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- 1 Russia: Soviet forces threaten isolation of German troops in Latvia and Estonia: First Baltic Army driving W and NW of Jelgava captures Dobeles on RR line to Liepaja on the Baltic, cuts Riga-Ventspils RR at Tukums, and reaches Gulf of Riga at a point 25 mi. W of Riga; units of 2d Baltic Army push NW of Daugavpils (Dvinsk) along RR to Riga and clear out enemy garrison at Livani; farther N, 3d Baltic Army troops seize Litene RR station and are nearing Gulbene junction. Kaunas, former capital of Lithuania, falls to Gen. Chernyakovsky's 3d White Russian Army headed toward Konigsberg. Elements of 1st White Russian Army occupy highway center of Kaluszn, 20 mi. W of Siedlce.
- Soviet aircraft support ground forces.

- 2 Russia: Troops of 2d Baltic Army edge closer to Riga with capture of Varaklani, 22 mi. W of Rezekne. Heavy enemy counterattacks N of Kaunas are repulsed by Soviet forces which cross Noveziss R. and seize Kedainai, Dotnuva, and Krakes. Units of 3d White Russian Army push NW of Mariampole against fierce resistance and capture Vilkeviskis, 11 mi. from E Prussian border; other units driving S toward Suwalki reach Kalvarija. Wilno-Siauliai RR line cleared of enemy troops. London reports that Polish underground forces (which struck on 1 Aug) have seized control of approaches to 3 Vistula bridges and are fighting within Warsaw. Units of 1st White Russian Army widen salient pointed at Warsaw with capture of Czarna, W of Siedlce; to N. Tichanowicz and Repki occupied. Area W of Jaroslav cleared by 1st Ukrainian troops which force Wislok R., seize Rzeszow on RR line to Krakow, and sweep N to Grebow and S to Strzyzow.
- Russian bombers successfully attack German troop trains at Riga junction. Enemy shipping in Gulf of Narva and Chudovo Lake effectively bombed by planes of Soviet Baltic Fleet.

Hungary: Six Baltimores bomb Moski Slap power station with unobserved results.

- 3 Russia: Second Baltic Army units pushing toward Riga from Rezekne area reach Barkava. Third White Russian Army extends gains W and NW of Kaunas, widening front toward E Prussia with capture of Zapyskis, Sutkai, and Luksiai. Germans claim recapture of Radzymin, 12 mi. NE of Warsaw. London reports seizure of several sections of SW Warsaw.

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including Wola suburb, by Polish underground forces. Troops of 1st Ukrainian Front smash across the upper Vistula below its confluence with the San between Koprzywnica and Polaniec; Staszow falls and bridgehead approximately 18 mi. in length and 12 mi. in depth is established; this drive brings Soviets within 60 mi. of Krakow and removes last natural barrier protecting German Silesia. Advance toward Krakow from Jaroslav is continued; last E-W supply line in Carpathian foothills cut at Sanok; Odrzyzon, 5 mi. NW of Krosno, reached.

Berlin announces night attack by GAF against Soviet troops and equipment in Kaunas, Odessa, and Tiraspol areas. Twenty-four Junkers with fighter escort bomb Wola suburb and central section of Warsaw (reportedly, the 1st German air attack on Warsaw since 1939).

4 Russia: Russians in S Latvia continue gains W of Rezekne. Enemy's attempt to consolidate lines NW of Kaunas is frustrated by 3d White Russian forces which establish a broad front W of Dubysa R. Despite difficult terrain, Soviets SW of Mariampole push ahead 12 mi. and clear out Krasnapol area; Suwalki threatened. First Ukrainian Army widens bridgehead on L bank of the Vistula to 41 mi. and moves to within 37 mi. of Krakow. Gains registered NW of Katusz toward Stryj in Carpathian foothills.

Soviet ground forces supported by SAF. Berlin reports night attack by German aircraft on Wilno, and communication targets in area. Two Halifaxes drop supplies for Warsaw patriots.

Rumania: Airfields N and S of Focsani are targets for 42 P-38s and 36 P-51s which land at Russian bases; hangars and gun positions hit and 5 enemy planes destroyed.

5 Russia: Red Army troops in Latvia fight way through swampy terrain of Lubana Plain, NW of Rezekne. Fierce fighting is in progress along the Dubysa R. line NW of Kaunas. First White Russian troops capture crossroads towns of Kowiesy and Mokobody, W of Siedlce; Kamienczyk on Bug R., 25 mi. NE of Warsaw, also seized. Berlin reports elimination of 3d Soviet Tank Corps in area NE of Warsaw by German forces under Field Marshal Walter Model. In triangle formed by the San and Vistula rivers, Tarnobrzeg, Rozwadow, and Majdan are occupied by 1st Ukrainian troops. Stryj, enemy stronghold in Carpathian foothills commanding roads and RRs through Beskid and Wyszow

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passes into Czechoslovakia, falls to 1st Ukrainian troops with heavy enemy losses.

Air of both sides heavily committed along Dubysa R. line in Kaunas area; German barges on the Niemen near Jurbarkas reported hit by Soviet planes. 'SAF' also strikes at enemy communications in E Prussia; Edytkau and Stalluponen are chief targets hit. German fighter bombers allegedly sink a Russian AO and 2 transports in Gulf of Narva.

- 6 Russia: Red Army tightens ring around Riga; Third Baltic Army resumes offensive SW of Pskov toward Gulbene junction, capturing Mezagaila and Donduri; troops of 2d Baltic Army, W of Rezekne, take Lijograde and Jaunsaikava on Krustpils-Madona RR line. Minor gains are made by Soviets W of Dubysa R. London claims Poles have seized 40% of Warsaw; Germans are launching heavy counterattacks, using tanks, arty, and planes. Enemy bridgehead, E and S of Sandomierz, on R bank of the Vistula from its confluence with the San to Tarnobrzeg is liquidated by 1st Ukrainian Army, units of which cross Wisloki R. and seize Mielec within 25 mi. of Tarnow on highway and RR to Krakow. Galician oil center of Drogobycz is won by Marshal Petrov's 4th Ukrainian Army; RR town of Bolechow, 15 mi. S of Stryj, also gained. Both sides maintain air attacks on troops and equipment; 117 enemy planes claimed destroyed.

Poland: Seventy-four B-17s (8th AF shuttle bombers) attack air assembly plant near Gdynia, causing considerable damage.

Rumania: Returning from Russia to Italian bases, fighters sweep Bucharest-Floesti area, strafing RR targets.

