 2,000 RPs dropped.

Austria:

Aircraft factory and industrial targets in Vienna area and Graz/Thalerhof airdrome attacked by 290 Mediterranean-based bombers which drop 676 tons of bombs; fighter opposition strong and 37 enemy planes shot down.

27 France:

## U.S. FIRST ARMY

VIII Corps Eighty-third Div crosses swamp to La Varde peninsula and continues attack SW, reaching area between Periers-St. Lo and St. Sauveur Lendelin-Marigny roads after crossing Taute R. Ninetieth Div makes great progress as enemy has made a major withdrawal during night; Seves and St. Germain island occupied, Taute R. crossed just E of Periers and town

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is occupied; 359th Regt moves S in area E of Periers-Coutances road. Engineers work at terrific pace to clear extensive minefields so that armd units may pass through. As 8th Div units push S for about 2 mi. in area between Lessay and Periers, 315th Regt of 79th Div crosses Ay R. and captures Lessay, while to the L, 314th Regt swings to R of 8th Div and drives SW to area of le Bocage.

VII Corps CCB of 3d Armd Div and 16th and 18th RCTs of 1st Div race westward toward Coutances carving narrow corridor in effort to cut enemy's escape roads to the S; 18th RCT secures Marigny shortly after dawn and heads S; 16th RCT, on L, speeds along Marigny-Coutances road to la Chapelle while CCB out distances inf and advances to Camprond; 18th RCT, its progress slowed by enemy opposition, overtakes CCB just before midnight and consolidates the position. Ninth Div encounters stubborn opposition on Corps R flank but establishes road blocks E of Hauteville-la-Guichard. CCA, 3d Armd Div, moves S of Marigny but is stopped by strongpoint at St. Benoit; 4th Div's 12th Regt attacks toward St. Benoit and woods to SW to clear passage for armor; 8th RCT cleans E-W Marigny - St. Gilles road and then drives S to line from Carantilly to Quibou. CCA of 2d Armd Div advances L column E to Vire R. near Mancelliere-sur-Vire; R column secures le Mesnil Herman in morning with elements of 66th Armd Regt capturing Hill 183 (on NE edge of Bois du Souilles) on R flank; con carried out toward Villebaudon and Tessy-sur-Vire. Meanwhile, CCB of 2d Armd envelops enemy opposition at Quibou and Laisney, drives SW through Dangy to Pont Brocard which is occupied during night; enemy counterattack there defeated; elements of 82d Rcn Bn (part of CCB) cross Souille R. and drive S through Notre Dame-le-Genilly to la Penetiere; a 12-mi. gain. Thirtieth Div moves S on L flank of Corps with object of blocking bridges over Vire R.; block bridges and road approaches N of St. Samson de Bon Fosse - Conde-sur-Vire road.

V Corps Thirty-fifth Div attached to V Corps and seizes high ground S and W of St. Lo. In 2d Div sector, 23d Regt captures Notre Dame d'Elle and advances S and E of the town; 9th and 38th Regts are limited by strong opposition to very small gains. Enemy counterattack

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breaks through on L flank to Vidouville but 5th Div units clear Germans from town and again advance SW.

Four robot bomb sites in Dieppe area attacked by 57 RAF heavy bombers with 205 tons; 21 U.S. heavy bombers drop 62 tons on coastal battery at Gravelines. About 1,500 fighters and fighter bombers dive-bomb and strafe RR and road targets S of Caen and S of Periers - St. Lo area; about 475 tons of bombs and 1,000 RPs dropped. During night, 51 B-25s and A-20s release 71 tons on objectives S of Caen.

Belgium:

Signal depot near Brussels and oil storage near Ghent attacked by 46 U.S. bombers with 133 tons of bombs.

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VIII Corps Enemy is withdrawing along entire Corps front, offering only delaying tactics although leaving behind extensive and well-prepared minefields. Combat Command B of 4th Armd Div speeds down Periers-Coutances road through St. Sauveur Lendelin and captures Coutances at 1700 while Combat Command A of 6th Armd Div crosses Ay R. at Lessay and also heads toward Coutances, reaching area to NW of the town by night. CCA is closely paralleled by 314th and 315th Regts, 79th Div, which reach a line running generally along lateral road from Coutances to Couville-sur-Mer. To L of 6th Armd, 8th Div's 28th and 121st Regts make gains of about 8 mi, reaching Vendelee-Montbuchon area, about 2 mi. N and NE of Coutances. Ninetieth Div units drive across St. Sauveur Lendelin - Marigny road and halt in area about 3 mi. NE of Montbuchon where 1st Inf Div is contacted as it drives W. Corps R flank protected by 121st Cav Sq which advances southward in coastal area to mouth of Sienne R. W of Coutances.

VII Corps Third Armd Div continues rapid advance and broadens corridor: CCB, despite opposition from elements of 2d SS Pz, 343d Inf and 5th Para Divs, drives W of Camprond to Camberton and high ground

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just S of Montbuchon; between CCB and Coutances - St. Lo road, RCT 16 encounters stubborn resistance so CCB faces about and attacks SE, cleaning out enemy pockets before midnight; CCA, organized into 3 task forces, advances SW and secures Cerisy-la-Salle and Montpichon and is poised along Soulle R. SE of Coutances. Twenty-sixth RCT of 1st Div moves into positions S of Savigny and E of Belval. CCB, 2d Armd Div, fans out in SW direction, securing road N of Hambye and Camberton and nearby crossroads on Coutances - Gavray highway. German troops, having regained Cerisy-la-Salle, counterattack toward Pont Brocard and Notre Dame le Genilly in attempt to cut CCB's axis of advance; effort unsuccessful and elements of CCB occupy Cerisy-la-Salle by midnight. Fourth Div troops, after clearing enemy pockets S of line Marigny-St. Gilles, follow CCB into Notre Dame area. Fourth Armd Div contacted as it moves S from Coutances. On R flank, 9th Div pinched out by advance of 83d. CCA, 2d Armd, captures Villebaudon before noon. At 1200, CCA, 22d RCT, and 30th Div pass to XIX Corps.

XIX Corps Corps is to exploit breakthrough of VII Corps. Thirtieth Div continues southward attack W of Vire R.; 117th Regt attacks toward Tessy-sur-Vire but encounters determined resistance in area of le Mesnil Opac; units of 120th Regt strongly counterattacked by elements of 2d FG Regt which crossed the Vire during night but other units make gains S and secure le Mesnil Raoult in early morning. CCA, 2d Armd Div, attacks SE; enemy counterattack repulsed and high ground N of Moyen seized but troops are unable to capture town. Twenty-ninth Div crosses Vire R. and moves in 2 columns to assembly areas at St. Samson de Bon Fosse and near la Denisiere.

V Corps On R flank, 320th and 134th Regts, 35th Div, drive down E bank of Vire R. for gains of nearly 3 mi. Ste. Suzanne sur Vire seized. Second Div attacks SW with 3 regts: St. Jean des Baisants secured by 23d Regt in center; 38th Regt occupies high ground W of St. Jean and 9th Regt seizes Rouzeville and drives to ridge just SE of St. Jean. Fifth Div regains positions on St. Jean-Caumont road, lost to enemy counterattack the previous day; 10th Regt relieves 9th Regt of 2d Div,

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### BRITISH SECOND ARMY

II Cdn Corps 4th Cdn Armd Div relieves 7th Armd. which passes to command of XXX Corps, as does 43d Inf Div.

Launching sites and supply dumps in Calais area attacked in day and night raids by 318 RAF bombers with 1,049 tons of bombs. Montfort RR center hit by 48 B-25s with 88 tons of bombs. Total of 378 A-20s and B-26s drops 588 tons of bombs on RR bridges near battle area, RR junctions near Rouen, and fuel dumps in S Brittany. Total of 969 8th and 9th AF fighters and fighter bombers unload 354 tons of bombs on troops, gun positions, and transport from Coutances area to Vire. RAF makes about 800 sorties against RR tracks, bridges, troops, and tanks.

### Germany:

Oil refinery at Merseburg, aircraft plants at Leipzig, and targets at Wiesbaden attacked by 710 B-17s and B-24s; 1,746 tons of bombs dropped; results believed good. RAF makes crushing night attacks on Stuttgart and Hamburg; total of 804 heavy bombers unload 2,768 tons on the 2 cities; opposition strong and 62 bombers fail to return.

### 29 France:

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VIII Corps Southward advance resumed with 6th and 4th Armd Divs abreast; both encounter blown bridges covered by enemy fire in area S of Coutances but CCA, 4th Armd, in parallel columns drives S for about 10 mi., reaching point about half way between Coutances and La Haye Pesnel. One CT each of 79th and 8th Divs motorized to follow armd units.

VII Corps CCA, 3d Armd Div, advances SW in 2 columns; N column moves through Belval while S column crosses Soulle R. and cleans out Roncey, a junction for numerous roads both main and secondary; both columns then take S toward Gavray and a crossing of Sienne R. CCB of 2d Armd pushes W and secures Lengronne, junction on Erchal-Vire and Coutances-Gavray roads. Behind 3d Armd units, elements of 1st Div mop up enemy to Soulle R.; 4th Div follows CCB, 2d Armd, and establishes

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road blocks and secures defensive positions against enemy troops retreating SE from Coutances area; RCT 12 reconnoiters S of Hambye and crosses Sienne R. before dark. Meanwhile, enemy counterattacks and breaks through to St. Denis le Gast.

XIX Corps Twenty-ninth Div attacks S along le Mesnil Herman-Percy road and SE toward Tessy-sur-Vire; on L flank 116th Regt relieves elements of CCA, 2d Armd Div, N of Moyon which attack E from area N of Villebaudon; 115th Regt attacks Percy and reaches positions NW, N, and NE of objective. On Corps L flank, 117th and 119th Regts of 30th Div continue S. but opposition is very strong and progress slow.

V Corps Corps attacks generally S toward Torigny-sur-Vire and road running NE of the city to Caumont. Thirty-fifth Div drives rapidly SE for about 2½ mi. until checked by strong resistance S of la Chapelle du Fest; 2d Div advances roughly parallel to Torigny-Mouffet road for gains of nearly 3 mi.; 5th Div attacks in area between Torigny-Mouffet and Torigny-Caumont roads; repulsing a night counterattack. By evening enemy is withdrawing along front and believed to be trying to break contact with V Corps.

Seventy-four B-17s unload 208 tons on airfields at Juvincourt and Laon/Couvron. Supply dump at Foret de Nieppe is target for 76 RAF heavy bombers which drop 251 tons of bombs. Allied fighters and fighter bombers continue attacks on enemy roads, bridges, and RR lines S and E of battle lines; about 1,475 drop 350 tons of bombs and 850 RPs with good results.

Germany:

Oil refineries at Merseburg and Bremen extensively damaged by 1,009 B-17s and B-24s which drop 2,635 tons of bombs; air opposition strong at former and 26 enemy planes shot down. Twenty-eight additional bombers drop 66 tons on Hildesheim marshalling yards.

30 France:

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VIII Corps CCA, 2d Armd, establishes bridgehead over Sienne R. and pushes rapidly down the highway

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to Brehal, closely followed by RCT of 79th Div. CCB, 4th Armd, maintains swift southward advance, occupies La Haye Pesnel in afternoon, continues S and SW through Sartilly, and reaches outskirts of Avranches by night. RCT 13, attached to 4th Armd, seizes high ground just E of La Meurdraquiere and covers Granville-Beauchamps road, RCTs 28 and 121, 8th Div, move to positions about 1 mi. N of Brehal-Tessy-sur-Vire road, covering L flank of Corps.

VII Corps CCB, 2d Armd Div, stops German counter-attack and retakes St. Denis le Gast shortly after dawn. Meanwhile, 3d Armd Div attacks S with CCA and CCB abreast: CCA reaches the Sienne and finds Gavray bridge destroyed but seizes Gavray and forces a crossing of the river during night; CCB delayed at river by heavy S/A fire but crosses on Hambye-Villedieu les Poeles road and continues S to area about 4 mi. NW of latter town in face of increasing opposition. RCTs 26 and 12 of 4th Div attack S on L flank of Corps: former secures dominating terrain near Mesnil-Bonant and mops up N to Sienne R.; latter attacks against increasing opposition toward high ground at Mancelliere, about 3 mi. N of Villedieu les Poeles.

XIX Corps CCA, 2d Armd, splits into 2 forces, 1 of which aids 115th Regt in unsuccessful attack on Percy and the other attacks E toward Tessy; 116th Regt is NW of Tessy, attempting to reduce pocket composed of elements of 2d SS Pz Div; 1 bn of this regt attacks W along road to Denisiere where 110th Regt, 28th Div, is delayed by heavy enemy fire. Enemy strongly counterattacks NE of Percy, between 115th and 175th Regts; forcing latter to move to positions closer to Percy. Thirtieth Div units continue attempts to clear enemy from areas N and NW of Tessy-sur-Vire.

V Corps Thirty-fifth Div is unable to make substantial gains in attack on Torigny; enemy troops utilize excellent arty observation of this Div. Second Div encounters very strong opposition on both flanks and makes little progress. On L flank 5th Div's 10th and 2d Regts make rapid strides against only light opposition early in day but are checked in evening by counter-attacks and determined resistance about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mi. N of Torigny-Laumont road; patrols reach road.

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VIII Corps At 0655 15th Div, supported by 6th Gds Tk Brig, attacks. Eleventh Armd protects R flank but is held up by mines and dug in tanks N of La Lande sur Drome; reach area just W of Sept Vents by noon, 1 mi. SW of Caumont; 6th Gds and 227th Brig get to Hervieux-Les Loges area. By night 11th Armd roughly reaches area from La Lande-sur-Drome SE to St. Jean des Essartiers. Fifth Div generally reaches road NW of Bois du Homme and N to Aubigny.

XXX Corps At 0600 50th Div with 56th Brig on R and 231st on L attacks and by noon reaches line N of St. Germain d'Ectot SE to Lictot, N of Feuguerolles. Forty-third Div attacks at 0830 but is held up along stream S of le Mesnil Levreau (E of Caumont). Enemy withstands all attempts of Corps to advance farther.

XII Corps On R flank 197th Brig, 59th Div, beats off counterattack N of Monts and W of Noyers.

RAF heavy bombers, in 375 sorties, unload 1,348 tons of bombs on concentrations and strongpoints in Villers-Bocages and Caumont areas. Similar targets in battle area hit by 345 B-26s and 100 A-20s with total of 710 tons. Sixty B-25s release 120 tons on ammunition dumps at Argentan and Chateaudun. Approximately 2,000 Allied fighter bombers and fighters are active against usual targets, chiefly troops and communications, using 485 tons of bombs and 607 RPs.

31 France:

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VIII Corps Sixth Armd Div units swing SW from Brehal, capture Granville, and move SE toward Avranches; latter town falls to 4th Armd which continues S and secures crossing over Selune R. near Pontaubault and strikes SE as far as Ducey.

VII Corps CCA, 3d Armd Div, spearheads drive of 1st Div toward Brecey and crossings of See R., advancing in 2 columns; little opposition encountered until troops reach Manville-Vire RR just S of Villedieu les Poeles; after sharp fighting, L column forces a passage, recaptures Brecey, and establishes

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positions on S bank of the See by night; R column reaches N bank of See R. CCB and 12th RCT attack toward Villedieu but advance is slow because of inadequate stream crossings; 8th RCT protects L flank of 4th Div in area NW of Percy.

XIX Corps CCA, 2d Armd Div, and 175th Regt resume eastward attack along general line of Villedieu-Tessy road; opposition strong but line through Beaucoudy reached. Farther S, 115th Regt, which has been relieved near Percy by 110th, gains W slope of hill NW of Montabot (on Percy-Tessy road). On L flank of CCA, 116th Regt unsuccessfully attacks Moyon. In 30th Div sector, 119th Regt gains Troisgots, an enemy strongpoint SE of le Mesnil Opac, while 117th cuts road SW of Tessy.

V Corps After heavy bombardment by Allied arty and chemical mortars, Torigny is secured by 320th Regt while 134th approaches city from the N; on R flank of 35th Div, 137th Regt, organized into a task force, advances swiftly along E bank of Vire R., SW of Torigny, and reaches points about 2½ mi. N of Vire R. and E of Tessy. W of Foret l'Eveque, 2d Div speeds S; opposition light at first but increases toward end of day; 38th Regt reaches Soulevre R.; rest of Div establishes positions SW of Foret l'Eveque. Fifth Div arrives quickly through Foret l'Eveque and advances S toward the river but halts because of British armor moving SW.

### BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Eleventh Armd pushes W along St. Martin des Besaces road and reaches Granville; some elements drive S to Pt 161 overlooking Soulevre R. Fifteenth Inf gets much opposition in St. Martin area but with armd elements of 11th gets just N of town by noon.

XXX Corps 130th Brig, 43d Div, attacks enemy N of Cahanges (SE of Caumont) which is still in enemy hands; 214th Brig concentrated immediately W of town. Fiftieth Div captures St. Germain d'Ectot and Orbois.

XII Corps Fifty-third Div reports no indication of

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enemy withdrawal on their front; 59th repulses counterattack again N of Monts.

### CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

Assumes command of II Cdn Corps.

#### Germany:

About 600 U.S. heavy bombers strike at industrial targets at Munich and Allach, concentrating the bulk of 1,506 tons of bombs on former. Chemical plants at Ludwigshafen hit by 437 others with 1,205 tons. At Schleissheim, 45 U.S. heavy bombers drop 113 tons on air installations.

#### France:

Eighty-one U.S. heavy bombers unload 188 tons of bombs on Laon/Athies and Criel airfields. About 325 B-26s and 150 A-20s attack communications and dumps S and W of assault area with 766 tons of bombs; RR bridges heavily hit. Fuel dumps at Livarot raided by 18 B-25s with 36 tons of bombs. RAF bombers, during 270 sorties, hit Joigny/La Roche rail center with 593 tons of bombs, supply dump at Rilly le Montagne with 472 tons, and shipping at Le Havre with 295 tons. In night mission, about 100 RAF bombers unload approximately 400 tons on flying bomb supply dumps at Foret de Nieppe. Over 1,250 Allied fighter bombers and fighters raid troop concentrations, communications, and supply dumps in battle area with about 480 tons of bombs.