- 7 Russia: Soviet Baltic forces continue toward Riga; Madona-Gulbene RR cut and Lubana occupied. W of Siauliai, drive toward Memel is launched by 1st Baltic troops which advance to within 68 mi. of objective. Following heavy arty preparation, units of 2d White Russian Army penetrate enemy defenses NW of Bialystok, capturing Knyzyn; other units seize Lapy on RR line to Warsaw. Three Vistula crossings near Warsaw reported again German controlled. Polish troops of Gen. Korcorowski (Gen. Bor), under arty and gunboat fire, request supplies. Vistula bridgehead strengthened with capture of Klimintow, Szydlow, and Bogorzala, of Sandomierz.

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In Carpathian foothills, Soviets open up new routes to Czechoslovakia: 1st Ukrainian troops outflank and cut off Sambor, taking city after heavy street fighting. Fourth Ukrainian forces complete conquest of Galician oil wells with capture of Boryslaw.

Russian planes attack grounded aircraft on Pillkallen airfield and bomb enemy communications elsewhere in E. Prussia, causing fires at Konigsberg and setting fuel and troop trains on fire at Edytkau.

Germany: Force of 121 B-17s and 253 B-24s escorted by 355 fighters attacks oil refineries near Blechhammer in SE Silesia; 818 tons of bombs dropped through smoke screen; 90 enemy planes encountered and 29 destroyed.

Hungary: Airfield at Szombathely hit during night with 153 tons of bombs by 46 Wellingtons, 17 Liberators, and 6 Halifaxes; fires caused.

Poland: Synthetic-oil refinery at Trzebinia, about 20 mi. SW of Krakow, attacked by U.S. shuttle bombers (8th AF).

8 Russia: Krustpils, 70 mi. SE of Riga, falls to 2d Baltic Army; on Latvian-Estonian border 3 towns, one of which is 45 mi. SE of Riga, captured. Polish patriots driven from Wola (Warsaw suburb). First Ukrainian troops heading for Kielce from Vistula R. bridgehead win Wlostow. Mopping up operations W of Sambor nets Chyrov and Dobromil for Soviets. Germans are launching desperate counterattacks practically along entire Eastern front.

During night, Russian naval planes ward off enemy air attack near Gulf of Finland and sink an 8,000-ton transport.

Hungary: Eighty-four B-24s with escort of 82 fighters drops 190 tons of bombs on Almasfuzito oil refinery; Vesces/Tokol airfields near Budapest hit with 448 tons by 183 B-24s escorted by 105 fighters; 132 B-17s with 116 fighters for escort unload 313 tons on Gyor wagon works and assembly shops; good results obtained at all targets during night attacks.

Rumania: Seventy-three B-17s escorted by 55 fighters (from Eastern Command bases) bomb Zilistea and Buzau airfields, achieving good results with 136 tons.

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9 Russia: Soviets widen wedge driven to Gulf of Riga with capture of Kruopaia, Veģeria, and Bene, SW of Jelgava; slight gains are made NW of Daugavpils by units of 2d Baltic Army which cross Suseja R. Following heavy arty preparation, 1st White Russian Army launches assault NW of Siedlce toward enemy-held stretch of Bialystok-Warsaw RR, forcing evacuation of Sokolow and Wegrow. Severe fighting is in progress in area of highways NW of Mariampole, where large enemy tank and inf units are thrown against Soviet forces threatening Memel. Russians, SW of Stryj, reach Skole within 20 mi. of Beskid Pass; toward Uzok Pass, Stary Sambor captured.

SAF bombs and strafes enemy defenses and troops in areas NW of Siedlce and SW of Jelgava. German aircraft concentrate on Russian troops and equipment in areas NW of Mariampole and Kaunas.

Rumania: During night 43 Wellingtons, 23 Liberators, and 7 Halifaxes drop 120 tons of bombs through heavy smoke screen on Romano Americano oil refinery at Ploesti; 11 planes fail to return.

10 Russia: Second Baltic troops strike rapid blows SW of Krustpils and trap large numbers of Germans along W bank of the Dvina; Jekabils captured in 10 mi. advance. Moscow announces numerous heavy counterattacks lasting several days in area NW of Kaunas; 10 German Divs, 3 arty and 4 mortar batteries destroyed; troops of 3d White Russian Army enter Raseinai on Kaunas-Memel highway. Russians continue offensive in Bialystok-Siedlce-Warsaw sector; units of 2d White Russian Army break through German defenses on Narew R., making 9 mi. gains SW and W of Lapy to seize Jablon-Dabrowa and Sokoly; elements approaching Makinia-Gorna RR junction from SE reach Liw and Sterdyn; Stanislawow within 20 mi. of Warsaw captured. First Ukrainian troops extend gains W of Sandomierz, capturing Lagow and Rakow within 20 mi. of important junction of Kielce on Krakow-Warsaw line. Large numbers of Hungarian troops in the Carpathian regions voluntarily surrender.

Russian bombers concentrate on troops and supplies in areas NW of Kaunas and Mariampole with good results; 24 enemy planes shot down.

Rumania: Ploesti oil refineries bombed with good effect by 124 B-17s and 298 B-24s escorted by 318 fighters; 912 tons of bombs dropped; 14 bombers and 12 fighters fail to return to bases.

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11 Russia: Red Army renews offensive in S Estonia: Gen. Maslennikoff's 3d Baltic Army drives 16 mi. through enemy defenses on a 42 mi. front below Lake Pskov and Lake Peipus and seizes Petseri, junction of Pskov-Riga and Pskov-Tallinn RR lines. German positions on W bank of Brzozowka R. are entered by 2d White Russian troops which take Knyszyn on road to Lyck and Tykocin toward Lomza. Berlin reports successful counterattacks in Mariampole-Kaunas areas; Raseinai and Vilkaviskis recaptured. Soviets deepen salient E of Warsaw; Miedzna, Wrotnow, Kossow, the latter only 12 mi. from Bialystok-Warsaw RR cleared. First Ukrainian forces clash sharply with enemy troops W of Sandomierz.

Russian planes support drive along S shore of Lake Pskov and Lake Peipus. Lyck and Prostken in E Prussia are targets for night attack by Soviet aircraft which cause fires and explosions at both RR stations.

12 Russia: Soviets extend gains along Estonian front; Vasteeliina, 12 mi. S of Petseri, occupied. Second Baltic troops win Daudzeva, 25 mi. W of Krustpils, while 1st Baltic forces strengthen wedge driven to Gulf of Riga with capture of Auce RR station, 30 mi. SW of Jelgava. Second White Russian forces continue advance NW of Bialystok and reach Monki; stubborn resistance encountered. Russians close in on enemy-held stretch of Warsaw-Bialystok RR, capturing Stoczek, 11 mi. SW of Makinia-Gorna junction. Counterattacks of enemy inf and tank forces to split Soviet bridgehead W of Sandomierz diminish. Moscow reports that Polish patriots are supporting advance of Red Army toward Warsaw by repairing roads and constructing river crossings.

Ground forces supported by SAF; 66 enemy planes reported shot down by AA fire and in combat. Supplies dropped to Polish troops in Warsaw by RAF planes during night.

Hungary: Thirty-four Wellingtons, 13 Liberators, and 7 Halifaxes with 120 tons of bombs crater SE portion of Hajdu Boszurmeny airfield, E of Budapest, during night.

Kara Sea: SS Marina Raskova (Russian cargo ship, 5,695 tons) sunk by submarine at 72-30 N, 66-00 E.

13 Russia: Third Baltic troops driving toward Valka seize Vozu and Rongu, about 31 mi. E of objective. Madona junction on Riga-Plavinas RR line falls to 2d Baltic forces. Goniadz,

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covering approaches to fortress of Oswiecim on Bialystok-Lyck RR, is won by 2d White Russian troops; units threatening Lomza capture Mezenin and Wysokie Mazowieckie. Stiffening enemy resistance encountered in Sandomierz area.

Soviet planes conduct successful air battles with GAF in Lake Pskov and in Sandomierz areas. During night small force of British planes fly approximately 900 mi. to Warsaw, dropping guns, ammunition, and supplies to Polish underground.

Rumania: Single Wellington flies special mission over Bucharest area during night.

14 Russia: Soviet troops in S Estonia are now 18 mi. NE of Valka; Antsia, within 12 mi. of Riga-Tallinn RR, captured. In Latvia, Russians are closing pincers on Aluskne on Gulbene-Valka RR. Oswiecim, only 16 mi. from S border of E Prussia, falls to 2d White Russian Army; approach to E Prussia from this area may be difficult because of Masurian Lakes region. Severe fighting rages NW of Kaunas in vicinity of Raseinai; Germans also launching heavy counterattacks in areas S of Lomza and W of Sandomierz.

Soviet bombers attack targets in E Prussia, destroying several trains and RR track at Edytkau and Stalluponen.

15 Russia: Red Army retains positions despite heavy enemy counterattacks practically along entire front. In S Estonia, where Germans make desperate attempt to retain Riga-Tallinn RR, 3d Baltic forces gain some ground W of Petseri and push a spearhead N along Lake Pskov. Territory in Raseinai area changes hands several times during day. E of Praga (suburb of Warsaw on E side of the Vistula), Russians strike heavy outflanking blows to retake positions in 1 sector where Germans had driven a wedge; Germans are again attacking at close of day. First Ukrainian troops repulse counterattacks and improve positions in Sandomierz area.

GAF gives strong support to defenders of Riga-Tallinn RR. Soviet bombers are active over all fronts; 66 enemy planes destroyed; severe damage inflicted on Nazi inf and tanks in battle area E of Warsaw. German 5,000-ton transport sunk by Soviet planes in Baltic Sea; 2 JU-52 transport planes destroyed.

16 Russia: Soviet troops in Estonia strike decisive blows

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N and NW of Petseri; Polva within 25 mi. of Tartu, captured. Vigorous fighting continues on both sides of the Niemen in Raseinai and Vilkaviskis areas. In Warsaw sector, German forces launch very heavy tank attacks, causing Russians to evacuate Ossow, 7 mi. NE of Praga. Troops of 1st Ukrainian Army break into Sandomierz where street fighting rages.

Enemy inf concentrations and communications attacked by Russian planes throughout day.

- 17 Russia: Soviets widen salient pointed at Tartu, capturing Voopsu and Rapina along W shore of Lake Pskov. Germans launch heavy attacks against Soviet positions in Siauliai area in Lithuania. Gen. Ivan Chernakovsky's 3d White Russian Army reaches E Prussian border along the Sesupe R., NW of Mariampole. Berlin reports heavy fighting N and S of Verbalis in Vilkaviskis sector (along Kaunas-Konigsberg RR line), where Soviets are attempting to cross E Prussian border. Germans shell Polish positions in Warsaw with heavy rail guns. Enemy counterattacks in Praga sector repulsed. Additional Soviet units enter Sandomierz from W; fierce fighting continues. Soviet bombers and fighter bombers furnish tactical support on central and Baltic fronts; 98 enemy planes reported destroyed. German planes attack Soviet traffic between Lake Peipus and Lake Pskov.

Rumania: Force of 277 B-24s escorted by 187 P-51s unloads 532 tons of bombs on Ploesti oil refineries; results reported good at Romano Americano and fair at Unirea Standard Oil; no assessment of damage to Astro Romano; same targets are hit during night by 51 heavy bombers.

- 18 Russia: Third Baltic forces cross channel between Lake Peipus and Lake Pskov during night and, under cover of arty, establish a bridgehead on W bank to join forces with other units advancing N along W shore of Lake Pskov. Farther S, in Latvia, Russians moving N of Krustpils along Flavinis-Gulbene RR take Cesvaine station. W of Siauliai, Germans drive a wedge in 1 sector of Soviet defenses; Russians strike counter blows and regain positions. Sandomierz on W bank of the Vistula falls to 1st Ukrainian troops.

Both sides maintain constant air attacks on battleground W of Siauliai.

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Rumania: Ploesti oilfields hit with 809 tons of bombs by 53 B-17s and 241 B-24s escorted by 135 fighters; observation of results hampered by smoke; 9 of 27 enemy planes encountered are destroyed; 9 heavy bombers and 1 fighter fail to return to bases.

19 Russia: Soviet troops in Estonia make gains toward Tartu. Gains are also made by Russians in Latvia; Berzaune, 22 mi. N of Krustpils, and Aluskne RR station within 7 mi. of Latvian-Estonian border captured. Soviets repel heavy enemy counterattacks which continue throughout day and morning in Siauliai area. Hand-to-hand fighting is reported in some areas E of Praga, where Soviets are on the offensive. Concentrated attack on Stare Miasto (Old City of Warsaw) by strong German forces commences; Berlin reports indicate that the battle for Warsaw is beginning. W of Bialystok, Russians gain ground in direction of Lomza. First Ukrainian Army tightens ring of encirclement around 3 German Divs in Sandomierz area, cutting off troops and supplies from N. Soviet ground forces supported by aircraft. Hundreds of Soviet and German aircraft operate over E Prussia in one of largest air battles of the Eastern Front; 88 German planes destroyed.