#### England:

Enemy pilotless aircraft attacks have continued throughout the month.

#### North Sea:

SS Exmouth (U.S. cargo ship, 4,979 tons) sunk, probably by Allied mine, at 56-30 N, 02-12 W.

#### English Channel:

SS Samwake (British cargo ship, 7,119 tons) sunk by E-boat at 50-46 N, 00-07 E.

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1 Russia: Red Army troops move N on Aunus Isthmus. Troops of 1st Baltic Army advance salient W of Polotsk to Germanovichi and close in on the town from the E where Trosnitsa is captured. Borisov falls to forces of 3d White Russian Army; advances made NW of the town to Begoml and Pleshchanitsi. Second White Russian Army maintains pressure W of Mogilev and crosses Berezina R. at Berezino. Driving N, NW, and SW of Slutsk, Soviets occupy Shishchitsi, Gressk, Kopil, and Krasnaya Slqboda.

2 Russia: On Aunus Isthmus Soviet forces capture Spasskaya-Guba; Finns report very fierce fighting near Salmi. Germans continue to hold out at Polotsk, but W and SW of the town 1st Baltic Army advances to Sharkovshchizna and Plisa after crossing Disna R. Forces of 3d White Russian Army, outflanking Minsk from the N, cross Polish border and capture Krasne, about 10 mi. SE of Molodechno; Vileika, about 12 mi. N of Molodechno, occupied; other units drive SW along Borisov-Minsk highway to Smolevichi. First White Russian Army outflanks Minsk from the S, cutting Minsk-Baranovichi RR at Stolbtsy and Horodzie. Russians report an unsuccessful German counterattack in Osipovichi area.

German 3,500-ton transport sunk by Soviet planes in Baltic Sea. Finns report harassing air attacks on Soviet troops and equipment on northern front. Slutsk is target for night attack by German bombers.

Hungary: Shell and Almasfuzito oil refineries near Budapest hit with 277 tons of bombs by 109 MAAF heavy bombers; 285 others unload 655 tons on Manfred Weiss and Rakos marshalling yards near Budapest; Budapest/Vesces airdrome is target for 130 bombers with 290 tons; considerable air opposition encountered in area and about 50 enemy planes believed destroyed for loss of 10 bombers. Twenty-five bombers strike Győr RR yards, between Budapest and Vienna, with 75 tons while 5 more attack Szolnok RR bridge E of Budapest.

Rumania: Forty-nine Wellingtons, Halifaxes, and Liberators unload 58 tons of bombs on Bucharest/Prahova oil refinery in night attack.

3 Russia: Russians make gains along NE shore of Lake Ladoga where several stations on Petrozavodsk-Sortavala RR

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are occupied. Fanning out W and SW of Polotsk, units of 1st Baltic Army seize Iody, Glebokie, and Dokszyce; street fighting takes place in Polotsk. Minsk falls to forces of 3d and 1st White Russian Armies which enter the city from NE and S; NW of Minsk, 3d White Russian Army captures Budslav, Krivichi, and Kurenets, on Polotsk-Molodechno RR, and reaches outskirts of Molodechno. Spearheads of 1st White Russian Army are approaching Baranovichi.

Soviet ground forces supported by aircraft. Vilna bombed during night by SAF. German planes make night attack on Borisov.

Rumania: Oil storage facilities at Giurgiu and Bucharest/Mogasaia hit by 193 B-24s with 469 tons; marshalling yards at Turnu Severin and Timisoara are targets for 110 B-24s with 257 tons; 34 B-24s unload 84 tons on Titan oil refinery near Bucharest. Fifty-seven B-17s drop 165 tons of bombs on RR bridge at Piatra, probably damaging it; 94 B-24s hit Bucharest/Malaxa locomotive works with 223 tons. Ninety-nine B-24s and B-17s damage RR repair shops and marshalling yards at Arad with 277 tons. Opposition negligible at all targets; 12 bombers lost.

Hungary: Four B-17s possibly damage RR bridge at Szeged with 12 tons of bombs.

4 Russia: Soviets capture Polotsk and drive NW to Dubovo, within 8 mi. of Latvian border. Forces of 3d White Russian Army push beyond Polotsk-Molodechno RR, occupying Moroski and Naroch and outflanking Molodechno. S of Stolbtsy, Kletsk is seized by 1st White Russian Army units which are approaching Baranovichi-Luninets RR.

Soviet planes continue to lend strong support to ground troops, bombing enemy communications and transport; troop concentrations near Negoreloye and trains at Brest-Litovsk heavily hit. During night SAF bombs RR junctions at Vilna, Lida, and Baranovichi. Minsk is target for night attack by German aircraft.

Rumania: Force of 148 B-17s unloads 426 tons of bombs on oil refinery at Brasov; numerous fires and explosions believed to cause severe damage. RR bridge at Pitesti is target for 53 B-24s with 147 tons of bombs; 52 others strike RR repair works at Pitesti, dropping 130 tons; no opposition encountered.

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- 5 Russia: Russians advancing along NE shore of Lake Ladoga capture Salmi. NE of Minsk 3d White Russian Army captures Molodechno and continues NW along RR to Vilna, capturing Smorgon. Second White Russian Army is mopping up enemy remnants E of Minsk. Troops of 1st White Russian Army capture Yatvezh, 11 mi. E of Baranovichi, while columns driving toward Baranovichi-Luninets RR seize Lopatyche. Russians W of Mozyr are blunting German salient N of Pripet Marshes, driving W to seize Turov and Starushki.  
Ground troops supported by SAF. Russian planes make heavy night raids on Bialystok and Vilna, causing widespread fires and explosions. Minsk airdrome and RR station at Krichev are targets for German bomber during night.
- 6 Russia: Soviet troops on Aunus Isthmus make gains W of Petrozavodsk. First Baltic Army makes gains N and NW of Polotsk, reaching Slobodchuki, 17 mi. NW of Polotsk. Third White Russian Army drives NW and SW of Molodechno toward Wilno and Lida; Svir and Gervyaty fall to northern arm while southern arm captures Dzerzhinsk, about 25 mi. SW of Minsk. Units of 1st White Russian Army approach Baranovichi from NW and SW, occupying Ishkoldz, Podliseiki, and Lyakhovichi; Baranovichi-Luninets RR cut at Mysloboye; another group, driving W along Gomel-Luninets-Pinsk RR, captures Zhitkovichi. Germans evacuate Kowel which is occupied by southernmost column of 1st White Russian Army.  
Enemy inf concentrations and communications attacked by Russian planes throughout day; night attacks made on Brest-Litovsk and Dvinsk where trains and military stores are destroyed. Planes of Red Banner Baltic Fleet strike enemy shipping in Viipuri Bay. German aircraft support ground forces and make night attacks on Soviet supply lines.
- 7 Russia: Soviets capture several towns N and NW of Polotsk where 1st Baltic Army is driving toward Latvian border. Third White Russian Army advances toward Wilno with capture of Ostrovets, Oshmyany, and Kemelishki; capture of Tokazhiski brings Russians closer to Lida. Units of 1st White Russian Army are less than 10 mi. from Baranovichi; Soviets move W in area N and S of Pripet R., capturing Zaprosye and Stolin.  
GAF makes day and night attacks on Soviet supply lines.

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Soviet aircraft support ground troops and make night attacks on Brest-Litovsk and Lida RR junctions, destroying German troop trains and military stores.

- 8 Russia: Soviet forces on Aunus Isthmus continue to make gains W of Petrozavodsk. Troops of 3d White Russian Army engage Germans in street fighting in Wilno and cut Wilno-Dvinsk RR in several places; numerous villages just NE and SE of Wilno also occupied; Lipnishki and Iyve fall to Russians advancing on Lida. Farther S Soviet troops cross Niemen R. and capture Lyubcha. Baranovichi falls to units of 1st White Russian Army; Beloselye and Novoselki, N and S of Baranovichi, also occupied. Other Red Army forces are moving toward Pinsk from the E and advancing W toward Luninets.

German bombers make night attacks on RR stations at Korosten, Sarny, Rowne, and Olevsk, all targets on lines to Kowel area. Soviet planes hit Bialystok during night; Orany and Grodno, junctions on Wilno-Warsaw RR, and Kaishadory, on Wilno-Kaunas line, also severely bombed during night.

Hungary: Twenty-four heavy bombers drop 56 tons of bombs on airdrome at Veszprem with generally good results.

- 9 Russia: First Baltic Army sweeps forward in wide arc W of Polotsk: northern column reaches Latvian border with capture of Druya; on a line running SW from there, Braslaw, Widze, and Swieciany are occupied; southern group seizes Postawy and pushes W to Lyntupy. Street fighting continues in Wilno and Russians SW of the city capture Ponary, cutting RR to Warsaw. Lida captured by units of 3d White Russian Army. E of Minsk troops of 2d White Russian Army continue mopping up of encircled German forces while other columns drive W between Lida and Baranovichi, seizing Newogrodek, Dworzec, and Nowojelnia. Soviet troops of 1st White Russian Army advance W of Baranovichi to a point only 4 mi. from Slonim; farther S, Russians move closer to Luninets with capture of RR station of Lachwa; Pinsk seriously menaced by troops closing in from NE and S.

Both sides maintain constant air attacks on troops and supplies. Soviet planes hit Brest-Litovsk and Orany (SW of Wilno) during night while GAF strikes at Korosten, Olevsk, and Rowne.

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Rumania: Floesti oil refineries are target for 222 B-17s and B-24s; 596 tons of bombs dropped with good results.

10 Russia: Fighting continues on Karelian Front where Russians capture Pitkaeranta. Soviets attacking toward Daugavpils (Dvinsk) capture Driswiaty, S of the city, and, SW of Daugavpils, drive into Lithuania, seizing Utena and Daugailai and severing Daugavpils-Kaunas road. Wilno where street fighting continues, is encircled by junction of troops of 3d White Russian Army from N and S of the city. First White Russian Army troops cross Szczara R. and capture RR junction of Slonim; S of the city, they advance W to Domanovo; southern column seizes Luninets and Lyszcze while another arm moves closer to Pinsk.

GAF concentrates on Soviet troops and equipment in Wilno area. Cherekhka RR junction, NW of Brest-Litovsk, and Kaisiadorys, E of Kaunas, hit during night by Soviet planes.

11 Russia: Soviet troops advance into Finland and capture RR station of Suojaervi. First Baltic Army continues advance toward Daugavpils and in area SW of the city, drives farther into Lithuania. Street fighting rages in Wilno while forces of 3d White Russian Army push NW and SW of the city and capture Bielica and Kozkowszczyzna in area S of Lida. Second White Russian Army completes liquidation of Germans encircled E of Minsk. Elements of 1st White Russian Army advance W of Slonim toward Wolkowysk; other elements capture Lemeshevichi, about 8 mi. from Pinsk.

Enemy planes bomb Soviet troops and equipment in Wilno and Daugavpils areas.

12 Russia: Moscow announces offensive by 2d Baltic Army E of Latvia in last Soviet territory held by Germans; Idritsa, junction on RR W to Rezekne, captured. First Baltic Army continues pressure on enemy E of Daugavpils and makes further gains SW of the city. Street fighting continues in Wilno and Russians push on in direction of Kaunas, almost reaching Lithuanian border with capture of Troki. RR towns of Grodno and Wolkowysk appear to be objectives of Soviet forces which advance W of Lida to Nowy Dwor and Wasiliszki and W of Slonim to Zelwa. Elements of 1st White Russian Army

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continue to clear enemy from positions in Pripet Marshes in area E of Pinsk.

Germans again report concentration by their aircraft on Russians in Daugavpils and Wilno areas. Finns report night attack by Soviet planes on Kotka.

13 Russia: Suojaervi, on Aunus Isthmus, falls to Soviet troops. N of Idritsa 2d Baltic Army moves closer to Latvian border. Units of 1st Baltic Army E of Daugavpils capture Drissa while those to the SW seize Salakas. After 5 days of fierce street battles, Wilno surrenders to Russians; units of 3d White Russian Army which have advanced SW of the city capture Orany while another column reaches Daugai, 15 mi. E of Alytus. Grodno is approached from NE, E, and SE as Soviets capture Nowa Ruda, Szczuczyn, Rozanka, and Mosty where they reach Niemen R. Third White Russian Army forces capture road junction of Rozana, SW of Slonim, and continue W to Lyskow.

14 Russia: Troops of 2d Baltic Army break into OPOCHKA where street fighting rages. Minor gains are registered E and SW of Daugavpils. Third White Russian Army, W of Wilno, drives toward Kaunas. Northern arm of 2d White Russian Army seizes Skidel, 20 mi. SE of Grodno, while southern arm captures Wolkowysk, about 55 mi. E of Bialystok. Soviet forces NE of Brest-Litovsk capture several villages. Pinsk occupied by elements of 1st White Russian Army.

Both sides continue air operations against troops and supplies. Moscow announces night attacks by Soviet planes on Daugavpils and Kobrin and Yanuv (W of Pinsk).

Hungary: Marshalling yards and oil refineries in Budapest area hit by 347 B-17s and B-24s; 946 tons of bombs dropped with very good results; enemy opposition negligible.

15 Russia: Second Baltic Army continues pressure to drive enemy from last strip of German-held Soviet territory and captures OPOCHKA. Forces SW of Daugavpils advance farther into Lithuania, reaching Anyksiai. Third White Russian Army units move closer to Kaunas from E, seizing Kaisiadorys, and make gains S of the town where road and R.R. junction of Alytus. ~~approach~~ These troops reach Niemen R. N and S of

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Alytus and secure bridgehead on W bank. Troops heading toward Bialystok make gains in area SE of Grodno. Elements of 1st White Russian Army seize Wielkie Siolo, in area NE of Brest-Litovsk. Berlin announces opening of offensive by 1st Ukrainian Army in Tarnopol and Lutsk sector and reports fierce fighting here.

GAF continues to concentrate Russian troops and supplies. Soviet planes make heavy night attacks on Brest-Litovsk and a RR station to the S, Krustpils, and Drogichin, a town W of Pinsk.

Rumania: Floesti oil refineries are target for 1,517 tons of bombs dropped by 605 B-17s and B-24s in destructive attack; 20 bombers fail to return.

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Russia: Second Baltic Army is less than 10 mi. E of Latvian border. Seizure of Dorsuniskis brings Russians about 17 mi. SE of Kaunas while forces E of the city make gains along Wilno-Kaunas RR. Moscow reports that bridgeheads on W bank of Niemen R., in Alytus area, are widened. Grodno, RR and road junction on route to East Prussia, falls to 2d and 3d White Russian Armies which approached from S and N. Additional gains registered by troops of 2d and 1st White Russian Armies which are driving westward toward Bialystok and Brest-Litovsk in what may develop into a flanking movement between the 2 cities; Yanov falls to S arm of 1st White Russian Army which is advancing W of Pinsk. Berlin reports vigorous fighting W of Tarnopol and Lutsk where 1st Ukrainian Army is attacking toward Upper Bug R.

German and Soviet planes continue to hammer each other's supply lines. Soviet aircraft severely bomb Finnish port of Kotka, sinking Bainamoinen, BB, last important unit of Finland's fleet.

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Russia: Second Baltic Army crosses into Latvia and reaches Petrucenki; units SW of OPOCHKA seize Sebez and continue W to points about 2 mi. from the border. Moscow reports extension of Niemen R. bridgeheads in Alytus area but Germans are offering stiff resistance to any progress in this area. Russians move drive toward Bialystok, capturing Swislocz. First White Russian Army makes gains NE of Brest-Litovsk, occupying Pruzana and Szereszow, while one group approaches from the N, reaching point 20 mi. away; forces pushing W from Pinsk toward Brest reach Drohiczyn. Germans

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report fierce fighting in area E of upper Bug R.

18 Russia: Third Baltic Army assumes the offensive in Ostrov-Pskov area. Second Baltic Army advances NW of Opochka and, NW of Sebez, pushes deeper into Latvia. Severe opposition limits expansion of bridgeheads across the Niemen in Alytus area. Soviet troops pushing W toward Bialystok - Brest-Litovsk RR capture road and RR junction of Hajnowka; units approaching Brest-Litovsk from the N seize Omelinka, about 9 mi. from their objective, while another group seizes Zabinka, severing road and RR lines between Kobryn and Brest. Continuing W in area of RR from Pinsk, Russians seize Antopol. Moscow announces gains of several days of offensive by 1st Ukraine Army: troops advanced W from Tarnopol-Lutsk area and captured Brody; Kamenka, on W bank of Bug R. Busk, and Krasne, 25-35 mi. NE and E of Lwow, occupied; Lwow-Wlodzimierz RR severed and much of the area E of the RR cleared of enemy resistance.

During night Soviet planes strike RR installations and supply dumps at Daugavpils, Siedlce, and Lwow.

19 Russia: Third Baltic Army pushes W in area S of Ostrov and crosses Velikaya R. Units of 2d Baltic Army reach Nirza, 10 mi. inside Latvia; Indra, in SE corner of Latvia, also captured by troops which have pushed NW from Drissa. Enemy continues strong counterattacks against Russian bridgehead on W bank of Niemen R. between Kaunas and Grodno. Krynki RR station and Bobrownik, about 25 mi. NE and E of Bialystok, respectively, captured by Soviet forces. Brest-Litovsk - Bialystok RR cut with capture of Kleszczele by forces of 1st White Russian Army; troops E of Brest seize a town about 12 mi. E of Kobryn. First Ukrainian Army pushes closer to Lwow from the E; N of Lwow, Sokal falls and Soviets cross Bug R. and seize Krystynopol. Moscow announces encirclement of enemy group estimated at 4 or 5 divisions in area W of Brody.

Berlin reports strong raids by GAF on Molodechno, Novosokolniki, and Velikye Luki.

20 Russia: Russians advance toward Ostrov from the S. In S Latvia, Geibi captured by troops which may be pushing

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toward Daugavpils-Rezekne RR. First Baltic Army thrusts N in area W of Daugavpils; Daugavpils-Panevezys RR cut with capture of Panemunelis and Skapiskis Station. Czeremcha and Kobryn, large RR junctions N and E of Brest-Litovsk, respectively, seized by 1st White Russian Army; other groups, in 3 days of offensive fighting, have advanced W of Kowel, seized Luboml, and driven to Bug R. Wlodzimierz, road and RR junction SW of Kowel, won by 1st Ukrainian Army which, farther S, is driving W to outflank Lwow; Rawa Ruska, NW of the city, and Przemyslany, SE of Lwow, captured. Troops closest to the city reach Doroshev, 5 mi. N. Serious fighting continues W of Brody where Soviets are attempting to wipe out encircled enemy troops.