20 Russia: Third Baltic troops capture Vonnu, 10 mi. SE of Tartu. In 16 mi. breakthrough in Latvia, troops of 2d Baltic Army seize Ergli station about 50 mi. E of Riga. Fierce fighting continues in area W and NW of Jelgava where Germans are attempting to reopen communications with Baltic forces; Moscow reports abandonment of several positions in this area. Soviets repel numerous counterattacks NE of Praga in Warsaw area. Major portion of 3 German Divs in Sandomierz pocket is liquidated by Marshal Konev's 1st Ukrainian troops, now in position for an outflanking drive to S of Warsaw. Germany and Rumania report opening of Soviet offensive N and S of Jassy (Iasi) in Rumania, striking toward Kishinev in Bessarabia and out from Tiraspol and Tighina areas on the lower Dneestr.

Port installations at Kirkenes in N Norway and enemy convoy in Varanger Fjord attacked during night by Soviet planes which sink 2 transport vessels of 5,000-tons each, 2 DDs, 6 patrol vessels, 1 AM, and 3 trawlers; large explosions and fires caused in port area; 9 German planes destroyed; Germans claim 40 Soviet planes destroyed.

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Hungary: Marshalling yards at Szolnok on Budapest-Ploesti line bombed with very good results by 94 B-24s; Rakoczicalva airfield cratered by 88 B-24s; 6 B-24s drop 14 tons of bombs on RR yards at Szeged; 15-20 enemy planes encountered; 3 bombers and 1 fighter lost.

Poland: Twenty-four P-38s and 184 P-51s provide escort for 128 B-17s and 161 B-24s which drop 723 tons of bombs on oil refineries at Oswiecim, Czechowice, and Dubova with good results.

21 Russia: Fighting continues S and E of Tartu where 3d Baltic troops capture Kambja, Lutika, and Ennu, the latter within 3 mi. of Tallinn-Riga RR. Second Baltic forces in Latvia reach Gostina on Krustpils-Riga RR line. Red Army suffers first major reverse of summer; Germans recapture Tukums, 35 mi. E of Riga. Units of 1st White Russian Army sweep across Bialystok-Warsaw RR on a 21 mi. front toward the Bug R., capturing Jadow, Pluszcz, and Lochow. SAF supports ground troops; 64 enemy planes destroyed. Forces of Russian Baltic Fleet sink 4 enemy DDs, totalling 4,800-tons in Bay of Narva. Planes of Black Sea Fleet attack enemy shipping in ports of Constanta and Sulina, Rumania; 1 DD, 2 barges and 1 PT sunk; 2 large transport vessels heavily damaged.

Hungary: Hajdu Boszormeny airfield near Budapest attacked by 102 heavy bombers escorted by 88 fighters, 39 enemy planes claimed destroyed. Fifty Wellingtons, 14 Liberators, and 16 Halifaxes drop 171 tons of bombs on Komoronszony oil refinery near Gyor during night; good results obtained.

22 Russia: Troops of 3d Baltic Army capture Peedu, severing RR and highway from Tartu to Valka. Severe fighting continues NW of Jelgava and W of Siauliai. First White Russian troops, NE of Warsaw, clear a 41 mi. stretch on S bank of the Bug R. and gain positions to outflank Warsaw from N. Moscow announces opening of new offensive N and NE of Galatz in Rumania: Troops of 2d Ukrainian Army in 3 days of fighting (20-22 Aug) advance up to 38 mi. on a 75 mi. wide front, capturing strongholds of Jassy, Targu Frumos, and Unghen Targ and driving a spearhead 45 mi. S of Jassy. In coordinated drive with 2d Ukrainian Army, troops of 3d Ukrainian Army break through enemy defenses S of Tighina and advance up to 45 mi.

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on an 81 mi. front; Causani, Zalm, Cimislia, Berezina, Crasna, and Tarutin captured; Akkerman-Bessarabskaya RR cut. Tighina, enemy stronghold on the lower Dneestr, falls to 3d Ukrainian forces during night attack.

SAF gives strong support to Soviet troops on Rumanian front; during night Soviet bombers concentrate on enemy fortifications at Tighina and Akkerman.

Germany: Oil refineries at Kornueberg, Odertal, Lobau, and Blechhammer are targets for 161 B-17s and 367 B-24s with escort of 72 P-38s and 185 P-51s; 1,197 tons of bombs dropped with good effect; 57 of 150 enemy planes destroyed; 39 bombers and 6 fighters fail to return to bases.

Hungary: During night 52 heavy bombers attack Mikolc airdrome with unobserved results.

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Russia: Soviet troops in Latvia take 25 localities, including road junction of Otepaa. Makinia-Gorna junction on Bialystok-Warsaw line is captured by 1st White Russian troops; Chervony Bor RR station, 8 mi. SE of Lomza, reached. First Ukrainian Army resumes offensive toward Krakow, capturing Radomysl Wlk. and Debica, 18 mi. NE and E of Tarnov, respectively. Second Ukrainian troops striking S of Jassy win Vaslui on RR to Galatz. In close coordination with Soviet Marines, which crossed the Dneestr estuary during night, 3d Ukrainian troops enter Black Sea port of Akkerman from SE; Akkerman falls to Soviets after fierce battle; Serata, Arciz, Bessarabskaya junction on Akkerman-Barlad RR line captured.

Soviet planes continue to give strong support to ground troops, bombing enemy communications and transport in Lomza sector in Poland, and heavily attacking enemy troops and supplies in Rumanian battlegrounds; 82 enemy planes claimed destroyed during day. Tilsit in E Prussia is target for night attack by Russian bombers; many large fires started among trains, RR installations, and fuel reservoirs.