GAF makes heavy night attacks on RR installations at Minsk and Molodechno.

21 Russia: Ostrov falls to 3d Baltic Army troops which also seize village of Volkovo, about 12 mi. SE of Pskov. Soviets make gains NW of Brest-Litovsk, driving beyond Czeremcha to Nurzec, on RR to Siedlce and Warsaw, and reaching Bug R. at Stavy; gains also made to point 18 mi. S of the city. First White Russian Army troops cross Bug R. on a 30-mi. front E of Chelm and advance W to cut RR and road from Chelm to Brest-Litovsk. Units of 1st Ukrainian Army advance along highway W of Wlodzimierz to Uschilug; gains of roughly 10 mi. each registered NW and SE of Lwow. SW of Tarnopol Russians advance to Strypa R. with capture of Zlotniki and Buczacz; this is territory which Red Army conquered during the winter in a thrust to the Czechoslovakian border and was forced, by enemy counterattacks, to abandon.

Soviet aircraft strike at 3 RR junctions W of central front, hitting Siauliai, Bialystok, and Siedlce. GAF make night attacks on Borisov and Orsha.

Czechoslovakia: Synthetic oil plant at Brux is hit with 797 tons of bombs by 335 B-17s and B-24s; fighter escort engages about 75 aggressive enemy planes; 7 shot down. Night attack made on Pardubice oil refinery by 70 RAF heavy bombers; 101 tons dropped; at least 1 large explosion and several fires caused.

22 Russia: Russians on Finnish front reach 1940 Soviet-Finnish border. Forces of 3d Baltic Army break into Pskov

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where street fighting rages. SW of Ostrov, Soviet troops push into Latvia and seize rail junction of Jaunlatgale; forces advancing W along Dvina R. reach Kraslava, 25 mi. E of Daugavpils. W of Daugavpils troops of 1st Baltic Army, which appear to be heading toward Baltic Sea, capture large RR and road junction of Panevezys. Soviets S of Grodno move closer to Bialystok. Elements of 1st White Russian Army extend gains along Bug R. NW of Brest-Litovsk, capturing Semiatycoze; farther S, other units which have crossed the Bug overwhelm Chelm in drive toward Lublin. W of Wlodzimierz-Rawa Ruska sector, 1st Ukrainian Army advances toward San R. Troops driving toward Stanislawow from Tarnopol area seize towns about 25 and 30 mi. NE of objective.

German bombers attack RR station at Molodechno during night, causing widespread fire.

Rumania: Oil refineries at Ploesti believed severely damaged as result of attack by 458 B-17s and B-24s; 1,128 tons of bombs dropped. Twenty B-17s drop 58 tons on Turru Severin marshalling yards. Buxau and Zilistea airdromes strafed by 108 P-38s and P-51s, of which some land at Russian bases.

23 Russia: Pskov, last pre-war Soviet city held by the Germans, falls to forces of 3d Baltic Army. In Latvia, troops of 2d Baltic Army are 15 mi. E and SE of Rezekne; Daugavpils-Rezekne RR cut with capture of Zalumi station. Numerous enemy resistance points W of Daugavpils and NE of Panevezys cleared. Farther S, Russians are nearing Bialystok and Brest-Litovsk and break into Lublin where street fighting takes place with stubborn enemy defenders. First Ukrainian Army advances SW of Wlodzimierz and W of Rawa Ruska where San R. is reached at Sutochow, opposite Jaroslaw.

During night SAF strikes at RR junction of Jelgava, (in Latvia), Bialystok, and Siedlce.

Hungary: Fifty-seven Wellingtons, Liberators, and Halifaxes make night attack on Prahova RR yards near Budapest, dropping 109 tons of bombs.

24 Russia: Third Baltic Army troops W of Pskov seize Korli, on Estonian border. Ukmerge, RR junction NE of Kaunas, occupied. Soviet forces are now only 6 mi. SE of Bialystok. First White Russian Army cuts last RR out of Brest-Litovsk.

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with seizure of Chotylow; to the W, units which advanced from the SE capture rail junction of Lukow, cutting the most direct RR line between Brest-Litovsk and Warsaw; Lublin also occupied and troops push on to Belzyce, 20 mi. E of Wisla R. (Vistula). W of Rawa Ruska elements of 1st Ukrainian Army reach San R. on 50-mi. front and Moscow reports that it is crossed several places. Russian troops are within 7-10 mi. of Lwow from E and SE; RR running W to Przemysl cut at Sadowa Wisznia and Mosciska. Troops heading for Stanislawow cross Dnester R. and seize Halicz, about 15 mi. N of objective.

Soviet aircraft bomb Tilsit (East Prussia), Siedlce, and Deblin (on the Wisla R. S of Warsaw) during night. GAF, during night, concentrates on Soviet troops and positions in Lublin.

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Russia: Russians N of Daugavpils cut RR to Riga. Soviets advance W of Grodno, reaching a point about 28 mi. E of East Prussian border. Red Army troops are closing in on Bialystok and are  $2\frac{1}{2}$  mi. NW of the city at nearest point. Elements of 1st White Russian Army make gains in area between Bug and Wisla rivers N of Lublin and drive W to Kurow, 8 mi. from the Wisla; gains also registered SE of Lublin where Zamosc is won. Lwow is encircled by units of Marshal Konev's 1st Ukrainian Army which also makes progress in clearing enemy from area W and SW of Lwow. Red Army troops headed toward Czechoslovakian border capture Ottynia, about half way between Stanislawow and Kolomyia.

SAF again makes strong night attack on Tilsit and also strikes at Warsaw where large fires are reported among RR installations at Praga, a suburb.

Poland: Fifty-six P-38s and P-51s from Russian bases strafe Leilec airdrome near Lwow with good results; transport facilities also hit; 9 enemy planes destroyed on the ground and 29 in aerial combat.

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Russia: Moscow announces new offensive on Leningrad front; Narva, Estonia, captured. Forces SW of Pskov drive into Estonia and also seize a RR town in NE Latvia. First Baltic Army drives toward Baltic Sea and reaches Seduva, 25 mi. W of Panevezys. German resistance in Bialystok and Brest-Litovsk areas prevents Soviet gains in westerly

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direction. Wisla R. reached with capture of Deblin, about 60 mi. SE of Warsaw, and clear a 10-mi. stretch along the E bank down to Pulawy. E bank of San R. cleared N of Przemysl. Elements of 1st Ukrainian Army seize a town 8 mi. E of Stanislawow while forces heading SW toward Czech border reach Delatyn and Nadworna.

Tilsit is again target for night attack by Soviet aircraft. GAF lends strong support to retreating ground forces and attacks Russian troop concentrations E of Kaunas during night.

Hungary: Twenty heavy bombers strike at airdrome at Szombathely, dropping 50 tons of bombs with good results.

Rumania: Ninety-eight P-38s and P-51s from bases in Russia make offensive sweep over Ploesti-Bucharest area, shooting up RR installations; 26 enemy planes destroyed. Americano Romano refinery at Ploesti is target for 131 tons of bombs dropped through heavy smoke screen by 74 Wellingtons, Halifaxes, and B-24s during night.

27 Russia: Red Army scores outstanding successes on entire front. In Latvia, Rezekne and Daugavpils fall to forces of 2d Baltic Army, elements of which immediately drive NW along RR to Riga. First Baltic Army cuts main RR from Riga to East Prussia with capture of Suailiai. Bialystok seized by troops of 2d White Russian Army while, to the S, units of 1st White Russian Army almost encircle Brest-Litovsk by driving to Bug R. from the S; another column, far to the W, captures Garwolin, 32 mi. SE of Warsaw; Russians also enter Siedlce where street fighting rages. Elements of 1st Ukrainian Army establish several bridgeheads across San R. in area N of Jaroslaw and advance W about 15 mi. at one point. Lwow and Stanislawow captured.

In night operations Soviet planes bomb Krustpils (NW of Daugavpils), Insterburg (East Prussia) and Warsaw. German planes strike Wilno and Lublin.

Rumania: About 80 B-24s, Halifaxes, and Wellingtons drop 138 tons through 10/10 cloud on Bucharest/Prahova refinery during night.

Hungary: Manfred Weiss armament works near Budapest bombed with very good effect by 366 B-17s and B-24s which drop 928 tons; 100-115 enemy fighters encountered, of which 45 are shot down by bombers and escort.

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- 28 Russian advance in area W of Daugavpils-Ostrov RR in what may be a drive to the Gulf of Riga. Area W of Siauliai cleared almost to Latvian border. Brest-Litovsk falls to troops of Marshal Rokossovsky's 1st White Russian Army. Soviets cut RR between Siedlce, where bitter fighting continues, and Warsaw with capture of Ceglow and also advance to Kolbiel, about 21 mi. SE of Warsaw. Forces of 1st Ukrainian Army capture Jaroslaw and Przemysl, on W bank of San R.; troops SW of Stanislawow make gains toward Czech border.
- German bombers hit Molodechno during night; SAJ bombs Riga, Jelgava (SW of Riga) and Warsaw.
- Rumania: Ploesti oil refineries hit with 841 tons of bombs by 322 B-17s and B-24s; only minor opposition encountered.

- 29 Russia: Russians make gains W of Rezekne and blunt German salient immediately SW of Daugavpils. Heading N toward Riga, 1st Baltic Army captures Zagare, a town almost on Latvian border. Third White Russian Army resumes drive toward Kaunas and seizes Karmelava, about 7 mi. NE of the city; gains toward East Prussian border made in area SW of Grodno. Enemy units encircled W of Brest-Litovsk unsuccessfully attempt to break out. Berlin reports attacks against Russians on W bank of Wisla, in the bend. First Ukrainian Army clears enemy from E bank of San R. from its confluence with the Wisla S to Przemysl; other units advance 25 mi. W of Przemysl. S of Lwow, Chodorow occupied while troops W of Stanislawow approach RR and road junction of Dolina.
- German planes bomb Soviet boats on the Wisla and troop concentrations E of the river bend.

- 30 Russia: Soviet troops in N Latvia make gains toward RR town of Gulbene. First Baltic Army troops driving N toward Riga threaten RR and road junction of Jelgava with capture of a town about 12 mi. W, cutting RR to Liepaja; this was last major RR connecting enemy's Baltic forces with the rear. Russians are closing in on Kaunas; to the S, 3d White Russian Army forces drive W from Niemen R. bridgeheads toward East Prussia for gains of up to 16 mi.; Suwalki triangle entered and Giby, 25 mi. from East Prussia proper, captured. SW of Lwow and W of Stanislawow, 1st Ukrainian Army heads toward the foothills of the Carpathian Mts., approaching Sambor and capturing Dolina.

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Hungary: Tokol airdrome near Budapest hit with 63 tons by 24 B-17s; 79 B-24s drop 193 tons on Lipse oil refinery in same area while 176 others damage Duna aircraft factory with 419 tons; opposition weak.

31 Russia: Soviets make further gains in S Estonia and N Latvia. Jelgava falls to 1st Baltic Army which is then about 20 mi. SW of Riga. Street fighting takes place in Kaunas which is entered by units of 3d White Russian Army; W of Alytus 3d Army thrusts spearheads toward East Prussia, reaching point 20 mi. E of border; farther S, 2d White Russian Army reaches point 12 mi. from the border. First White Russian Army captures Siedlce and reaches an arc about 12 mi. N, E, and SE of Warsaw. Gains registered S of Przemysl toward Carpathian foothills.

Rumania: Oil refineries at Ploesti and near Bucharest are targets for 321 B-17s and B-24s with 827 tons of bombs; oil stores at Targoviste attacked by 47 others with 116 tons; fighter escort shoots down 31 of aggressively attacking enemy planes.

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1 Italy: Eighth Army: Opposition light along Polish Corps front in Adriatic sector: elements of 3d Carpathian Div reach Recanati as well as Porto Recanati on coast; Macerata falls to 5th Kresowa Div, some units of which cross Potenza R. 5 mi. to NE as other units advance 2 mi. NW. On R flank in 10th Corps area, 12th Lancers occupy Camerino, S of Matelica. Command of 6th Armd Div sector passes to 10th Ind Div. Slight gains made N and NW of Perugia as 1st Guards and 25th Ind Brigs of 10th Indian Div advance in area 4 mi. N of Perugia and take M. Tezio; meanwhile 10th Ind Brig advances to reach Matignano and S. Giovanni. Farther W on R flank of 13th Corps, area 4 mi. NW of Castiglione del Lago is reached by elements of 78th Div; troops of 4th British Div occupy Valiano and surrounding area; on L flank, 11th Brig of 6th South African Armd Div clears Torrita di Siena and advances 3 mi. NW, while to W 24th Guards Brig, after taking Trequanda (SW of Sinalunga), contacts enemy (probably troops of 4th Para Div) just N of town.

Fifth Army: In FEC sector, 5th RTM of 2d Moroccan Div and 8th RTM of 3d Algerian Div advance to areas 6 and 5 mi. S of Siena, respectively. In 4th Corps area, 81st Ren Sq screens R flank of 1st Armd Div in area 5 mi. SE of Radicondoli; Combat Command "A" makes no progress because of enemy activity about 2 mi. N of town; Task Force Howe advances to area 4 mi. SE of Volterra, while Combat Command "B" crosses Cecina R. 4 mi. N of Pomerance. Substantial gains against heavy resistance made by 34th Div in vicinity of Cecina: 34th Ren Tp takes Montescudaio, 5 mi. E of Cecina, and advances to form road block  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mi. to NE; Cecina R., E of San Martino, is crossed by 168th Regt which moves N to area  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mi. E of Riparbella; farther W, 135th Regt establishes bridgehead over R. in area just N of Cecina; meanwhile elements of 133d Regt, after repulsing enemy counterattack, reach E outskirts of town.

Overcast prevents heavy bomber operations. Medium bombers attack targets N of battle line: 73 B-25s hit RR bridges and tunnels N of Florence, while 96 P-40s, P-47s, and 60 A-30s attack roads, bridges, ammunition dump, and 4 gun emplacements in Siena-Leghorn-Empoli area; 4 Spitbombers and 4 Spitfires hit shipping and jetty at Marina di Fisa, factory at Voltri, and RR near Sestri Levante. Meanwhile in NE Italy 17 A-30s and 24 B-26s attack Lugo marshalling yards, straddling target; 84 P-40s, P-51s, and Spitbombers

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hit bridge at Fano, S of Pesaro on coast; 174 P-47s destroy 1 bridge, damage 6, and cut Rimini-Piacenza RR tracks, destroying 4 enemy planes and damaging 4. Force of 225 Spitfires flies patrols with damage to transportation and enemy planes. Wellingtons again effectively bomb Lussinpiccolo and Parenzo (S of Trieste) harbors. During night 18 A-20s and 23 A-30s attack Subbiano, Faenza, Imola and Pesaro, as well as MT N of battle line.

Yugoslavia: German troops continue attacks in area W of Knin in Dalmatia.

Spitfires and Hurricanes destroy 11 MT and an enemy plane and damage 2 schooners and 6 MT on offensive missions over Yugoslavia.

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Italy: Eighth Army: In Adriatic sector, 2d Brig of 3d Carp Div occupies Loreto and with tank support moves N to within  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mi. of Castelfidardo, while 1st Brig crosses Musone R. and is directed at Osimo. Elements of Kresowa and Utili Divs are in areas 4 mi. W of Recanati and 7 mi. NW of Macerata, respectively. Advance continues along 10th Corps front: on R flank, 12th Lancers occupy S. Severino; 10th Ind Div contacts enemy at Civitella, NE of Perugia. In 13th Corps sector, 78th Div makes no progress in area S of Ferretto because of minefields; units of 4th Div reach area 5 mi. SW of Cortona and take Gubbiano and Fojano; on L flank, 6th SA Armd Div occupies Sinalunga.

Fifth Army: On R flank of Fifth Army, 2d Mor and 3d Alg Divs reach general line running W from Asciano (still held by enemy) to within  $1\frac{1}{4}$  mi. of Siena. To L, CC"A" meets heavy anti-tank fire in vicinity of Casole d' Elsa from elements believed to be German 16th SS Div; casualties result and 11 armored vehicles lost; Task Force Howze is impeded by difficult terrain and minefields in area SE of Mazzolla; CC"B" reaches position 3 mi. SW of Poggibonsi. Thirty-fourth Div troops encounter exceptionally fierce German opposition around Cecina from units believed to be 19th Luftwaffe Div; enemy prepared anti-tank positions cause much damage to SP anti-tank guns; troops of 133d Regt clear Cecina, but are heavily counterattacked by enemy tanks; later in day counter-attack repelled by arty and small arms fire and Regt moves to Cecina Marina; after breaking up counterattack, 135th Regt advances NW from Cecina in direction of Callomezzano against extremely stubborn enemy resistance.

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Four RR bridges N of Florence, 2 RR viaducts between Faenza and Florence, and 4 fuel dumps in Po valley NW of Ferrara and Ravenna are successfully hit by 200 B-26s and B-25s. Fighters and fighter bombers continue attacks in rear of enemy lines: total of 628 P-40s, P-47s, A-36s, and Spitfires attacks roads, MT, bridges, and RRs in general vicinity of Spezia, Florence, Bologna, Ravenna, and Rimini; 177 P-47s hit RR bridges and MT in Bologna-Parma-Mantova area and fuel dumps in vicinity of Ravenna, Lugo and Forli; 3 RR bridges and 33 MT destroyed, 5 RR bridges and 36 MT damaged. During night MT, roads, and towns N of battle area are also hit by 20 A-20s and 22 A-30s with good results. Spitbombers from Corsica hit factory on W coast of Italy.

Yugoslavia: Enemy troops capture 2 small towns in Strmica area N of Knin in Dalmatia.

Marshalling yards at Brod and Vinkovci, Slavonia, are successfully attacked by heavy bombers; large fires result. Spitfires, on offensive sweeps over Yugoslavia, destroy 14 MT and damage 14, while in Belgrade area, Beaufighters damage rolling stock, 28 barges, and a schooner.

Aegean: Shipping in Aegean area is target for night attacks: 5 Venturas drop 1.2 tons of bombs on Rhodes harbor with good results; 7 Beaufighters sink an MV between Rhodes and Leros I. and damage another in same area; in southern Aegean, 2 Beaufighters and a Wellington attack shipping at Antikythera (S of Kythera) and SE of Cape Malea.

2 Italy: Eighth Army: Second Brig of 3d Carp Div moves to area  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi. E of Castelfidardo, as 6th Armd Regt thrusts NW from Musone R. in effort to outflank town; 1st Brig attacks N in vicinity of Osimo. After repulsing enemy counterattack, units of 5th Kresowa Div reach position 4 mi. SW of Osimo. Meanwhile 183d Regt of Utili Div advances from Aprigliano toward Filottrano. In 10th Corps area, 12th Lancers take Castelraimondo, Pioraco, Nocera, Esanotoglia, and, later in day, Matelica, while units of 10th Ind Div occupy Fotone and Fiore; 10th Ind Brig is forced to withdraw from M. Acuto (3 mi. SW of Umbertide) because of strong enemy counterattacks. Three mi. NW of Lake Trasimeno, 10th Corps makes contact with troops of 13th Corps, which progress rapidly during morning against light enemy resistance. Rcn elements of 78th Div enter Cortona, while 36th Brig reaches area 3 mi. to W; 28th Brig of 4th Div crosses Canale Naestro

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della Chianna to meet enemy in vicinity of Cesa; still farther W, 12th Brig of 4th Div takes Marciano and advances N and W of town; 11th Armd Brig of 6th SA Armd Div moves N from Sinalunga to capture Lucignano, while on L flank, 24th Guards Brig advances to general area 2 mi. S of Rapolano.

Fifth Army: At 0630 Siena falls to 3d Alg Div, which also takes important road junction 8 mi. E of town. Second Mor Div advances to line Asciano-Pievina-Ponte Alto. In 1st Armd Div sector, CC"A", after meeting heavy artillery and anti-tank fire from troops believed to be 16th SS Div in area of Casole d'Elsa, withdraws 2 mi. S for reorganization; Task Force Howze takes Mazzolla 7 mi. to W; CC"B" reaches Montecatini and sends patrols N. Meanwhile in 34th Div sector, Riparbella falls to 168th Regt, which pushes 3 mi. NE; troops of 442d and 135th Regts reach area 5 mi. N of Cecina and general area of Rosignano against scattered resistance; troops of 133d Regt are assembling in Cecina.

In support of 5th Army, 53 P-40s, 48 P-47s, and 16 A-36s attack road bridge, 2 RR bridges, and troop concentration, causing fires and explosions near Volterra, hit RR communications and road in Pisa-Florence-Pistoia area, and cut tracks in vicinity of Bologna; 23 MT destroyed, 8 damaged. During night 21 A-30s and 18 A-20s bomb and strafe troop concentrations in vicinity of Arezzo, and attack Forli marshalling yard, Leghorn docks, and MT throughout Bibbiena, Rimini, Pistoia, Bologna, Florence areas; many fires and explosions result.

Medium bombers concentrate on fuel dumps, MT, and RR bridges in N central and Po valley areas: total of 215 B-25s and B-26s successfully bombs fuel dumps in Savona area, causing fires and explosions, hits communications N of Florence and in Po valley, and attacks Pietrasanta RR bridge, storage tanks at Pontelagoscuro, Canneto tunnel on Bologna-Prato line, and marshalling yards at Imola. Meanwhile in Bologna-Po valley area, 141 Spitfires destroy 1 bridge, damage 5 approaches, hit 2 fuel dumps, and start fires at Crevalcore marshalling yards; 2 enemy planes hit on landing ground at Modena. RR communications near Mantova-Ferrara-Parma-Bologna area, fuel dumps E of Pisa and N of Savona, and factory at Novi Ligure are targets for 176 P-47s and 18 A-20s. In general attack along Pisa-Rimini line, 66 Spitbombers, 87 P-40s, and 34 P-51s hit roads between Poggibonsi and Florence, MT S. of Empoli, bridge and RR bridges at Faenza and Gattolica, and 100-ft. schooner at Senigallia;

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all targets believed hit.

Yugoslavia: German troops advance from Susak, on Croatian coast, and Ogulin, farther inland, to take towns of Vrbovsko (on Susak-Karlovac road) and Mrkopalj (about 6 mi. SE of Delnice). Heavy fighting continues in W Bosnia near Sirokavko-Trojica RR line, and in Berane-Bijelo Polje area in Montenegro, where enemy troops cross Lim R., but are later pushed back by Partisan counterattack. In SW Bosnia, Partisans launch attack on Livno (NE of Sinj), but are repulsed and driven S, after securing a foothold in town; farther S, fierce fighting takes place on Livno-Arzano road; small German force liquidated.

Twenty-eight B-24s drop 70 tons of bombs on Shell Oil Refinery at Belgrade with excellent results, causing large fires and explosions. Thirty-four small vessels in Danube R. near Novi Sad are targets for unstated number of Beaufighters, while 3 Wellingtons attack Kraljevica harbor in Croatia, scoring near misses on 5,000-ton AK.

Aegean: In southern Greece, 10 A-30s bomb Kalamata with hits to inner harbor and also hit Gytheion on Gulf of Laconia. During night 2 Beaufighters damage an EMS off Killini; 2 Wellingtons bomb Lavrion and Corfu harbor with unobserved results; coastal force hits an AK and an R-boat S of Cos I., in E Aegean.

4 Italy: Eighth Army: Heavy fighting continues on Polish Corps front: advance troops reach outskirts of Numana along coastal road; 2d Armd Brig of 3d Carp Div, attacking from bridgehead across Masone R., captures Seur Avello, as other units of Div take Castelfidardo to SW; 5th Kresowa Div repulses enemy counterattack in vicinity E of Filottrano. In 10th Corps area, 20th Ind Brig of 10th Ind Div captures Montacutello, while 10th Brig takes M. Murlo, 4½ mi. SW of Umbertide, although resistance continues on R flank of Brig. Thirteenth Corps makes some progress during morning toward Arezzo; 6th Armd Div assumes command of 78th Div sector and pushes on to capture Castigione di Fiorentino and area just NW; other elements of Div are held up 3 mi. farther W because of fierce enemy opposition; light enemy shelling reported in 4th Div sector; meanwhile 6th SA Armd Div advances slowly because of demolitions and adverse weather.

Fifth Army: In FEC sector, 2d Mor Div advances 2 mi. N of Siena; 4th Mtn Div relieves 3d Alg Div and pushes to area 7 mi. S of Colle di Val d'Elsa. Small gains made in

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4th Corps area. Eighty-first Rcn Sq screens R flank of 1st Armd Div E of Casole d' Elsa; after heavy opposition CC"A" captures town and engineers clear roads; Mazzolla falls to TF Howze, while CC"B" consolidates positions on high ground to E. In 34th Div sector, 168th and 442d Regts reach area E and SW of Castellina Marittima; particularly strong resistance encountered from units of 19th L/W Div. Against stiff tank and infantry opposition, 135th Regt reaches Rosignano, while 133d Regt pushes to area 7 mi. NW of Cecina.

Air operations restricted by adverse weather. Total of 108 Spitfires, P-40s, and P-51s attacks roads, MT, and dumps in battle area, destroying 11 MT, and hits oil and ammunition dumps W. of Cattolica and near Forli, as well as gun sites S of Fano and bridge at Marina di Ravenna. During night roads and MT are targets for 22 A-20s and A-30s operating in Leghorn-Florence-Spezia areas; 35 P-47s attack roads and bridges E of Pisa and flak guns near Sestri Levante and sink barge and damage vessel in vicinity of Leghorn, Spezia, and Pisa. Meanwhile 24 B-26s successfully hit Faenza marshalling yards and Spitbombers attack RRs near Massa and factory to SW.

Yugoslavia: Partisans repulse German columns near Strmica and also push back 2 columns of enemy troops advancing simultaneously from Kocevje and Novo Mesto (NW of Kocevje) in Slovenia. In Bosnia, Partisans inflict heavy losses on German force attacking S from Ljubija towards Sanski Most, while farther E they capture Teslic (SW of Doboj). In Montenegro, Partisans drive back German force of about one bn which was advancing from Niksic westwards toward Trebinje.

- 5 Italy: Eighth Army: Heavy fighting continues along Polish front. Elements of 3d Carpathian Div take Badia, 1½ mi. N of Castelfidardo, and continue toward Osimo from NE and W. Units of 5th Kresowa Div are held up 5 mi. SW of Osimo by strong enemy resistance, while other units, after house to house fighting, clear Montoro. On R flank of 10th Corps, 12th Lancers occupy Cerréto and contact Polish Corps. Good progress is made by 10th Ind Div which reaches outskirts of Umbertide and L. Corono, 3 mi. to SE. In 13th Corps area leading troops of 6th Armd Div meet heavy enemy shell fire in area 4 mi. NW of Castiglione; Tuori falls to 28th Brig of 4th Div, as 12th Brig encounters stiff opposition in vicinity a few mi. SW of Civitella. Meanwhile elements of 6th SA

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Armd Div occupy Rapale and Mt. Benechi, 6 and 11 mi. N and NW of Rapolano, respectively.

Fifth Army: Fifth Army makes little progress except in FEC sector, where advance elements are 2 mi. SE of Poggibonsi on Highway 2. Eighty-eighth and 91st Divs are now under command of 4th Corps. In 1st Armd Div area, at 1000, CC"A" begins attack from Casole d' Elsa and reaches point  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mi. NW of town; TF Howze moves E toward C. S. Lorenzo and N toward Volterra; meanwhile in early morning CC"B" attacks and advances to area just W of Montecatini. Thirty-fourth Div continues fierce house to house fighting against reinforced enemy elements, (probably 19th L/W Div) in area of Rosignano; numerous enemy counterattacks repulsed. 135th Regt has 1 unit fighting in Rosignano and another 1 mi. to E.; troops of 168th Regt are heavily engaged in vicinity of Castellina Marittima, while to W, 442d Regt is delayed because of enemy fire.

In support of ground forces, 38 Spitbombers, P-51s, and P-40s attack roads and bridges in battle area and quays and shipping at Marina di Pisa.

Roads, bridges, RRs, enemy Hq, and bivouacs in Parma-Piacenza-Cremona-Bologna area are targets for 141 P-47s; many hits result. During night 67 Wellingtons, 12 B-24s, and 8 Halifaxes drop 193 tons of bombs on Verona marshalling yards in N Italy with good results, while 14 B-26s, in first night attack, bomb fuel dumps at Vado Ligure, starting fires. Also at night 30 A-20s and A-30s hit 2 ammunition ships in Spezia harbor and 5 barges at Marina di Ravenna; many explosions caused. Unstated number of Beaufighters sink 500-ton vessel off Po di Levante in Gulf of Venice and damage barge near Mestre to N.

Yugoslavia: Partisans make good progress in western Croatia and recapture Ravna Gora, Delnice, Mrkopalj, Jasenak, and Vrbovsko; they also take Trilj on Cetina R., NE of Split in Dalmatia. Farther E in Serbia, Partisan troops have occupied all hilly country between Aleksandrovac and Brus and fighting continues on general N-S line from area W of Mackovac to E of Losna.

Aegean: Fifteen A-30s escorted by Spitfires bomb radar stations at Palaiokhora and Terpetra, Crete, with bursts among installations at Palaiokhora. During night 4 Beaufighters probably destroy 2 vessels off W coast of Greece, while Wellington bombs small AK in same area. Seven Beaufighters sink small vessel, damage 2 others and an enemy

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plane off Monemvasia (SE coast of Greece) and Siros I., while 6 Venturas bomb Rhodes harbor and cause bursts on mole in Candia Bay, Crete; meantime large AK is damaged by 4 Wellingtons in area N of Cape Phanari off Nicaria I.

6 Italy: Eighth Army: Third Corp Div takes Osimo, while 5th Kresowa Div continues fighting in Montoro-Cura Nova area to SW. Nembo group reaches Appignano with other units SW at Colserasa and Aliforni. Meanwhile in 10th Corps sector, 20th Ind Brig, after taking Montelovesco, advances to Carpini; 25th Brig captures Umbertide and continues 4 mi. N, while 10th Ind Brig crosses Tuori-Umbertide road 3 mi. NW of Umbertide. Enemy resistance continues on whole 13th Corps front: elements of 16th Br Armd Div are established on slopes of M. Castiglione and seize Monte Lignano, 4 mi. S of Arezzo, while 4th Div captures Pt. 386 and repulses enemy counterattack.

Fifth Army: In FEC sector, 5th RTM of 2d Mor Div advances to area 2 mi. NE of Monteriggione; 4th Mtn Div captures Colle di Vald'Elsa; 4 mi. SW of Poggibonsi, while other elements reach Colle di Vald'Elsa-Volterra road about 4 mi. W of former. Fighting continues throughout 4th Corps area. In 1st Armd Div sector, "CC'A" meets tanks just S of Colle di Vald'Elsa-Volterra road midway between both towns; farther W in vicinity of Mazzolla, TF Howze breaks contact with enemy and withdraws; right column of "CC'B" reaches road 3 mi. W of Volterra with L column at Montecatini. Thirty-fourth Div attacks, making slight gains against stubborn resistance: 363d Regt seizes hill 2 mi. NE of Castellina Marittima and continues N, while 168th Regt fights in town; later at night town falls to Regt; meanwhile 135th Regt is still heavily engaged in Rosignano and holds about 2/3 of town.

Marshalling yards, RRs, roads, and landing grounds in battle area and in vicinity of Bologna, Florence, and Leghorn are effectively attacked by 321 B-26s, Spitbombers, P-40s, P-47s, and P-51s.

Allied heavy bombers hammer targets in N Italy: total of 589 B-17s and B-24s escorted by 257 P-38s and P-51s drops 1,556 tons of bombs on Latisana and Casarsa RR Bridges, Verona marshalling yards, oil storage plants at Aviano, Porto Marghera, and Trieste; steel works at Bergamo, and viaduct at Avisio with excellent results; hits also reported on large ship in Venice harbor. Force of 163 B-25s successfully drops

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232 tons of bombs on RR bridges N of Florence and on areas in use by Todt organization, scoring hits on 3 bridges, while 99 B-26s attack RR targets in Parma-Piacenza area. During night 48 A-20s and A-30s attack Spezia harbor, hit towns of Cesena, Pontassieve, Forli, and Faenza, starting fires, and attack MT N of battle area and airfield at Rimini; all targets successfully hit. Meanwhile 8 Spitbombers and Spitfires strike factory at Massa and airfield at Cecina Marina on W coast; 6 Hurricanes escorted by 4 Spitfires destroy 400-ft. vessel in N Adriatic, while 2 more Hurricanes obtain hits on 2 small vessels in same area.

Yugoslavia: Seven Hurricanes and 2 Beaufighters sink 5 small vessels and damage 2 in Kornat-Rab islands area, opposite Dalmatian coast, while farther inland 10 MT are destroyed and 6 damaged by 15 Spitfires.

Aegean: During night Rhodes harbor is again objective of 6 Venturas which cause bursts alongside quay and S of harbor.

7 Italy: Eighth Army: In Polish Corps sector, elements of 3d Carp Div mop up Osimo, while units of 5th Kres Div capture La Villa to W, encountering stiff opposition, and have elements across Musone R. in vicinity of Casa Simoni. On R flank of 10th Corps, German troops occupy Collanato (SE of Fabriano) during night. Farther W, Carpini and M. Cucco, 7 and 6 mi. N and NE of Umbertide, respectively, fall to units of 10th Ind Div, while other units attack Montone in effort to wipe out 2 pockets of resistance. Thirteenth Corps maintains close contact with enemy on whole front: 6th Armd Div repulses counterattack on slopes of Castiglione Maggio, and continues mopping up in M. Lignano area, while, after heavy fighting, forward troops of 4th Div advance to area between Civitella and Tuori; meanwhile 6th SA Armd Div sends patrols N to contact enemy near Mt. Benichi.

Fifth Army: Enemy arty continues active in FEC sector, where terrain is also heavily mined. On R flank of 4th Corps, 81st Rcn Sq reaches area near Castel S. Gimignano E of Volterra on route 68; farther S, CC"A" makes small gains NW of Casole d' Elsa in vicinity of Vento; patrols of TF Howze receive arty fire near Mazzolla. In 34th Div area, troops of 363d and 168th Regts, with 100th Bn on L, meet heavy resistance in areas just N of Castellina; meanwhile, after 2

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days of fierce house to house fighting, 135th Regt captures Rosignano and advances NW against determined resistance.

In support of ground troops, total of 487 P-40s, P-47s, P-51s, Spitfires, and Spitbombers attacks RRs, bridges, MT, and gun positions behind battle area.

Seventy-eight B-25s drop 146 tons of bombs on 4 RR bridges in Bologna-Spezia-Parma area with good results, while 115 B-26s successfully strike RR bridges at Reggio Emilia and start fires at Imola marshalling yards. Meanwhile 144 A-36s, P-40s, and P-47s strafe troop train and cut tracks in Modena-Pistoia area and destroy bridge near Empoli; rails cut in 40 places. Stores, barges, and buildings at Porto Corsini on NE coast are targets for 28 A-30s, while along NW coast, 14 Spitbombers and Spitfires attack harbor and shipping at San Margherita, damaging town, harbor, and 1 E-boat. During night 46 A-20s and A-30s attack airfields, docks, and shipping in N Italy at Forli, Ravenna, Leghorn, Marina di Ravenna, Pesaro, and Senigallia; Six Hurricanes escorted by 4 Spitfires sink an AK in Pola channel, N Adriatic.

Yugoslavia: Partisans establish beachhead on E bank of Lim R. in Montenegro and take village of Obrov, opposite Bijelo Polje. Meanwhile in Slovenia, 2 German columns advance SE from Visnja Gora (SE of Ljubljana) and Litija (on Ljubljana-Zagreb road) toward Krka valley.

Heavy bombers drop over 200 tons of bombs on Zagreb airfield and E marshalling yards with fair to good results. In Scutari area, Montenegro, 10 Spitfires destroy 6 MT, RR, and repair shop and inflict casualties to personnel.