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Russia: Third Baltic forces in Estonia reach S outskirts of Tartu; Noo captured. Troops of 1st Baltic Army repel enemy attacks SW of Jelgava in central Lithuania. Further gains registered toward Lomza by elements of 1st White Russian Army which capture Sniadow to S. German counterattacks NE of Warsaw blunted. Troops of 3d Ukrainian Army operating with L wing of 2d Ukrainian Army and utilizing a combination

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of frontal assault and outflanking maneuvers takes Kishinev, (Chisinau), Moldavian center. Second Ukrainian forces rout Germans from key defense positions S of Jassy; R wing crosses the Siretul R., captures Roman, then sweeps 25 mi. S and wins Bacau; other units cut major escape route for Germans in Kishinev area with capture of Barlad, 63 mi. S of Jassy; Husi, 42 mi. SW of Kishinev, also falls after fierce street battle. Meanwhile, 3d Ukrainian troops passing S of Kishinev are nearing E bank of Prut R. on a 10 mi. front. Prisoners taken during day reported at 25,000; in 5 day offensive, 47,000 prisoners reported captured.

SAF supports ground operations, concentrating heaviest attacks on communications in Estonian and Rumanian sectors; 74 planes claimed destroyed. Russian naval planes torpedo and sink an enemy transport and 1 SS near Memel.

Czechoslovakia: Oil refinery at Kolin hit with 233 tons of bombs by 100 heavy bombers; 110 heavy bombers and 76 fighter bombers strike at Pardubice oil refinery with 274 tons; 161 heavy bombers and 100 fighter bombers destroy 1 large hangar and crater airfield at Pardubice, E of Prague; good results achieved at oil targets. Installations at synthetic-oil plant at Brux damaged by 8th AF bombers.

Hungary: Forty-nine heavy bombers score direct hits on RR bridge across Tisza R. at Szeged with 135 tons of bombs.

25 Russia: Tartu, junction of Riga-Tallinn line, falls to forces of 3d Baltic Army; Elva and Puhja occupied. S of Lomza, Soviets take 40 localities, including Radbory. Minor gains scored by Russians NE of Warsaw. Second Ukrainian troops drive S of Barlad and overrun Tecuci within 40 mi. of Galatz. Troops of 3d Ukrainian Front reach E bank of the Prut R. along a 70 mi. front, capturing Hancesti, Lapusna, Leova, and Cahul, and joining with L wing of Marshal Malinowsky's 2d Ukrainian troops, in Lapusna area, E of Husi. German forces estimated by Russians at 12 divs encircled SW of Kishinev.

Czechoslovakia: Brno aero-engine factories and Prostejov airfield hit with 657 tons of bombs by 313 heavy bombers escorted by 277 fighters; installations heavily damaged; runway cratered, 2 large hangars destroyed, and 16 grounded planes destroyed; 40-50 enemy planes encountered of which 12 are shot down.

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Russia: Soviet troops in Estonia capture Puka road junction, 20 mi. N of Valka. German counterattacks in Jelgava and Praga sectors repelled. Troops of 2d Ukrainian Army drive W and SW of Roman, capturing Buhusi and Onesti and establishing a broad front along the Bistrita R.; other elements cross Siretul R. about 20 mi. W of Tecuci and take Adjud RR junction on Roman-Ploesti line; Rumanian troops of 1st Guards, the 8th and 13th Inf Divs, and 1st Tank Div surrender "en bloc." Third Baltic forces advancing S and SE of Kishinev along the Prut R. toward Galatz capture Danube port of Ismail and clear Germans from L bank of the Danube from its confluence with the Prut R. to the Black Sea; Valcov at mouth of the Danube is occupied by L flank with naval assistance units; 21,000 prisoners taken. Attempts of encircled enemy divs SW of Kishinev to break through to the Prut R. are frustrated by Soviets which split German force into smaller units; bitter fighting is in progress.

Allied aircraft attack enemy targets in Rumania in support of Russian advance: 46 fighters sweep Ploesti-Bucharest area without incident; Bucharest/Otopeni airfield cratered by 115 heavy bombers escorted by 95 fighters, dropping 257 tons of bombs and destroying 7 enemy planes; 33 heavy bombers escorted by 25 fighters drop 79 tons on train ferry at Giurgiu with poor coverage; troop concentrations at Banasea attacked by 114 heavy bombers with escort of 56 fighters.

Soviet planes supporting ground forces in area SW of Kishinev inflict heavy losses on enemy troops and equipment. Russian bombers of Northern Fleet attack installations and shipping at ports of Vardo and Vadso in N Norway, sinking 12 PT and a tug, and causing huge fires and explosions; 11 German planes shot down. During night Soviet bombers concentrate on RR junction of Tilsit, causing fires and explosions in target area.

E. Prussia: Konigsberg is target for 167 Lancasters, dropping 406 tons of bombs in night attack; good results obtained.

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Russia: Third Baltic forces threatening Valka pin down Germans against S shore of Lake Varts-Jaru; Tsigurlina, Karula, Hargla, and Ape captured. Second Ukrainian troops surging toward Ploesti oil fields sweep up Focsani and Ramnicul-Sarat; elements driving SW of Bacau take Targu Ocna and Darmanesti. Mass surrender of the 7th Alpine Cycle Div, 7th Heavy Arty Regt, and remnants of 4th and 6th Inf Divs.

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reported. Galatz, 3d largest city in Rumania and chief port on the Danube, falls to 3d Ukrainian Army; E bank of the Prut R. from Reni to Cahul now clear of enemy troops. Successful engagements fought for liquidation of German Divs SW of Kishinev. Rumania reports capture of Otopeni town and airfield in Bucharest area by Rumanian troops. German High Command proclaims chaotic condition in Rumania and admits that German forces on both sides of the Prut R. are in grave danger.

Russian planes support drive on Valka, attacking troop formations and communications with good results.

Germany: Synthetic oil plants at Blechhammer, Silesia, attacked by 351 heavy bombers escorted by 242 fighters.

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Russia: Russians SE of Valka seize Gulbene junction of Riga-Ostrov and Tartu-Dvinsk RRs; Zelteni, Malupe, and Stameriepa occupied. Units of 1st White Russian Army resuming offensive NE of Warsaw push along N bank of the Bug R., capturing Brok and highway junction of Ostrow Mazowiecke, 27 mi. S of Lomza; Ostroleka at N end of gap between the Narew and Bug rivers threatened. Elements of Gen. Malinowsky's Army advancing SW of Onesti force the Oituz Pass (highest in the Carpathian Mts.) and capture Bretcu (10 mi. beyond border established by Germany in 1940 when part of Transylvania was transferred to Hungary). Troops of 3d Ukrainian Army seize Braila, large port on the Danube about 10 mi. S of Galatz; units push W along Buzau R. to join 2d Ukrainian troops, Sulina naval base falls to units of Soviet Black Sea Fleet and Marines; Danube port of Tulcea also captured. Moscow announces liquidation of German Divs trapped SW of Kishinev.