Aegean: During night 4 Beaufighters and a Wellington attack 4 small vessels at Fort Vathy, Samos I., damaging 3 and probably another, bomb vessel 4 mi. NE of Cape Papas (Nicaria I.), and hit installations at Preveza harbor, off W coast of Greece. Two Beaufighters in Salonika area damage 5 MT and much rolling stock, as well as a RR repair shop at Katerini (SW of Salonika).

Italy: In 2d Polish Corps sector, 3d Carp Div meets strong enemy resistance from coast to Osimo, while 5th Kres Div repulses several counterattacks in area NW. Tenth Corps assumes command of 4th Ind Div. On R flank of Corps, 12th Lancers again take Collamato; to W, units of 10th Ind Div clear remaining enemy resistance on M. Montone; later at

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night rcn troops of 20th Brig of 4th Ind Div enter Pietralunga and repulse 2 enemy counterattacks. Little progress is made in 13th Corps area: German counterattack (probably from troops of 336th Div) causes elements of 6th Armd Div to withdraw in area of Castiglione Maggiore; 6th SA Armd Div receives intermittent shelling in vicinity of Civitella and Tuori.

Fifth Army: Troops of FEC, supported by powerful arty fire, meet heavy enemy opposition; during night enemy counter-attack supported by 20 tanks forces withdrawal of some Goum elements S of S. Donato. At 0400, 88th Div assumes command of 1st Armd Div sector and attacks N with 349th and 350th Regts reaching positions 2 mi. N of Mazzolla and 3½ mi. NE of Montecatini, respectively; strong mortar, MG, and small arms fire encountered. First Armd Div protects flanks of 88th Div. Troops of 363d Regt of 34th Div are counterattacked by German troops near Fatt. Mori; later enemy is forced to withdraw. Leading elements of 133d and 168th Regts advance against arty and mortar fire in vicinity N of Castellina, while units of 442d Regt make small gain in area 1 mi. W; meanwhile, in coastal sector, 135th Regt advances ½ mi. in area 2 mi. NE of Rosignano in spite of SA fire.

Total of 174 B-25s and B-26s attacks marshalling yards at Novi Ligure, Piacenza, Mantova, and Ferrara with good results. N of battle area 16 A-36s, 95 P-47s, and 47 P-40s attack bridges, roads, approaches, and enemy hq in Spezia-Bologna-Florence-Leghorn areas; 28 MT destroyed. Along Adriatic coast RR bridges at Fano, quays at Cattolica, and ammunition dumps in Padua-Ferrara-Forli area are targets for 233 fighters and fighter bombers; fuel dumps in vicinity of Leghorn and Florence also hit. Force of 244 Spitfires and 12 P-51s, flying rcn missions, destroys enemy plane at Rimini airfield and 7 MT, while a Beaufighter destroys 2 enemy planes near Ancona. During night about 10 enemy planes bomb towns of Umbertide and Perugia and positions of 2d Polish Corps, causing 55 casualties. Also at night 16 A-20s and 22 A-30s attack towns of Pontassieve and Forli, quays at Porto Corsini, and start fires in Spezia harbor.

Yugoslavia: In night attack 70 Wellingtons, 7 B-24s, and 7 Halifaxes drop 195 tons of bombs on Brod-Bosanki oil refinery with excellent results; many fires and much heavy smoke result.

Aegean: Maleme airfield in Crete is objective of 12 A-30s escorted by 7 Spitfires which hit dispersal area; 2 enemy planes destroyed. Three Wellingtons bomb 3 small ships

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off W coast of Greece at Preveza. Meanwhile shipping at Rhodes harbor is attacked by 4 Venturas with hits on mole and commercial port area.

9 Italy: Eighth Army: Along 2d Polish Corps front, 3d Carp Div patrols reach Valentino; 5th Kres Div, supported by Nembo Group, attacks Filottrano; leading elements enter town, but withdraw later because of counterattack by enemy with tanks and SP guns. Units of 10th Ind Div advance against opposition to hold Gengarella and M. Felcone, while elements of 4th Ind Div gain objective, M. Aldieri. In 13th Corps area, tanks of 6th Armd Div encounter anti-tank fire in area N of Tuori, while 6th SA Armd Div receives intermittent shelling on whole front.

Fifth Army: Determined enemy resistance continues along entire FEC sector with strong arty action; forward elements now occupy E-W line 2 mi. S of Poggibonsi. In 4th Corps area, 81st Recon Sq protects R flank of CC"AA", maintaining contact with FEC; CC"AA" is in area 1 mi. W of Castel Gimignano. Meanwhile 88th Div, supported by fierce arty fire, by-passes, but later occupies Volterra. Thirty-fourth Div continues advance against heavy opposition to reach area N of Castellina; 363d Regt receives heavy mortar fire N of Poggio Vitalba (just E of Castellina), while 168th Regt attacks W with leading elements at Pomaia; to W, 100th Bn of 442d Regt moves to position 2 mi. NE of Castellina Station; 135th Regt remains in eastern outskirts of Rosignano.

Medium bomber operations cancelled because of bad weather. Total of 163 P-40s, P-47s, P-51s, and Spitbombers attacks RRs and bridges in Bologna-Spezia area and gun positions, MT, and roads behind battle line. Ninety-one Spitfires and 8 P-51s, on offensive patrols, destroy 9 MT and damage 9. USS Swerve (AM) is sunk by mine off Anzio.

Yugoslavia: Partisans capture Kozarac, E of Prijedor, in W-Bosnia.

Along Dalmatian coast 21 Spitfires and 2 Beaufighters damage 18 barges and a tug, destroy RR repair shop, 4 locomotives, and 4 MT, and hit buildings and troop concentrations; 2 MT also destroyed in Gospic area, Croatia.

Aegean: Four A-30s and a Wellington attack 2 vessels at Aitolikon (N of Mesolongion), 2 more at Port Vathy, another off Kalamos I., and 3 small ships near Lavrion. During night Rhodes harbor is again bombed by 7 Venturas; bursts observed in town area; meanwhile 11 Beaufighters attack small convoy S of melos and a vessel E of Monemvasia.

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10 Italy: Eighth Army: Fifth Kres Div takes Montepolesco, 6 mi. W of Osimo, while Filottrano about 5 mi. farther S falls to the Nembo Group of Utili Div after heavy fighting. In 10th Corps sector good progress made in area S of Citta di Castello on Tiber R. On R flank, 12th Lancers drive enemy back in area 13 mi. NE of Camerino, while to W, 20th Brig of 4th Ind Div repulses 2 German counterattacks of troops believed to be 44th German Div and advances to reach area 6 mi. SE of Citta di Castello; meanwhile 25th Brig moves to position  $4\frac{1}{2}$  mi. NW of Umbertide. Tenth and 7th Brigs of 4th Ind Div progress to areas 6 mi. S of Citta di Castello and 9 mi. W of Castiglion, respectively; later in day towns of Roccagnano and Volterrano, SW of Citta di Castello on Nestori R., are occupied by troops of 4th Ind Div. In 13th Corps area, 12th Brig of 4th Div repulses enemy counterattack 8 mi. NE of Rapolano.

Fifth Army: Enemy resistance continues very strong along entire Fifth Army front with heavy and accurate arty, mortar, and SA fire. In FEC sector, Hill 380 (N of Castel Gimignano) changes hands 4 times with heavy casualties to Goum troops. In 4th Corps area 81st Rcn Sq advances to area 3 mi. NE of Mazzolla. CC "A" continues to hold position in area 1 mi. SW of Castel Gimignano. At 0900, 88th Div attacks N: 350th Regt meets heavy resistance from German troops of the 16th SS Div, but is able to advance 2 mi. to reach area 7 mi. N of Montecatini, while 349th Regt moves to area 3 mi. N of Volterra; meanwhile 351st Regt moves to vicinity 5 mi. NW of Montecatini. In 34th Div sector, 363d and 133d Regts make small gains in area N of Castellina, while 168th Regt mops up Pomaia and moves N; 100th Bn of 442d Regt gains ground W of Pomaia; 135th Regt, still holding position on outskirts of Rosignano, receives SA and mortar fire from NE. Ninety-first Div is attached to 4th Corps at 0600.

In support of forward troops, 340 fighters and fighter bombers attack enemy lines of communications with hits on roads, RRs, MT, and gun positions; 27 MT destroyed, 9 damaged. Road junction NE of Lucca, guns S of Leghorn, RRs, station, fuel dump, and factory in Modena-Pistoia-Lucca area, and Modena airfield bombed and strafed by 38 P-40s and P-47s. Thirty-nine A-20s and A-30s make night attack on MT in Leghorn-Florence-Pistoia-Spezia-San Giovanni areas, attack RR stores at Leghorn, and hit road junctions and shipyards at Via Reggio.

Lambrata marshalling yards at Milan are targets for

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night attack by 67 Wellingtons, 9 B-24s, and 7 Halifaxes, which drop 165 tons of bombs with good results. In N Italy 109 B-25s successfully attack yards at Rovigo and Cremona and viaducts at Recco, while 30 B-26s hit 2 RR bridges W of Bologna. Along NW coast 4 Spitfires hit group of factories between Massa and Carrara and unstated number of Beaufighters attack jetty at Leghorn with unobserved results. Allied planes sink 3,000-ton MV in N Adriatic. In Leghorn-Florence-Pistoia-Spezia-San Giovanni areas, 39 A-20s and A-30s make night attack on transportation and hit RR station at Leghorn, road junctions and shipyards at Via Reggio.

Yugoslavia: Fighting continues in Gospic area, Croatia; Partisans occupy Licki Osik and Perusic to N and advance to point about 4 mi. NE of Gospic; meanwhile another Partisan force moves N from Perusic toward Babin Potok (W of Bihac).

Aegean: Kastelli Pediada airfield at Crete and shipping at Kalamata, S coast of Greece, are targets for 16 A-30s and 6 Spitfires.

11 Italy: Eighth Army: Second Polish Corps continues to advance: 6th Brig of 5th Kres Div is relieved by Nembo Group, which moves to Musone R., 3 mi. NW of Filottrano, while rcn troops report Troviggiano and Avenale, E and SE of Cingoli, respectively, clear of enemy and armored cars. Because of enemy counterattacks (believed to be troops of German 44th Div) units of 10th Ind Div withdraws from Pietralunga to area 2 mi. SW. Elements of 4th Ind Div disperse 3 enemy counterattacks and take M. Cignano and M. Civitella. Farther W, in 13th Corps area, 6th Br Armd Div patrols reach M. Lignano and contact enemy; to W, elements of 4th Div push Germans back in area 1 mi. S of Cornia. At 1200, 2d NZ Div comes under command of 13th Corps.

Fifth Army: On Fifth Army front enemy continues aggressive defense. Severe enemy counterattacks are repulsed in FEC sector along general line from Fonterutoli to Ligliano to area 2 mi. SE of Poggibonsi and thence W to Ranza. Eighty-eighth Div pushes against strong resistance and mines to reach area 500 yds. S of Laitico. In 34th Div sector, 363d and 133d Regts make small gains in area 4 mi. N of Castellina, while 442d Regt advances  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi. in area 3 mi. NW. At 0530, 135th Regt attacks to gain 1 mi. in area W of Rosignano. Rcn elements pass through Castiglione Cello on coast and advance to point along Highway 1, 11 mi. S of Leghorn.

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Total of 127 P-40s, P-51s, and Spitbombers attacks roads, gun sites, and military targets in battle area. Five A-20s and 18 A-30s make night attack on MT in Florence-Leghorn-Lucca-Pontassieve areas and hit jetties at Rimini and barges at Pesaro.

Alessandria marshalling yards and 3 RR bridges N of Genoa are targets for 141 B-25s, which attack with excellent results, while 57 P-47s cut rails in vicinity of Modena, Bologna, and Parma, destroy RR bridge NW of Parma, and strafe airfield near Bettola (S of Piacenza), destroying 1 enemy plane and probably another. Two Wellingtons score 2 hits on DD off Pola, and probably damage E-boat off Lussinpiccolo, Lussino I.

Yugoslavia: During night commando force lands on S side of Hvar I., off Dalmatian coast, and successfully ambushes German patrol, taking 15 prisoners; later force withdraws to Vis I., W of Hvar I.

Ten Spitfires, in sweeps along coast and Veles area, Serbia, set fire to 6 fuel dumps, fuel and chemical stores, strafe encampments, and destroy 1 MT and damage 3.

12 Italy: Eighth Army: Little activity other than patrolling takes place on Polish Corps front. In 10th Corps sector, rcn elements of 10th Ind Div reach area 3 mi. SW of Gubbio, while forward units of 7th Brig of 4th Ind Div move to area near Pietrano and M. Favalto. Twenty-fourth Brig of 6th SA Armd Div repulses small enemy raid in vicinity of Rapolano.

Fifth Army: In FEC area 4th Mor Div attacks at 0600 to capture S. Donato (SW of Poggibonsi) and Hill 603 against accurate arty fire; 2d RTM of 4th Mtn Div advances 1 mi. in area 7 mi. SW of Poggibonsi. Farther W, 351st Regt of 88th Div captures Lajatico, 6 mi. N of Montecatini, but other units of Div are pinned down by arty fire S of town. In pre-dawn attack, 362d and 363d Regts of 91st Div go into action and make small gain in area 5 mi. N of Miemo and 4½ mi. NE of Castellina, respectively. In 34th Div sector, 133d and 442d Regts advance to areas N and NW of Castellina, while 135th Regt makes ½ mi. gain in area NW of Rosignano.

In support of ground troops 63 P-40s and A-20s hit ammunition dumps, bivouac areas, and tunnel in rear of battle line; 130 P-47s attack roads, RRs, MT, and barges along Arno R., while 308 P-40s, P-51s, and Spitbombers cut

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roads in 16 places, hit 3 gun positions, and destroy 6 MT in Arezzo area. During night raids, road junctions, and MT N of battle area at Montevarchi, Lucca, Florence, Pisa, Ancona, and Porto Corsini, as well as 10 barges near Rimini, are targets for 42 A-20s and A-30s.

Force of 195 B-26s and 131 B-25s attacks road and RR bridges in Milan area with good to excellent results as well as 1 road and 5 RR bridges near Reggio Emilia; buildings at Reggio Emilia airfield also hit. In night attack Brescia marshalling yards (N of Cremona) are objective of 17 Wellingtons, 5 B-24s, and 7 Halifaxes which drop 62 tons of bombs with good results, causing fires and explosions. During night coastal forces attack 2 vessels and beach 1 MAS boat in Gulf of Genoa (off Vada). British mine layer is badly damaged by mine off W coast of Italy.

Yugoslavia: After 4 days of heavy fighting German troops enter Metlika, Slovenia, during morning, but are driven out later in day by Partisan troops. During night, in area NE of Zagreb, Partisans cut RR line between Gradec and Vrbovec in 96 places and destroy 4 bridges.

Four Hurricanes attack landing craft off Dalmatian coast, sinking one and damaging another, while fort on Uljan I. is target for 4 additional Hurricanes; terrific explosion results.

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Italy: Eighth Army: Forward units of 3d Corp Div destroy enemy outpost at La Montagnola in area 2 mi. W of Osimo, while 5th Brig of 5th Kres Div secures Palazzo Simonetti, 3 mi. NW of Osimo, forcing enemy to withdraw. In 10th Corps area, 20th Brig of 10th Ind Div repulses 2 enemy counterattacks in area 6 mi. SE of Citta di Castello, while 25th Brig reaches S. Lucia on Tiber R. with tanks following to area just S of village; Monte S. Maria as well as M. Cedrohe and M. Civitella are occupied by units of 4th Ind Div. Patrols continue active in 13th Corps area. Second NZ Div relieves 6th Br Armd Div in sector NE of Castiglione.

Fifth Army: Enemy continues withdrawing on 4th Mtn Div's L flank in FEC sector; despite heavy resistance, troops of Div capture S. Gimignano (5 mi. W of Poggibonsi) and advance to area N of Hill 624. Fourth Corps troops continue to attack. In 88th Div sector, TF Ramey moves to area 6½ mi. SW of Certaldo, while to L, 88th Rcn Trp reaches Villamagna, 6 mi. N of Volterra; 349th and 350th Regts,

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advancing under heavy fire, approach positions 8 and 9 mi. N of Montecatini, respectively; pushing N from Lajatico, 351st Regt advances to area 3 mi. S of Peccioli. Farther W, patrols of 363d Regt of 91st Div are directed at town of Chianni (S of Bogni di Casciana). Meanwhile, after heavy fighting in Pastina area, troops of 442d Regt advance to area 1 mi. NW of town, while 135th Regt reaches position 3 mi. NW of Rosignano.

In support of ground troops, total of 483 Spitfires, P-40s, P-51s, A-30s, A-20s, and B-26s bombs CP, MT park, roads, gun sites, ammunition dumps, and MT in battle area with especially good results to road block at Iesi, bridge at Bibbiena, and munition plant NW of Lastra. During night 41 A-30s and A-20s attack shipping and transportation N of battle line at Ancona and Porto Corsini and in vicinity of Monvarchi, Pontassieve, and Bibbiena.

Heavy bombers hammer targets in N Italy: total of 298 B-24s and 92 B-17s escorted by 121 P-51s and 91 P-38s drops 983 tons of bombs on marshalling yards at Brescia, Verona, Mantova, and Mestre, oil storage installations at Porto Marghera and Trieste, and RR bridge at Pinzano; direct hits seen on all targets; 2 large vessels believed hit in Trieste harbor. Lariano airfield strafed by 42 P-38s with damage to installations and 1 enemy plane. Sixty-three Wellingtons, 7 B-24s, and 8 Halifaxes make successful night attack on Lambrate marshalling yards at Milan with 168 tons of bombs. In Po R. valley, 187 B-25s and 86 B-26s successfully bomb road and RR bridges at Scrmide, Ostiglia, Borgoforte, Guastalla, Ferrara, Cremona, Benedetto, Viadana, Monticelli, and San Nicolo with many direct hits; Recco RR viaduct also hit. Total of 186 Spitfires and 206 P-47s flies patrols and escorts and attack RR targets in vicinity of Mantova, Ferrara, and Cremona and score hits on barracks at Pinerola. During night coastal forces sink 1 fog-lighter and possibly another in Spezia area in Gulf of Genoa.

Yugoslavia: Partisans have withdrawn from Perusic in Croatia.

Twenty-five Spitfires and 4 Macchis destroy 6 MT, fuel dump, and powerhouse in Krka R.-Skradin-Drnis-Knin area in Dalmatia and also at Obrovac to N.

Aegean: During night Allied force lands on Simi I., N of Rhodes, in effort to liquidate Simi garrison and destroy installations and shipping; mission is accomplished; enemy airfields destroyed, 2 AIs and 2 vessels captured, 2 lighters

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forced to beach, 20 enemy killed, 115 Germans and Italians taken prisoner.

Total of 11 Venturas makes night attack W and S of Port Mandracchio, Nisiros I., causing 2 large explosions and again bombshipping at Rhodes harbor; meanwhile, Calato airfield, Rhodes, is hit by 14 Wellingtons; several bursts and possible fires seen in target areas.

14 Italy: Eighth Army: In 2d Polish Corps area, elements of Nembo Group capture Cingoli and Strada to N, while other units unsuccessfully attack Cardinale (N of Cingoli) under heavy shelling; during night 5th Kres Div repulses enemy counterattack of estimated 2 cos in S. Paterniano area, N of Osimo. On R flank of 10th Corps sector, 12th Lancer patrols advance to Gualdo Tadino and vicinity of Gubbio. To NW, M. della Gorgacce (SE of Citta di Castello) falls to 20th Brig of 10th Ind Div, while in same general area, 25th Brig, advancing N along Tiber R., is within 2½ mi. of Citta di Castello; 8th Ind Div reverts to command of 13th Corps. During morning advance units of 4th Ind Div are held up by MG fire in M. Cedrone area; meanwhile 2d NZ Div pushes to Cavarenti and area NE.

Fifth Army: In FBC sector during morning, Poggibonsi falls to 4th Mtn Div, while 2d Mor occupies S. Lucchese, 2 mi. to W. Heavy enemy arty falls in S. Gimignano area. Fourth Corps continues to advance, cracking enemy resistance. TF Ramey is in contact with French in area 5 mi. S of Cortaldo, while towns of Belyedere, Montecchio, and Peccioli fall to 88th Div. Troops of 363d Regt of 91st Div secure Chianni and advance a little N to Rivalto. In 34th Div sector, 442d Regt makes small gains in area 5 mi. N of Castellina, while 135th advances to hills 7½ mi. SE of Leghorn. Meanwhile 34th Recon Trp reaches area 8 mi. SE of Leghorn.

Total of 639 Spitbombers, P-40s, P-47s, P-51s, A-30s, Spitbombers, and Spitfires attacks roads, dumps, RR's, and gun positions N of battle area with good results; also hits shipping off Cervia (S of Ravenna on Adriatic coast), while later at night, RT, roads, road junctions, and lights behind battle area are targets for 39 A-20s and A-30s; large fires started at Pontassieve.

Eighty-four B-24s escorted by 46 P-51s drop 192 tons of bombs on marshalling yards at Mantova with excellent coverage. In Po R. valley, 140 B-25s and 76 B-26s successfully attack

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road and RR bridges at Taglio, Cerbola, and Piacen. Coastal forces damage F-lighter and probably another between Spezia and Arno R.; while in N Adriatic they destroy 2 schooners and damage 2 others at Lussinpiccolo.

Yugoslavia: Heavy fighting continues in Prijeboj area (E of Babin Potok) in Croatia, while to SW Partisans hold roads W and SE of Gospic.

During night 65 Wellingtons, 7 B-24s, and 8 Halifaxes drop 182 tons of bombs on oil refinery at Brod with excellent results; many explosions and fires caused. Seven locomotives, 36 RR cars, and 2 MT are targets for 32 fighters in Vinkovci-Brod-Dragojuc-Dubrovnik areas.

Aegean: Runway and dispersal areas at Calato and Maritza airfields, Rhodes, are targets for 8 Venturas and 12 Wellingtons in night attack; hangars and runways damaged.

15 Italy: Eighth Army: Heavy arty exchanges reported in 3d Carp Div sector; 5th Kres Div repulses enemy counterattack in area 3 mi. NW of Osimo. In 10th Corps area, 20th Brig of 10th Ind Div proceeds N from M. della Gorgacce, while, 3 mi. SE of Citta di Castello, other units repel 2 counterattacks; during day 4th Ind Div draws heavy enemy shell fire. In 13th Corps area, 2d NZ Div protects R flank of 6th Armd Div from M. Lignano to SW slopes of M. Camurcino, which is still held by enemy; meanwhile elements of 6th Armd Div are counter-attacked by German troops believed to be 4th Para Div and forced from Pt. 575, which is later reoccupied with no opposition; other units push to within 3 mi. of Arezzo against exceptionally heavy resistance; to W, advance elements of 6th SA Armd Div report high ground NE of M. Benichi clear of enemy, while on L flank of Corps, units of Div advance 2 mi. to reach Cacchiano area, 8 mi. NE of Siena.

Fifth Army: In FEC sector, enemy troops are withdrawing slowly with increased arty concentrations, demolitions, and mines; on R of 2d Mor Div, troops encounter heavy resistance as they enter Castellina; Mattone falls to 4th Mtn Div, which progresses to area 4 mi. SW of Certaldo. Excellent advances are made on 4th Corps front. TF Ramey of 88th Div takes Montignoso and continues northward; elements of 350th Regt by-pass Castelfalfi, continuing NE, while 349th Regt reaches area within 1 mi. of Paloia, 8 mi. SE of Pontedera; on L, 351st Regt meets heavy resistance in effort to reach Montefoscoli. In 91st Div area, 362d Regt captures Casanova, while 361st Regt clears Morrone and moves N; meanwhile Bagni di Casciana falls to 363d Regt. Farther W in 34th Div area, 133d Regt advances to area S of Usigliano, S of Lari; 442 Regt, astride Castellina-Colle Salvetti road, reaches outskirts of Lorenzana and clears Orziano to SW.

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while Montauto, 6 mi. SE of Leghorn, falls to 135th Regt which continues to advance along Rosignano-Leghorn road.

Ground forces well supported by Allied planes: roads, RRs, MT, and gun positions in battle area are objectives of total of 512 P-40s, P-51s, and Spitfires, which destroy 19 MT and damage 9, while at night 30 A-20s and A-30s attack MT behind enemy lines, starting fires.

Seventy B-26s and 232 B-25s successfully attack Po R. road and RR bridges, damaging at least 7; in N Italy and N of battle area 250 P-47s and 46 Spitfires destroy 2 bridges and 13 RR cars. Meantime on NE coast, gun positions are targets for 24 B-26s and 48 A-30s, while on NW coast 8 Spitbombers and Spitfires score 2 hits on locomotive sheds at Sestri Levante.

Yugoslavia: In Serbia, Partisans make unsuccessful attempt to push S from Jastrebec Mt. area and cross Toplica R., farther S they take Dusnik (SE of Nis).

Along Dalmatian and Albanian coasts, 8 Macchis, 26 Spitfires, 4 Hurricanes, and 5 A-30s attack Korcula harbor and Nixsic in Montenegro, sink 40-ft. barge and 500-ton AK, and destroy 9 MT.

Aegean: During morning landing force except for 15 enlisted men withdraws from Simi I. Four Wellingtons bomb quay at Argostolion, Cephalonia, off W coast of Greece, causing large explosion.

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Italy: Eighth Army: Along Adriatic coastal sector, 3d Carp Div receives heavy enemy arty fire. In 10th Corps area, elements of 10th Ind Div attack NE from S. Lucia and make slight gain against stiff opposition. In 13th Corps area, 6th Brig of 2d NZ Div is directed toward Palazzo del Pero, but is unable to gain objective because of arty fire; after hard fighting S of Arezzo, 61st Brig of 6th Armd Div, advancing along Highway 71, captures town at dawn and pushes several mi. N and NW; 10th Brig of 6th SA Armd Div advances 1 mi. to reach area 5 mi. SE of Bucine, while 12th Brig occupies Civitella and Badia Agnano (S of Bucine) and 28th Brig approaches Ambra, 2½ mi. SW; meanwhile 24th Guards Brig with 12th Itz Brig on L secures Gaioli, and is directed at Radda under heavy fire.

Fifth Army: Enemy counterattacks, arty and mortar fire continue along FEC and 4th Corps fronts. In 88th Div sector, 1st Bn moves forward to area 1½ mi. SW of Montione;

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during morning. 350th Regt reaches S. Giorgio, while 351st Regt makes advance to general area 3 mi. N of Peccioli against lessening resistance. Troops of 362d and 361st Regts of 91st Div push to areas about 1 mi. S and SW of Capannoli, respectively. Thirty-fourth Div continues advance against some enemy opposition; 133d Regt moves to area 4 mi. SE of Colle Salvetti; 168th Regt captures Lorenzano; area 6 mi. SE of Leghorn is gained by 135th Regt. Meanwhile 804th Tank Destroyer Bn takes Quercianella on coast with dismounted elements advancing 3,000 yds. northward.

In direct support of ground troops, 906 fighters and fighter bombers make day and night attacks on marshalling yards, roads, MT, road and RR bridges in battle area and just N of battle line; 10 MT destroyed, 14 bridges and 5 roads damaged.

Medium bombers concentrate on bridges in N Italy: 73 B-25s effectively cut approaches to Peschiera bridge and hit N and S bridges at Mantova; 132 B-26s attack bridges along Po R. valley at Piacenza, Bressana, Torreberetti, and Casale Monferrato with excellent results. Eight Spitfires successfully bomb large building 2 mi. SW of Marina di Massa.

Yugoslavia: Partisan 22d Div has crossed Morava R. against heavy opposition and advanced to area about 5 mi. S of Grkinje in western Serbia; 500 Chetniks reported killed, 196 taken prisoner; troops of Div also cut Nis-Skoplje RR in 7 places and destroy 2 bridges 4 mi. S of Leskovac. Farther N in Slavonia, Partisans make night attack on Strosinci, SW of Morovic.

During night oil refinery at Smederevo, SE of Belgrade, is objective of 70 Wellingtons, 9 B-24s, and 8 Halifaxes which successfully drop 196 tons of bombs on NE corner of target; fires and explosions result. Seven Hurricanes escorted by 5 Spitfires sink 3 vessels and damage another in Senj harbor, Croatia, while 6 A-30s, 13 P-51s, and 20 Spitfires attack shipping and transportation in sweeps over Yugoslavia, damaging 9 locomotives and rolling stock in Libofshe-Sisak area and destroying 2 grounded enemy planes and damaging 3 on Sarajevo airfield.

Aegean: At 1400, 200-300 German troops land on Panormiotes, Simi I. in effort to reoccupy the island.

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17 Italy: Eighth Army: During morning 5th Kres Div and 2d Pol Armd Brig launch attack on Polverigi-Agugliano RR line, meeting strong resistance; S. Paterniano, 3 mi. NW of Osimo, is taken by units of 5th Kres Div, while to W, tanks capture M. Bago. Tenth Corps troops make substantial gains in Tiber valley: some units of 4th Ind Div capture M. Cedrone and repulse enemy counterattack, while others reach Pezzano, Alpe di Poti area, and points 6 mi. SE of Arezzo. In 13th Corps sector, leading tanks of 6th Armd Div break through strong enemy position at Quarata, NW of Arezzo, capture bridge S of Cincelli intact, and establish bridgehead across Arno R. Farther W, troops of 4th Div report Pergine clear of enemy and move NW to area 1 mi. NE of Bucine.

Fifth Army: In FEC sector, two strong enemy counterattacks in Loggibonsi area are repulsed by 4th Lttn Div. Eighty-eighth Div continues to advance N and NW with leading elements of 351st Regt in position 5 mi. SE of Pontedera; 91st Div breaks up some counterattacks in area N of Capannoli, where there is bitter fighting. Meanwhile small advances are made on 34th Div front: 168th Regt is within 3 mi. of Colle Salvetti, while 135th Regt reaches positions 4 mi. SE of Leghorn.

Total of 497 P-40s, P-47s, P-51s, and Spitbombers attacks RRs, roads, bridges, and gun positions behind battle area, while ammunition factory, roads, guns, and RRs near Ancona are targets for 119 A-30s, A-20s, and B-26s.

Medium bombers again concentrate on bridges and viaducts in N Italy: 72 B-25s hit Alessandria RR bridge, straddle Moneglia RR bridge, and strike Bogliasco viaduct with good results; 142 B-26s successfully attack 5 bridges in NW Italy. Hurricanes, Beaufighters, and Spitbombers set fire to 120-ft. coaster in Gulf of Quarnaro, strike ship yards at Sestri Levante, and hit barracks at Chiavari and oil tanks at Marina di Carrara. During night 43 A-20s and A-30s attack MT along N coast of Italy and Arno valley, as well as docks at Spezia and harbor at Fano; explosions result. One LCT mined and probably sunk by floating mine S of Terracina.

Yugoslavia: Partisans make night attack on town of Soljani, about 4 mi. NW of Strosinçi, and blow 2 bridges on Vinkovci RR line.

Along Dalmatian coast, 24 Spitfires and 8 Macchis destroy

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3 MT, damage a small vessel, and hit 2 bridges near Blato on Korcula I., while on rcn missions over Yugoslavia, 6 A-30s and 8 P-51s attack transportation. During night coastal forces damage 2 vessels in Mljet channel off Dalmatian coast.

18 Italy: Eighth Army: Along Adriatic coast troops of 2d Pol Corps break through enemy line in effort to take Ancona: elements of 3d Carp Div occupy Numana on coast, advance through Camerano, and at 1430 enter outskirts of Ancona; Paterno d'Ancona, 5 mi. SW of Ancona, falls to 5th Kres Div after stiff fighting, while 2d Pol Armd Brig with infantry support secures Agugliano (8 mi. SW of Ancona) and advances N to area just E of Chiaravalle. In 10th Corps area, units of 10th Ind Div, operating E of Tiber R., push to area 2 mi. SE of Citta di Castello; meanwhile 4th Ind Div takes M. Arnato, 2½ mi. WSW of Citta di Castello. Eighth Ind Div passes to command of 13th Corps. On R flank of Corps in 6th Armd Div area, 26th Armd Brig, supported by 61st Brig, advances N from bridgehead of Arno R. and reaches vicinity of Castiglion, where strong enemy fire is encountered; Montevarchi on Highway 69 falls to 4th Div. Farther W, 12th and 34th Guards Brigs of 6th SA Armd Div reach areas S of Radda and 1 mi. N of Gaiole (E of Radda), respectively.

Fifth Army: Substantial gains made along entire 4th Corps front. Armd elements of 88th Div take Montalone (SW of Castelfiorentino) with tanks N of town, while on L, infantry captures Palaia and continues N. In 91st Div area, 361st Regt seizes Ponsacco, and advances rapidly N to enter Pontedera on main Pisa-Florence road at 0815. Meanwhile Fauglia (2 mi. SE of Colle Salvetti) falls to 168th Regt of 24th Div, while patrols of Div reach hill about 4,000 yds. E of southern Leghorn.

In support of ground troops 133 Spitbombers, P-51s, and P-40s attack RRs, MT, bridges, and barges in battle area, destroying 4 MT and 9 barges and damaging approaches to 2 bridges. In Leghorn area 59 P-40s and P-47s hit approaches to 4 bridges, cut tracks, and destroy 2 MT, while at night 18 A-20s and A-30s bomb MT in Pontassieve-Florence-Bologna areas.

Bomber operations hampered because of adverse weather. RR bridge in N Italy at Casarsa (SW of Udine) is target for 27 B-17s which drop 81 tons of bombs with fair results.

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Yugoslavia: Enemy continues active along Adriatic coast in Yugoslavia and farther inland: 2 mixed enemy forces, moving SE from Tuzla and W from Zvornik, capture landing field at Osmaci in E Bosnia while, in Montenegro, German troops push Partisans out of Andrijevisa to Sjenoseti and attack airfield at Berane; meanwhile enemy force reaches Glamoc in W Bosnia.

Four Hurricanes escorted by 4 Spitfires sink 60-ft. schooner off Dalmatian coast, while 22 Spitfires score hits on bridge and damage 4 MT at Otocac, Croatia.

19 Italy: Eighth Army: Troops of 3d Corp Div complete mopping up W and SW of Ancona, while units of 5th Kres Div, supported by some armor, cut coast road at Torrette a Mare against stiff opposition and reach Esino R. in area 4 mi. NE of Iesi, causing many enemy casualties; 2d Polish Brig establishes bridgehead over Esino R. and engages in heavy fighting in Chiaravalle area; Utili troops advance N from Musone R. to capture Santa Maria Nuova (SE of Iesi). In 10th Corps area, 7th Brig of 4th Ind Div is 10 mi. NE of Castiglione, while enemy resistance continues fierce for troops of 6th Armd Div in Castiglione area; to SW, Laterina, across Arno R., falls to 61st Brig which advances  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi. to N. Fourth Div units finish mopping up Montevarchi, while units of 6th SA Armd Div reach area 6 mi. NE of Castellina and take Radda and area 2 mi. to N.

Fifth Army: FEC makes excellent progress against rapidly retreating German army: 2d Mor Div captures S. Donato, while 4th Mtn Div is able to take Certaldo, as well as S. Appiana, Vico d'Elsa, S. Maria, and Varna. Farther W, 88th Div continues to advance with TF Ramey and 350th Regt progressing to areas  $1\frac{1}{2}$  and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  mi. N of Montalbano, respectively; 349th and 351st Regts move to vicinity a few mi. N and NE of Paloria; patrols are N of Arno R. Troops of 362d Regt of 91st Div receive small arms and arty fire from German troops across Arno R. in area just S of Montecastello. Thirty-fourth Div with special Task Force continues drive on Leghorn: 133d Regt reaches area 9 mi. NW of Chianni; Colle Salvetti falls to 168th Regt; 442d Regt advances rapidly to area 8 mi. S of Pisa; meanwhile during early hours, 363d Regt moves into Leghorn from N and by 0855 clears town with little opposition, while 135th Regt enters town from S along with 804th Tank Destroyer Bn and 34th Rcn Trp.

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Overcast again hinders air operations. Total of 142 Spitfires, P-40s, and P-51s attacks roads, RRs, and military targets N of battle line and in Po estuary, destroying 5 MT and 3 barges.