SAF, cooperating with land troops, effectively attacks rolling stock, fuel dumps, gun positions, and troop concentrations in Lomza and Warsaw areas.

Hungary: Planes from a mission of 563 heavy bombers escorted by 168 fighters attack oil refineries at Szony, NW of Budapest, RR yards at Mikolc, and Szolnok/Tisza RR bridge.

Rumania: Targets in Bucharest area attacked by 115 heavy bombers with fighter escort; results not reported.

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Russia: Soviet troops SE of Valka reach the Ganja R. Fierce fighting continues NE of Praga; Russian positions improved. Buzau, junction of RRs and highways leading to

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Ploesti and to Bucharest, falls to troops of 2d and 3d Ukrainian Armies; stubborn opposition encountered on S bank of Buzau R. Third Ukrainian troops race 67 mi. S of Tulcea along coastal highway and capture major naval base of Constanta, sealing fate of enemy ships in the Black Sea; prior to capture, naval units of Soviet Black Sea Fleet subject port of Constanta to terrific bombardment and land Marines.

In support of landing troops, Soviet aircraft heavily bomb port of Constanta. Russian naval planes attack an enemy convoy near Liepaja in Latvia; 1 supply ship of 12,000-tons and 2 U-boats sunk.

Czechoslovakia: Fifteenth AF bombers attack RR and industrial center of Moravska-Ostrava and oil refinery at Novy Bohumin.

Hungary-Germany: Szesged and Szolnok marshalling yards attacked by 523 heavy bombers with escort of 245 fighters; same planes also bomb RR yards at Moravska-Ostrava in Silesia.

E. Prussia: Konigsberg is target for night attack by 189 Lancasters, dropping 480 tons of bombs and causing considerable damage to RR facilities and warehouses; 15 bombers fail to return to bases.

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Russia: Russians in Estonia repel enemy counterattacks N of Tartu. Enemy attacks S of Lomza are repulsed by Soviets which reach points within 8 mi. of Ostreleka. German inf and tank forces, reported by Moscow to be superior to Russians in some sectors, break into some Soviet positions NE of Praga. Polish underground troops escape from Stare Miasto (Warsaw) during night. Ploesti, center of Rumanian oil industry, falls to Marshal Malinowsky's 2d Ukrainian Army, units of which capture Urziceni, 31 mi. NE of Bucharest; other units driving along N shore of Jalomita R. prevent enemy attempt to establish an intermediary defense line with capture of Tanderei and Slobozia; 15,000 prisoners taken. Troops of 3d Ukrainian Army clear out enemy troops in area E of the Danube and N of Constanta; Harsova on Ploesti-Constanta RR and Cernavoda on Bucharest-Constanta line occupied.

Enemy military stores SE of Ostreleka in Poland bombed by Soviet aircraft. German 3,000-ton AO sunk by ships of Soviet Northern Fleet in Barents Sea.

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Hungary: Kecskemet airfield strafed by 40 fighter bombers which destroy 12 enemy planes.

Rumania: Fifty-six fighter bombers bomb Grosswardein airfield, destroying 83 enemy grounded planes.

31 Russia: Red Army troops repel heavy enemy attacks NE of Praga and break into Radzymin where street fighting rages. Bucharest, capital of Rumania, is won by 2d Ukrainian forces; heavy casualties inflicted on German forces besieging Rumanians in the capital. W and SW of Constanta; 3d Ukrainian troops advance up to 25 mi., capturing Medgidia, Carmen Sylva, and Mangalia. Moscow reports that between 20-31 Aug, troops of 2d and 3d Ukrainian Armies killed 210,000 enemy troops and captured 208,000.

Russian naval aircraft bomb German shipping on Lake Peipus; 5 landing barges and a PT sunk; 6 enemy planes shot down.

Rumania: Thirty-eight B-17s with escort of 252 fighters successfully complete a mission to Bucharest to pick up 1,061 liberated American aviators; 4 enemy planes encountered and 2 destroyed for loss of 1 fighter. Reghin airfield attacked by 48 P-51s which destroy 5 planes on ground; 9 of 20 enemy aggressors shot down; 4 P-51s lost.

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1 Italy:

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II Polish Corps. Troops of 3d Carpathian, 5th Kresowa, and Utili (Italian Corps of Liberation) Divs make no gains in Adriatic sector because of stiff enemy resistance all along Misa R.

X Corps. Between Tiber R. and upper Arno R. valley, British and Indian troops advance over difficult ground with 9th Armd Brig on R, 10th Ind Div in center, and 4th Ind Div on L: elements of 10th Ind Div capture Sansepolcro, 16 mi. NE of Arezzo on Route 73, while 5 mi. W in mountains N of Anghiari, other units of Div secure Pts. 764 and 689 against slight opposition; in sector N of Arezzo, 4th Ind Div troops thrust slowly forward in direction of Bibbiena and take Castelaccio, 3 mi. SE of Subbiano.

XIII Corps. Troops strengthen line in semicircle around Florence: positions $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. N and 5 mi. NW of Figline, S of Arno bend, are gained by advance elements of British 6th Armd and 4th Divs, respectively; to W, troops of 6th South African Armd Div launch heavy attack through center of high ground directly S of Florence in effort to take city; elements of 2d New Zealand Div capture road junction on Route 2 about 1 mi. N of S. Andrea in Pesa; on L flank, Castiglioni, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi. SE of Montelupo, W of Pesa R., is occupied by troops of 8th Ind Div.

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II Corps. Ninety-first Div assumes responsibility for R flank of 5th Army, contacting British 8th Ind Div on R in area along Elsa R. and TF Ramey on L of Div at Capanne (5 mi. E of Pontedera) on Route 67. Sector remains quiet except for light enemy arty in afternoon.

IV Corps. Corps front extends westward about 30 mi. along Arno R. from point Capanne to mouth of river; opposing in this sector are German 16th SS Panzer

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and 65th Divs. On R flank, elements of TF Ramey complete relief of 361st Regt of 91st Div at 0300. Task Force 45, on L flank, repulses 2 enemy patrols attempting to cross Arno R. SE of Pisa and later in afternoon disperses 200 enemy near Pontedera.