Oil refineries at Fiume are targets for 108 Wellingtons, B-24s, and 7 Halifaxes, which drop 264 tons of bombs with good results, causing fires and explosions; 1 B-17 and 2 B-24s successfully attack Trieste oil storage installations with 6 tons. Meanwhile 18 B-25s hit Sassuolo RR bridge (SW of Modena) with good coverage, as 114 P-47s escorted by Spitfires attack RR bridge NE of Verona and cut tracks on road bridge SW of Reggio; 1 enemy plane destroyed, 2 damaged. During night enemy shore batteries damage U.S. PT boat off Sestri Levante.

Yugoslavia: Partisan troops attack enemy force in Sinj area, Dalmatia, killing 30.

Total of 25 Spitfires, 3 Hurricanes, 2 Wellingtons, 8 P-51s, 6 Beaufighters, and 8 Macchis damages a fort on Uljan I., opposite Zara, bombs Knin marshalling yards and adjacent buildings, starting fires and causing explosions, destroys 5 MT and rolling stock, hits storage hangars and chrome mine, and attacks 8 barges off Dalmatian coast.

20 Italy: Eighth Army: Troops of 2d Polish Corps clear E bank of Esino R. from coast to Iesi, while units of 2d Armd Brig cross R. 3 mi. NE of Chiaravalle preparatory to advance up Route 16; Chiaravalle is taken by infantry elements which move on later with tank support to capture Monte S. Vito to W; town of Iesi falls to Utili Div. Steady advance continues along 13th Corps front: 26th Armd Brig of 6th Armd Div engages enemy tanks in area 1 mi. NW of Laterina, while units of 4th Div reach Ricassoli (1½ mi. W of Montevarchi); Albola and M. Querciabella are secured by 24th Guards Brig and 12th Armd Brig of 6th SA Armd Div with little opposition.

Fifth Army: In FEC area, 4th Mtn Div advances 3 mi. to occupy Castelfiorentino on Elsa R. Positions remain same in 4th Corps area with troops receiving medium arty fire.

Total of 185 Spitbombers, P-40s, P-51s, A-30s, and B-26s attacks roads, gun positions, MT, and bridges behind battle line with good results, while at night 36 A-20s and A-30s hit shipping and MT along E coast.

Barges and shipping installations at Porto Corsini, as

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well as RRs, RR bridges, and MT in Padua-Bologna area are targets for 110 P-47s, which destroy 2 bridges and damage 2 others. Four Wellingtons hit dock installations at Arsa channel in NE Italy and DD in N Adriatic with unobserved results. Meanwhile, during night, coastal forces sink F-lighter between Genoa and Savona and damage another.

21 Italy: Eighth Army: On R flank of 2d Polish Corps, Task Force "A" (consisting of Carpathian Lancers, a Bn of 3d Carp Div, and a field regt) seizes Montemarignano (about half way between Ancona and Senigallia) and advances along coast road to vicinity  $3\frac{1}{2}$  mi. SE of Senigallia; farther inland, Task Force "B" (12th Lancers, Bn of 5th Kres Div, and field regt) secures Morro d'Alba and sends patrols to Filetto, Ostra, and San Marcello. Troops of Utili Div occupy Belvedere Ostrense, where they make contact with Polish Corps, as well as Cupramontana to S. Advance elements of 10th Corps take Sassoferato (N of Fabriano), Scheggia to W, and Gubbio still farther W, encountering some arty fire; 7th Brig of 4th Ind Div makes slight gains in area 5 mi. ENE of Arezzo and repels all enemy attempts to infiltrate that area. On R flank of 13th Corps, patrols of 1st Guards Brig of 6th Armd Div enter Castiglion, while elements of 26th Brig, despite enemy mines and MG positions, reach area E of Vitereta; meanwhile 4th Div, moving along Arezzo-Florence road, reaches area 1,000 yds. SW of S. Giovanni, as 24th Guards Brig of 6th SA Armd Div progresses to area about 7 mi. to W and 12th Brig reaches position  $6\frac{1}{2}$  mi. NE of Castellina.

Fifth Army: Enemy arty continues heavy along FEC front. Fourth Corps makes little progress except on L flank where 168th, 442d, and 363d Regts of 34th Div begin crossing Antifossetta canal N of Leghorn.

In support of Allied troops total of 200 P-40s, Spit-bombers, and P-51s attacks enemy concentrations, MT, RRs, gun positions, and MT park in and behind battle area, while later at night 56 A-20s and A-30s bomb mole at Fano harbor and Comacchio RR on E coast and hit MT and supply dump in Lucca-Prato-Florence area; many fires and explosions result.

Medium bomber operations cancelled because of overcast in target area. Mestre marshalling yard is target for 27 B-24s escorted by 43 P-38s which drop 67 tons of bombs with good coverage; 1 enemy plane destroyed, 1 damaged. Ninety P-47s crater roads, cut rails, and damage bridges in Genoa-

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Parma-Mantova area. Meanwhile 7 Spitfires attack Riva Trigosa shipyard with 2 hits on factory building. In N Adriatic 4 Hurricanes escorted by 2 Spitfires damage 4 vessels in Gulf of Quarnaro.

Yugoslavia: German troops shell Berane, Montenegro, from distance of 4,000 yds. with good results.

Total of 52 Spitfires, P-51s, Beaufighters, MC-202s, and MC-205s destroys oil tanker, rolling stock, and 4 MT in Yugoslavia, while 9 A-30s score hits on steel works at Zenica in central Bosnia, causing fire and smoke.

22 Italy: Eighth Army: Little advance made in 2d Pol Corps area with exception of TF "A", which advances to within 2½ mi. of Senigallia. In 10th Corps sector, 10th Ind Div makes some gains astride Tiber R.: after week's fighting, armd elements of 25th Ind Brig, attacking westward against fierce enemy resistance, are able to enter Citta di Castello at 1200; opposition continues heavy on Monte S. Maria-Monterachi road; elements of 10th Ind Brig reach M. Patrignano, while during night, Cagnano is occupied by 20th Ind Brig; meanwhile farther W, patrols of 11th Ind Brig of 4th Ind Div report Borgo a Giovi, on Highway 71 N of Arezzo, clear of enemy. At 2400, 13th Corps assumes command of FEC sector with 2d NZ Div relieving 2d Mor Div on R flank and 8th Ind Div relieving 4th Mtn Div with exception of 1 bn on extreme L flank. Fierce opposition is encountered all along 13th Corps front: 6th Armd Div troops receive heavy shelling near Terranuova, 2½ mi. N of Montevarchi, while 26th Armd Brig is held up by demolitions SW of Terranuova; farther W, advance units of 4th Div occupy Castelnuovo and advance 1 mi. N of town; 6½ mi. N of Castellina, 6th SA Armd Div meets stiff enemy resistance.

Fifth Army: Eighty-eighth Div, on R flank of 4th Corps, sends patrols to area W of S. Miniato (SW of Empoli) in effort to clear enemy from positions S of Arno R.; at 2200, 349th Regt attacks against heavy resistance to reach S. Miniato; while 1 hr. later, 351st Regt launches attack and seizes Ponte a Evole on Pisa-Florence road. Two cos of 361st Regt of 91st Div attack at dawn to clear enemy from bank of Arno R. in Cascina area. Troops of 34th Div, advancing against harassing enemy arty fire, make good progress on marshy ground between Leghorn and Pisa on Route 1 and are firmly established N of Antifosseto and Arno canals.

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Air activity restricted by bad weather conditions. Total of 181 Spitbombers, P-40s, and P-51s, operating in battle area, attacks RRs, roads, bridges, and gun positions and hits quay and harbor at Pesaro and marshalling yards at Ravenna, while N of battle area in vicinity of Spezia and Padua 81 P-47s hit gun positions, roads, 3 approaches, and destroy 2 bridges and damage 3 others; gun positions, RRs, and bridges are effectively bombed by an additional 96 P-47s, which also strafe Bergamo airfield, destroying 6 planes and damaging 3. During night 9 A-20s attack MT N of battle area with good results.

Fifty-five B-25s hit roads, bridge, and approaches in Savona area.

Yugoslavia: Partisan troops capture Kijevo (SE of Knin), Koljane (SE of Vrlika), and 4 other villages in same area.

In Serbia, 11 B-24s drop 27 tons of bombs on Kragujevac marshalling yards and Kraljevo bridge with good results. Total of 45 Spitbombers, P-51s, Macchis, and A-30s bombs Babin Potok, Vrlika, Podgorica in Montenegro, strafes Kraljevo airfield in Serbia and 5 RRs in surrounding area, destroying 6 MT, damaging 11 and also 3 enemy planes.

Aegean: During night British raiding forces set fire to 4 fuel dumps in W Crete; explosions result. Kastelli Pediada airfield, Crete, is hit in night attack by 12 Wellingtons which damage runway and dispersal area.

23 Italy: Eighth Army: Enemy resistance continues on whole Polish Corps front: TF "A" seizes by-passed enemy stronghold in area  $4\frac{1}{2}$  mi. SE of Senigallia. Troops of 10th Corps make good progress in area of Citta di Castello in Tiber valley: some units of 10th Ind Div advance  $3\frac{1}{2}$  mi. N of town, while forward elements of 10th and 20th Brigs reach Carsuga to W; after some fighting and mortar fire, 7th Brig of 4th Ind Div pushes to area 1 mi. E of M. Pian di Maggio (N of Alpi di Poti). W of Arezzo 13th Corps troops make substantial gains in advance toward Florence: 6th Armd Div moves W from Castiglion and takes Terranuova, N of Arno R., while S. Giovanni on Arno R. and Meleto to W fall to 4th Div; 6th SA Armd Div meets stiff resistance and heavy shelling as German troops continue to hold positions on slopes of M. Fili, W of Greve; meanwhile still farther W, Strada and Tavernelle, both towns on Foggibonsi-Florence road, fall to troops of 2d NZ Div, which advance N and NW. Sixth Lancers,

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on L flank of 13th Corps, are held up by shelling and demolitions.

Fifth Army: Fifth Army troops are up to or near Arno R. on entire front and have cleared coastal sector between Leghorn and Pisa of enemy resistance. Troops of 350th Regt of 88th Div reach area 5 1/2 mi. N of Montaione, while units of 349th Regt secure S. Miniato to N after repulsing counter-attack from troops believed to be from German 3d Div; 351st Regt is able to take S. Romano on route 67 N of Montopoli. Farther W, area 1 mi. SW of Pontedera is gained by 362d Regt of 91st Div, while 361st Regt occupies Cascino. Thirty-fourth Div advances against scattered resistance: 168th Regt seizes S. Benedetto, while 133d Regt takes S. Prospero along route 67 W of Cascina and 135th Regt, after overcoming tough pocket of resistance, enters SE outskirts of Pisa; 363d Regt advances 1 mi. along Leghorn-Pisa RR line; meanwhile 91st Ren Trp enters Marina di Pisa without opposition, but later withdraws because of small arms fire.

In support of ground troops, 184 P-47s score hits on 6 RR bridges, cut approaches and tracks, explode 2 ammunition warehouses, and damage transportation behind battle line, while in battle zone, gun positions, observation posts, hq, bivouac areas, and MT are targets for total of 188 P-40s, P-51s, and Spitbombers; 5 MT destroyed. Docks at Ravenna and barracks at Via Reggio, as well as communication N of battle area hit by 44 A-20s and A-30s.

Medium bombers concentrate on bridges in N Italy: Fifty-four B-25s and 63 B-26s successfully hit bridges at Borgoforte, Ostiglia, and Antomiassi and cut approaches at Borgoforte, Ferrara, Imperia, and S of Acqui. Meanwhile in N Adriatic, 4 Wellingtons bomb Capodistria, causing fires, and Porto Garibaldi with unobserved results, while 4 Hurricanes sink 120-ft. barge in same general area.

Yugoslavia: Six A-30s bomb loading jetties at Sibenik with good results, while 16 P-51s, 23 Spitfires, 3 Beaufighters, and 4 MC-202s attack Bihac and Gospic and strafe targets in Yugoslavia, destroying 9 MT and one mobile gun carrier and damaging telephone exchange and other building at Prizren, Serbia.

During night enemy forces sink MTB and damage another in Korcula channel off Dalmatian coast.

Albania: Forty-two B-24s escorted by 15 P-51s drop 119 tons of bombs on Berat oil refinery with excellent results.

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24 Italy: Eighth Army: In 2d Pol Corps area, Task Forces "A" and "B", together with 2d Carp Brig, make up "Reman" force with mission of holding present positions of Corps in Adriatic sector. In 10th Corps area 10th Ind Div continues to advance in Tiber valley against slight opposition: 25th Brig, astride Citta di Castello-Sansepolcro road, moves to within 4 mi. of Sansepolcro, while to W, 20th Brig takes Lippiano, 1½ mi. S of Monterchi; on L flank of Corps, 7th Brig of 4th Ind Div occupies Pt. 766, 4 mi. W of Monterchi. Fairly heavy resistance and shelling takes place on 13th Corps front in general area S of Florence: on R flank, 6th Armd Div contacts enemy from Loro (NE of S. Giovanni) to Terranuova, while in S. Giovanni area 4th Div is unable to progress because of heavy arty and mortar fire; units of 6th SA Armd Div capture M. Domini, 7 mi. N of Radda, and occupy town of Greve against stiff opposition; farther W, 2d NZ Div, astride Poggibonsi-Florence road, advances to area 3 mi. N of Tavernelle; on L flank, forward elements of 8th Ind Div reach S. Lazzaro and Montebello despite enemy shelling and demolitions, while other units take Petrazzi and Montemaggiore, both towns in vicinity of Certaldo.

Fifth Army: There is marked increase in enemy resistance along entire front. Germans continue to hurl shells from M. Pisano into Pisa and coastal plain to S. Fourth Corps holds general line along southern bank of Arno R. from point 4 mi. SW of Fucecchio to coast; all bridges in vicinity of Pisa have been blown by enemy. Eighty-eighth Div repulses 2 enemy counterattacks (from troops believed to be 26th PZ Div) S of Miniato and Ponte a Eivole, to W, and later in day clears M. Pisano. Active patrolling and regrouping takes place in 34th and 91st Div sectors. Harassing enemy arty fire laid in coastal and Pontedera areas.

Total of 208 Spitbombers, P-40s, and P-51s attacks Rimini-Ravenna and Ferrara-Porto Maggiore RRs, cutting tracks and destroying bridge, and hits gun positions, MT, and roads in battle area, while 36 A-20s and 24 B-26s bomb Lugo marshalling yards and factory, and nearby RRs and shipping at Ravenna. In effort to hinder clearance operations, enemy intermittently shells Leghorn harbor.

Harbor installations at Genoa and tank repair shop and ballbearing plant at Turin are well hit by unstated number of heavy bombers. In NW and N Italy, 6 RR bridges are hit by 12 P-20s and B-20s with particularly good results on bridges at Imperia, Pozzone, Ronco Scrivia, and Pontevico.

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On E coast 169 P-47s destroy bridges, RRs, and roads in Padua-Bologna area; 4 MT destroyed. During night coastal forces sink F-lighter off Portofino harbor, S of S. Margherita; Wellingtons bomb Porto Garibaldi, and 10 A-20s attack roads in Po valley with unobserved results. Convoy of 5 coasters bound for Ancona runs into mines; SS Portsea (British cargo ship, 1,583 tons) and SS Auk (British cargo ship, 1,338 tons) sunk at 43-48 N, 13-44E.

Yugoslavia: In E Montenegro, Partisans counterattack and cut Andrijevisa-Velika-Murina-Pec road; meanwhile German columns have started attacks from Trebinje and E from Stolac and Nevesinje towards Avtovac in Hercegovina.

In support of Partisan troops, 28 B-24s escorted by 20 P-51s successfully attack troop concentrations in Montenegro at Bijelo Polje, Andrijevisa, Pljevlja, Sjenica, and Prijepolje with 84 tons of bombs; 11 P-38s strafe Prizren area, Serbia. Fourteen Spitfires and 12 MC-205s bomb towns and bridges in Yugoslavia, while 6 A-30s attack Makarska harbor, S of Split, straddling buildings and hitting shipping.

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Italy: Eighth Army: Troops of 2d Polish Corps engage in patrolling and slight arty fire. Tenth Corps makes some progress W of Citta di Castello and NE of Arezzo: elements of 10th Ind Div capture S. Lorenzo and Fonaco with patrols at M. Casole and Cerfone R., E and W of Citta di Castello, respectively; 4th Ind Div troops take objectives 2½ mi. E and 6 mi. NE of Arezzo against strong enemy resistance. In 13th Corps sector S and SE of Florence, 6th Armd Div is harassed by mines, snipers, and enemy arty, but reaches position just N of Terranuova and Pt. 248 in same general area; elements of 4th Div attack in early morning and advance to position 8½ mi. N of Radda; 24th Guards Brig of 6th SA Div pushes to Pt. 621, E of Greve, against heavy opposition, while 11th Brig advances 1 mi. to reach area about 10 mi. NNW of Castellina; armd cav unit of 2d NZ Div occupies Fabbrica, NE of Tavernelle, but is held up by demolitions just N of town; meanwhile 8th Ind Div units move to area near Montorsoli, about 2 mi. E of Castelfiorentino.

Fifth Army: Second Corps, with 85th and 88th Divs attached, assumes command of E part of 4th Corps sector; 91st Div is also attached but is currently under operational control of 4th Corps. Elements of 88th Div clear pockets of resistance in S. Romano and Buche areas S of Arno R. in

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general area NW of Certaldo and reach western edge of S. Miniato. Task Force Ramey, protecting R flank of 4th Corps, receives heavy arty fire from N and NE as it makes contact with 13th Corps on Elsa R. Meanwhile fight for Pisa continues; 363d Regt of 34th Div has 3 bns in Pisa S of Arno R., receiving mortar, arty, and MG fire. First Armd Div comes under command of 4th Corps at 1200.

In support of ground troops, 246 Spitbombers, P-40s, and P-51s attack gun positions, roads, ammunition dumps, and MT in battle area with good results, hit enemy ~~hq~~, probably sink F-boat, explode vessel at Porto Garibaldi, and strike RR targets in Ferrara-Bologna-Rimini area, destroying 2 bridges; in night attack 46 A-20s and A-30s strike targets in same general area with damage to mole at Rimini, bivouac area S of Verona, and roads and MT N of battle zone.

Medium and fighter bombers concentrate on bridges and rail targets in N Italy: road and RR bridges and approaches in NW Italy at Legnano, Cervo, Chivasso, Borgo San Dalmazzo (S of Cuneo), Ventimiglia, Fossano, and Albenga are targets for 60 B-25s and 48 B-26s; many hits result; in N Italy at Crema (near Milan), Rovigo, and San Giacomo, RR bridges, RRs, and buildings are hit by total of 106 P-47s and Spitbombers. In vicinity of NE coast, 48 B-26s and A-30s attack RRs at Imola and marshalling yards at Faenza with good coverage, while on W coast, storage dumps near Sesta (NW of Spezia) are objectives of 24 A-20s which hit buildings and RRs SE of targets.

Yugoslavia: After inflicting 300 casualties on German troops, Partisans capture Andrijevic, S of Berane. In W Bosnia, Glamoc is recaptured by Partisans.

Total of 45 Spitfires, Macchis, P-51s, and A-30s attacks targets in Yugoslavia with damage to 24 locomotives, 2 MT, 1 enemy plane on ground, and enemy troops at Kraljevo; same planes also hit hangars and bomb steel works at Zenica, E of Makarska, and strike Makarska with unobserved results. One B-24 drops 2.5 tons of bombs on marshalling yards at Zagreb. During night Allied MTBs sink 3 E-boats, 2 I-boats, and large schooner operating among southern Dalmatian islands; number of German prisoners taken.

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Italy: Eighth Army: In Tiber valley area, 10th and 25th Brigs of 10th Ind Div reach Pistrina, 3 mi. NE of Monterchi, and M. Rotondo, while 20th Brig clears Monterchi.

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and crosses Cefrone R. to take La Ville, to W, after heavy street fighting in town; Pt. 488, 1½ mi. NW is occupied by elements of 7th Brig of 4th Ind Div. Troops of 13th Corps make some progress in area S of Florence against opposition: 61st Brig of 6th Armd Div encounters heavy shelling and MG fire in S. Giovanni area, 4 mi. NW of Montevarchi, while leading troops of 4th Div reach area 6 mi. NW of S. Giovanni on Arno R.; farther W in vicinity of Greve, fierce enemy resistance prevents advance of 6th SA Armd Div, which repulses number of strong enemy counterattacks; stiff enemy opposition also encountered along line S. Casciano (S of Florence) to Poppiano by 2d NZ Div; meanwhile elements of 8th Ind Div seize Castelfiorentino and road junction to E against opposition; on L flank, forward troops reach Vallecchio and Cambiano, N. and N of Castelfiorentino, respectively.

Fifth Army: Reorganization and patrolling continue on Fifth Army front. Troops of 361st Regt of 91st Div relieve 362d Regt in Pontedera area, while at 0200, 362d Regt moves to 2d Corps area.

In support of ground troops, 96 P-40s attack gun positions and dumps in battle area.

Medium and fighter bombers continue to hammer bridges and military targets in N Italy: total of 196 B-25s and B-26s bombs road and RR bridges at Poggio Renatico, Ronca Scrivia, Asti, Marina di Andora, Ostiglia, Carasco, and Verona with good results, while RR bridges near Cremona and W of Bologna, tunnel mouth N of Florence, and flak guns at Ostiglia and Verona are hit by 78 P-47s. Two additional RR bridges on the Rimini-Bologna-Ferrara line are targets for 102 Spitbombers and P-51s. Marshalling yards at Massa Lombarda, Russi, and Budrio (all towns W and SW of Bologna) are objectives of 36 A-26s and A-30s, while during night 43 A-20s and A-30s attack MT and lights in N Italy at Modena, Piacenza, and Verona and targets in harbors of Nice, Porto Garibaldi, Rimini, and Ravenna; starting fires; objectives in battle area also hit. Fuel dump near Savona is target for 24 A-20s with good results. Meanwhile 2 Wellingtons attack Lussinpiccolo and Porto Garibaldi, starting fires. Twelve-minute enemy air raid occurs in Pisa during night.

Yugoslavia: Partisan force captures Olovo, NE of Sarajevo, and Kladanj to NE; they also occupy Murina in E Montenegro and surround group of Germans N of town. In same general area, enemy troops which attacked Berane air-

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field retreat to area S of Gusinje on Lim R. and SE of Pec.  
Total of 50 Spitfires, A-30s, P-51s, MC-202s, and MC-205s  
bombs Benkovac, SE of Zara in Dalmatia, and strafes troop  
trains, MT, and gun positions; 4 MT destroyed, 8 damaged.

Albania: Heavy bombers attack Berat Kucov oil storage  
installations with 130 tons of high explosives with good  
results.

Aegean: During night 4 Wellingtons attack 3 vessels N  
of Suda Bay, Crete, with unobserved results.

27 Italy: Eighth Army: Polish forces in Adriatic sector  
advance on 10 mi. front against weakening resistance. Third  
Carp Div takes Mandriola and advances later in afternoon to  
outskirts of Senigallia where heavy fighting takes place.  
Meanwhile, farther inland, Filetto and Ostra fall to 6th  
Brig of 5th Kres Div, which sends patrols across Misa R.  
under mortar and MG fire to find all bridges blown and  
approaches mined. In Tiber valley area of 10th Corps  
elements of 10th Ind Div continue slow advance toward  
Anghiari against stiff enemy opposition: after heavy fighting  
in Pistrino, troops of 25th Brig reach Fista, 1 mi. N, while  
to SW, 10th Brig clears Citerna and 20th Brig progresses  
to area 2½ mi. SE of Anghiari after repulsing enemy counter-  
attack. Thirteenth Corps makes gains along front against  
opposition: Ponterosso and Pavelli (NW and SW of Figline on  
Arno R.) fall to 4th Div, while 12th Brig of 6th SA Armd Div  
establishes bridgehead over Greve R. near Cerbaia and 11th  
Brig takes Mercatale to W; meanwhile armd cav unit of 2d NZ  
Div enters S. Casciana, but is prevented from further advance  
because of demolitions; other units of Div seize S. Quirico,  
La Ripa, and Poppiano, in area W of S. Casciano and advance  
to Pesa R., 3½ mi. NE of Montespertoli, which town falls to  
8th Ind Div.

Fifth Army: Patrolling and arty fire continue along  
Fifth Army front, as 91st Div begins relieving 88th Div in  
2d Corps sector.

Force of 190 P-47s hits roads, RRs, gun positions, and  
airfields N of battle area, destroying 3 enemy planes on  
ground and 11 MT, and damaging 300-ft. vessel W of Spezia,  
while MT and Ferrara-Porto Garibaldi-Bologna RR line attacked  
by 199 Spitfires, P-40s and P-51s with good results; 14 MT  
destroyed.

Medium bombers concentrate on bridges in N Italy: 91st

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B-25s hit RR bridge at Borgoforte and road bridge W of Tortona, while 106 B-26s strike 5 RR bridges in Turin-Genoa-Milan area with good results at 4 of them. During night 46 A-20s and A-30s attack transportation in Po valley and roads and MT in battle area and bomb roads and RRs at Ferrara, Pistoia, and Bibbiena. Meanwhile 2 Wellingtons bomb harbor at Porto Corsini with unobserved results.

Yugoslavia: Partisans kill 100 enemy troops in Knin area, Dalmatia.

Twenty-four B-24s drop 74 tons of bombs on Pec marshalling yards, Montenegro, with unsuccessful results; bombs fall short of target area. Along Dalmatian coast, total of 53 Hurricanes, Spitfires, Macchis, A-30s, and P-51s, bombs shipping and jetties at Sibenik harbor, town of Gospic and surrounding roads, destroys MT, and causes casualties to troops and troop trains.

Aegean: During night one Wellington bombs Scala harbor, Melos I., with fair results.

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Italy: Eighth Army: Elements of 3d Corp Div occupy southern part of Senigallia on coast; Vaccarile, about 8 mi. NW of Iesi, falls to Utili troops, which later repulse enemy counterattack in that town, as well as in area along Misa R. near Bettolle. In 10th Corps area, HCR patrols find Sassoferrato, Perticano, and S. Bartolomeo clear of enemy; 10th Ind Div troops in area W of Tiber R., capture Scodiano and advance N to within 1 mi. of Anghiari against stiff enemy resistance, while to W 4th Ind Div makes small advances to Badia, N of Arezzo. Farther W on R flank of 13th Corps, Loro, 5 mi. NE of Montevarchi, is taken by troops of 6th Armd Div; 28th Brig of 4th Div progresses to area 4 mi. N of Greve with 12th Brig moving up on R; 6th SA Armd Div makes some gains E of S. Casciano; meanwhile 2d NZ Div breaks through German lines to capture 2 enemy strong points at San Michele (N of Cerbaia); later in day enemy (believed to be troops of German 4th Para Div) responds with strong successful counterattack of motorized infantry and Tiger tanks to drive NZ troops from village.

Fifth Army: Regrouping and patrolling continue in 2d and 4th Corps sectors. Light enemy arty fire falls along entire 2d Corps front during day with heavy concentration during night on Montopoli (just S of S. Romano).

Medium bomber operation cancelled because of adverse

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weather. Total of 302 Spitbombers, P-40s, and P-51s attacks Rimini-Ravenna-Forli RR line, scoring many hits and destroying span of bridge and gun positions S of Florence; 25 MT destroyed, 12 damaged. RRs and bridges along Italian Riviera and in Bologna-Milan-Spezia area and 2 vessels in Porto Fino harbor are effectively hit by 105 P-47s. In day and night attacks 66 A-20s and A-30s bomb shipping near Ventimiglia and in Spezia harbor, start fires at Imola, Forli, and Pontassieve, and hit bridges in Rapallo and San Margherita areas.

Yugoslavia: Partisans claim to have liberated 30 villages and destroyed 2 Chetnik Brigs and a Ustashi unit in Vrlika area, Dalmatia; and to have killed 20 Germans in Obrovac area, E of Zara. Stitar, SE of Vinkovci in Slavonia is occupied by Partisan troops, which capture or kill 17 of enemy.

Six A-30s successfully hit RR workshops at Sarajevo; 4 P-51s strafe trains and MT along Krusevac RR, while 8 MC-202s and 205s attack transportation and shipping in Knin-Drnis-Vrlika area along Dalmatian coast.

Greece: Twenty-three B-24s drop 69 tons of bombs on Florina marshalling yards, 75 mi. WNW of Salonika, with good results.

Aegean: During night 6 Beaufighters and 4 Wellingtons sink an AK W of Kythos I., damage 4 vessels N of Suda Bay, Crete, and bomb Mesolongion harbor off Gulf of Patras, as well as Monemvasia harbor on S coast of Greece.

29 Italy: Eighth Army: In 5th Kres Div area of 2d Polish Corps, patrols reach Pianello, NW of Ostra, while to SW, troops of Utili Div repulse strong enemy attacks (believed to be troops of 71st German Div) on Vaccarile and Monte Carrotto with heavy casualties to enemy. In 10th Corps area, troops of 10th Ind Div follow up enemy withdrawals and take Anghiari, S. Leo, about 2 mi. W, and Monte Angelo and repulse 2 counterattacks on Pt. 394 near Fighille; co of 4th Ind Div crosses Arno R. in effort to mop up enemy MG position and reaches area just S of Badia (E of Castiglione). Strong enemy resistance continues on entire 13th Corps front: 6th Armd Div takes Persignano, NE of S. Giovanni, and moves W to reach position 2 mi. SE of Figline, while to NW, 4th Div seizes M. Scalari, highest point in high ground S of Florence, and after heavy fighting, approaches southern slopes of M. Maggio

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in same general area about 4 mi. NW; W of Florence, troops of 8th Ind Div reach Arno R. and contact enemy in outskirts of Empoli.

Fifth Army: Reorganization, patrolling, and heavy arty duels continue on Fifth Army front. In 2d Corps area, 1st Bn of 362d Regt (attached to 88th Div) contacts 13th Corps W of Cerreto Guidi, N of Arno R., while 2d Bn defends L flank in contact with 4th Corps in area just S of Capanne (NW of Montopoli). Command of 34th Div sector passes to TF 45.

Adverse weather hampers air operations. Total of 207 Spitbombers, P-40s, and P-51s attacks MT, gun positions, and enemy concentrations with good results, as well as 3 RR bridges in Bologna-Imola-Chioggia area, cutting tracks and destroying 12 MT, while in vicinity of Turin and Milan, 82 P-47s hit RRs and 5 RR bridges. In night attack 19 A-20s and A-30s, operating in Savona-Prato-Rapallo area, effectively bomb 3 bridges, marshalling yards at Imola, and jetties at Porto Garibaldi and Ravenna landing strips, starting many fires. Ten Beaufighters destroy enemy planes N of Arezzo and another N of Ancona. Meanwhile ports of Pirano, Capodistria, and Porto Corsini are bombed by 3 Wellingtons which start fires and explosions; 2 more Wellingtons bomb quays at Lussinpiccolo, Lussino I., with good results.

Yugoslavia: RR installations at Sinj, NE of Split, are strafed by 12 MC-202s and 205s.

Albania: In close support of Partisan troops, 46 Spitfires attack roads, road junctions, and transportation.

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Italy: Eighth Army: Patrolling and harassing fire continue in 2d Pol Corps sector with enemy resistance still taking place on N side of Misa R. In 10th Corps area, 5th and 11th Brigs of 4th Ind Div advance to areas 3 mi. NW of Anghiari and Terrio, 3 mi. S of Subbiano, respectively. In 13th Corps area S of Florence, stubborn enemy resistance continues in sector W of Arno R.; 6th Armd Div contacts enemy in vicinity 2 mi. S of Figline; farther W troops of 4th Div repulse 5 counterattacks at Pt. 788 near M. Scalari, 4 mi. NW of Figline; S. Andrea, 2 mi. N of S. Casciano, falls to 5th Brig of 2d NZ Div after slight resistance, while 4 mi. NW of S. Casciano, Germans launch several counterattacks against 6th Brig; just farther to NW fierce fighting continues in S. Michele area; meanwhile 19th Brig of 8th Ind Div is

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established on RR line from Empoli E to point 1 mi. SW of Montelupo.

Fifth Army: Patrols continue active on both sides of Arno R. in Fucecchio area. Light enemy arty fire falls along 2d Corps front during night.

In support of ground forces, 189 Spitbombers, P-40s, and P-51s attack bridges, MT, roads, RRs, and ammunition dump in battle area and 2 schooners near Commachio on NE coast of Italy with good results.

Medium bombers again concentrate on bridges in N Italy: 72 B-26s successfully attack RR and road bridges at Bistagno, Cherasco, and Casale Monferrato, while 9 B-25s destroy 2 spans of Ferrara road bridge. Marshalling yards at Porto Maggiore are hit by 36 A-30s and B-26s with good results. Gun positions, RRs, road and pontoon bridges in vicinity of Turin, Milan, and Alessandria are targets for 150 P-47s, which destroy 4 bridges and 4 flak guns. In night attack 35 A-20s and A-30s, operating in Po estuary and Florence-Forli-Ravenna areas, bomb barges, MT, Porto Garibaldi and Pesaro harbors, starting fires.

Yugoslavia: Partisans start attack SE from Velebit Mts. on Croatian coast along line from Zegar (SW of Obrovac) to Ervenik; farther S, they liquidate all enemy strong points on Strmica-Bos Grahovo road and inflict casualties on enemy E of Gracac.

Heavy bombers attack Brod marshalling yards with 232 tons of bombs. Six A-30s bomb Sibenik harbor, probably hitting MV, while 12 P-51s attack enemy communications in Yugoslavia.

31 Italy: Eighth Army: In Tiber area of 10th Corps sector, 9th Armd Brig reaches Fraccano, NE of Citta di Castello, and Lama to W; advance of 10th Brig of 10th Ind Div toward Prato is delayed because of minefields, while tanks and infantry of 25th Brig are able to reach area 4 mi. NW of Anghiari. Thirteenth Corps makes slight gains: patrols of 6th Armd Div reach town of Castelfronco, northern exits of which are covered by enemy MG fire; German troops withdraw on R flank of 4th Div in area NE of Greve, although heavy shelling continues; elements of 6th SA Armd Div patrol to Greve R., where they find 3 crossings strongly defended; meanwhile force of 2d NZ Div attacks against stiff opposition to make some progress in general area of La Romola (NW of S. Andrea), inflicting

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many casualties on enemy, while 2 cos of 4th Brig are being held up in same vicinity because of heavy demolitions.

Fifth Army: In 2d Corps area, combat patrol of 362d Regt of 88th Div engages in fire fight S of Arno R. in area NE of S. Miniato Basso, while other patrols are held up along Arno R. by flares, small arms, MG, and mortar fire; 363d Regt makes contact with Br 6th Lancers in general area of S. Andrea along Elsa R. At 0600, TF Ramey assumes command of 91st Div sector on L and at 1200, 91st Div assumes command of 88th Div sector, completing relief of 88th Div.

Medium bomber operations cancelled because of weather. Total of 216 Spitbombers, P-40s, P-51s, and A-30s attacks barges at Ravenna, destroys span of bridge S of Bologna, cuts tracks of Bologna-Prato-Rimini-Porto Maggiore RR lines, and hits 4 villages and gun positions behind battle zone in Florence area with good results; 8 MT destroyed, 6 damaged. Roads and bridges in vicinity of Milan, Cremona, and Piacenza are attacked by 191 P-40s with many hits, while during night 37 A-20s and A-30s strike ports along E coast, barges in Rimini-Po R. area, MT along E and W sectors of battle line, as well as airfields at Ravenna, Forli, and Parma. In NW Italy, harbor at San Remo and warehouses at Ventimiglia marshalling yards are hit by 4 Wellingtons and a Beaufighter; fires started.

Yugoslavia: Partisans surround 500 Nedic troops in area E of Bihac. Farther S, 3 strong enemy columns from Knin, Drnis, and Sinj converge on Vrlika and capture town.

Total of 30 P-51s, Spitfires, and Macchis strafes troop trains and MT along coast and damages approach to bridge at Blato on Korcula I.

Aegean: Seven Wellingtons make day and night attacks on Argostolian harbor, Cephalonia, and Porto Lago on Leros I.

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