In support of ground troops, total of 449 Spitbombers, P-40s, and P-51s effectively attacks enemy concentrations, MT, roads, bridges, RRs, and gun positions in battle area. During night of 1/2, 18 A-20s, 18 A-30s, and 9 Beaufighters attack transportation in battle area, hit shipping in Po estuary, and destroy enemy plane and damage another 20 mi. N of Arezzo.

Fifty-eight B-25s and 64 B-26s successfully bomb RR bridges in Genoa-Turin-Mantova area and drop 24 tons of bombs on targets in Imperia harbor, hitting mole and MV. Four Wellingtons also strike Imperia harbor, causing large explosion, while an additional Wellington scores hits on enemy convoy S of Chiavari. Roads and RR communications in N central Italy are targets for 224 P-47s, which also strafe airfields, bridges, roads, and RRs; 11 enemy planes, 9 MT, 33 RR cars destroyed, 9 enemy planes, 5 MT, and 13 RR cars damaged.

Yugoslavia:

German troops land on islands of Zirje, Kahan, and Kaprije off Dalmatian coast W of Sibenik. Farther S along coast, btry of 11th British Field Regt and Partisan force invades Korcula I. during night of 1/2 with object of shelling enemy installations on island and Orebic on Peljesac peninsula; force withdraws without loss after successfully accomplishing mission. In S Yugoslavia near Albanian border, Partisans launch attack on Debar at 0400 and enter town later in day.

Fourteen P-51s and Spitfires, operating over Yugoslavia, damage 8 locomotives, strafe transportation, and hit town of Trebinje and nearby bridge in Hercegovina.

Albania:

Partisans continue to hold German garrison at Himare near coast in S Albania, which was captured 29 July by British troops after unopposed landing; 40 enemy reported killed, 30 wounded, 30 prisoners taken; British losses estimated at 7 killed, 47 wounded.

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Greece:

Off W shore of Greece, 4 Beaufighters attack 26 small vessels S of Oxia I. with cannon and RPs; results unobserved.

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II Polish Corps. Patrolling continues along entire front. Utili troops report heavy shelling at Vaccarile, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi. SW of Ostra.

X Corps. Along Tiber valley, tanks of 10th Ind Div advance to area $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. SW of Sansepolcro; 16 mi. farther W, units of 4th Ind Div reach positions 4 mi. W and 2 mi. SW of Subbiano.

XIII Corps. British troops meet fierce resistance as they approach Florence: on R flank, patrols of 6th Armd Div push along E bank of Arno R. to area $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. S of Incisa; to L and contacting 6th Armd Div, 4th Div troops are slowed up in effort to strengthen line; attacking N beyond Greve R., elements of 6th SA Armd Div secure Poneta and Strada despite heavy shelling, while 11th Armd Brig brings up L flank of Div to position $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. SW of Impruneta, $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi. NE of S. Casciano; 2d NZ Div, attacking at midnight with 5th, 4th, and 6th Brigs abreast, is stopped by severe opposition in area N of S. Andrea in Pesa; Corps' L flank advances as 21st Brig of 8th Ind Div establishes bridgehead over Pesa R. in area SE of Montelupo, E of Empoli on Route 67.

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Agressive patrolling continues on whole Fifth Army front.

Allied planes operate in battle area in support of ground troops: roads, bridges, RRs, gun positions, and strong points in and N of battle zone attacked by total of 289 A-30s, B-26s, P-40s, P-51s, and Spitfires with generally good results.

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At noon time harbor installations at Genoa are pounded by 129 B-24s escorted by 39 P-38s which drop 312 tons of bombs; severe damage inflicted on quayside installations and RR facilities. Also in NW Italy, 41 B-26s successfully attack RR bridges at Taggia and Alessandria with 83 tons of bombs, while 4 Wellingtons and 5 Venturas bomb several barges off Albenga and hit town of Vado Ligure. Force of 145 P-47s cuts RR lines and hits bridges along W coast and in N central Italy and strafes Bergamo airfield, destroying 2 enemy planes, probably another, and damaging 3. One schooner sunk and 3 damaged in N Adriatic by Hurricanes and Spitfires. In night attack, 48 A-20s, A-30s, and Beaufighter effectively strike bridge W of Florence and bomb towns of Parma, Reggio, Porto Renatico, Imola, and Forli, as well as jetties at Rimini, airfield at Ravenna, and RRs NE of Bologna; 2 enemy planes destroyed W of Arezzo.

Gulf of Genoa:

SS Calvados (French cargo ship, 2,993 tons) sunk at 44-24 N, 08-55 E.

Yugoslavia:

In Slovenia, Partisans claim to have captured Ljubno, Gornji Grad, and Smartno (all towns NE of Ljubljana) and to have destroyed 2 bridges and killed 500 Germans during these operations. Enemy force driven back near Kriz, Slavonia.

Sixty-five P-51s, Spitfires, and Macchis report 4 locomotives, many RR cars, and several MT damaged in sweep over Yugoslavia.

3 Italy:

BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY

II Polish Corps. Patrols of 3d Corp and 5th Kres Divs remain active in Adriatic sector. In vicinity of Montecarotto, troops of Utili Div repulse enemy attack believed to be from units of 71st Div.

XI Corps. 9th and 4th Ind Divs make some gains in Corps area: 10 mi. E of Citta di Castello, 9th Armd Brig patrols find Castello, 1 mi. S of Pietralunga, and area just W of M. Cerbaiolo clear;

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in mountain area 4 mi. NW of Anghiari, enemy troops (probably units of German 44th Div) heavily shell patrols of 25th Brig of 10th Ind Div as they enter Ponte alla Piera; forward elements of 4th Ind Div start advance, reaching outskirts of Subbiano on Route 71 from W; a few mi. to SW, 2d Camerons of 11th Brig withdraw from S. Martino after engaging enemy.

XIII Corps. British troops make substantial progress as Germans evacuate area S of Florence. Sixth Armd Div pushes rapidly N along R bank of Arno R. to within 3 mi. of Rignano. Farther W, advance of 2 to 3 mi. is realized along whole 4th Div front with R flank troops seizing Incisa on Route 69 and moving N and units on L flank advancing to area 1 mi. N of Impruneta, which as well as Montebuoni, 2½ mi. NW, fall to 24th Guards Brig of 6th SA Armd Div; later in day, South African troops force crossing of Ema R. and are able to capture Galuzzo, N of Montebuoni on Route 2. Second NZ Div elements encounter stiff opposition from Germans in high ground area SW of Florence; leading troops of Div are within 4 mi. of outskirts of city. Throughout day units of 8th Ind Div including 21st Brig increase bridgehead over Pesa R. and push to high ground just N of Inno, E of Montelupo.

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II Corps. Heavy enemy arty fire falls in rear areas of 362d Regt of 91st Div just SW of S. Miniato.

IV Corps. Increased enemy patrol activity reported in Corps sector: 1 mi. E of Pontedera, enemy concentration dispersed by armed patrols of 14th Armd Bn (TF Ramey) which also fires on enemy tanks in vicinity of Cascina; in coastal sector 1½ mi. E of Marina di Pisa, 439th Bn of TF 45 breaks up small enemy group attempting to cross river.

In support of ground troops, total of 173 Spitbombers, P-51s, and P-40s attacks RR and road bridges, gun positions, dumps, and MT in Florence-Pistoia-Lucca-Cesena areas; all targets effectively hit.

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Heavy bombers attack bridges and RRs in N Italy: 51 B-24s escorted by 36 P-38s drop 137 tons of bombs on Avisio RR bridges, scoring direct hits; 18 B-24s hit approaches to San Michele bridge with 45 tons, while Ora bridge is target for 26 B-24s which drop 66 tons of bombs with 4 direct hits; other bombers drop total of 65.2 tons of bombs on Udine airfield, bridge near Montfalcone, (NW of Trieste), and RR line between Verona and Innsbruck at Vipiteno; RR junction at Massa Lombardo (W of Ravenna) and Budrio marshalling yards in same general area are objectives for 23 B-26s. Eighty-two P-47s attack RR and road bridges in Mantova-Cremona-Milan areas, damaging 2 bridges, approaches to another, flak guns, causeway at Mantova, 11 enemy planes and 5 MT and destroying 10 enemy planes and 2 MT. Throughout night of 3/4 in Po valley area, total of 40 A-30s, A-20s, and Beaufighters bombs landing strip, bridges, and barges and destroys one enemy plane NE of Arezzo.

Yugoslavia:

Heavy fighting continues in Serbia: enemy troops operating from Vranje and Vladicin Han exert severe pressure on Partisans; main Belgrade-Salonika RR between Vranje and Bujanovce attacked at night by Partisan troops, which also destroy stations at Bujanovce and Ristovac to E and 4 small bridges in this area.

Seven P-38s strafe Belgrade area, destroying transportation, 2 radio towers, and numerous barges and tugs. Bihac is successfully bombed by 6 A-30s. Total of 36 Spitfires, P-51s, and Macchis, operating over Yugoslavia and Albania, destroys staff car, severely damages another, and attacks MT and shipping; 1 Macchi lost.

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II Polish Corps. On R flank of 8th Army, Polish and Italian elements resume advance, moving patrol line across Misa R. in many places; to SW about 3 mi. N. of Gubbio, enemy attack is repulsed, causing many casualties.

X Corps. Troops in Corps area progress E and W of

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Subbiano: units of 20th Ind Brig of 10th Ind Div secure M. Filetto and reach M. Altucci in high ground to NE against slight opposition, while 5th Brig of 4th Ind Div advances 1 mi. to reach Arno R. N of Subbiano and 11th Brig takes Bibbiano to W. At 0200, Br 6th Armd Div comes under command of 10th Corps with 61st Brig reaching Rignano on Arno R.

XIII Corps. Enemy resistance light as British troops continue to close in on Florence: 4th Div takes Vicchio and Bagno a Ripoli and is within 1,500 yds. of Arno R. a few mi. E of Florence; tanks of 6th SA Armd Div are held up by demolitions but patrols of Div reach Ponte Vecchio on southern outskirts of city, where enemy has blown 5 out of 6 bridges across river and is using N bank as stronghold; 2d NZ Div crosses Greve R. in effort to approach Florence from SW contacting South African troops; 8th Ind Div moves 2 to 4 mi. to reach Arno R. 10 mi. W of Florence.

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II Corps. In Corps sector there is sporadic enemy arty fire with no change in front line positions. During early morning patrols engage enemy in area about 1 mi. N of S. Miniato; troops of 362d Regt (91st Div) make contact with patrols of TF Ramey on S bank of Arno R. 1 mi. E of Pontedera.

IV Corps. Patrols of TF Ramey encounter enemy patrols in vicinity of Cascina.

Air operations hampered by adverse weather. Total of 135 Spitfires, Spitbombers, P-47s, and P-51s attacks MT, gun positions, and roads in battle area and cuts RR line S of Argenta (NW of Ravenna) and road bridge in Cremona area. East and W RR bridges at Ventimiglia and 2 road bridges in Po valley are targets for 58 B-26s. In N Italy, Beaufighters, Wellingtons, and Venturas damage 2 MVs W of Spezia, hit ammunition dump at Portofino, causing large fires and explosions, and bomb Imperia harbor. On night of 4/5, 10 A-20s attack MT in western Po valley, and Asti (W of Alessandria), and score misses on MV off Albenga.

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XIII Corps. In Florence sector, troops continue to clear S side of Arno R.: 28th Brig of 4th Div takes M. Pilli, 4 mi. SE of Florence, while patrols of 10th Brig cross Arno R. in area 1 mi. E of city; forward units of 6th SA Armd Div maintain contact with enemy forces holding Ponte Vecchio; meanwhile 2d NZ Div, in area S of city, encounters some MG fire and enemy shelling from N bank of R; farther W, 17th Brig of 8th Ind Div moves 1 mi. nearer Florence in area 9 mi. W of city.

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II Corps. During night enemy arty fire causes casualties to troops of 362d Regt of 91st Div; some Div troops believed captured.

IV Corps. In TF Ramey sector tanks of 14th Armd Inf Bn are fired on by enemy; to W, 435th Bn of TF 45 is under enemy fire.

Strategic operations cancelled; medium operations restricted by adverse weather. Total of 121 P-47s, P-40s, P-51s, and Spitbombers effectively cuts roads and RR lines in and N of battle line and attacks barges on Po R.

Targets in N Italy are objectives of unstated number of Beaufighters, Hurricanes, and Wellingtons: Hurricanes sink 2 vessels, and damage another in Adriatic; Beaufighters destroy enemy plane NE of Rimini, hit one MV and possibly another near Cape Mele, as well as MT in Bergamo area; in Gulf of Genoa Wellingtons attack towns of Savona, Pietra Ligure (N of Albenga), and Portofino and shipping off Genoa and Savona. In Viareggio area, 23 A-20s and A-30s make night attack on harbor, coast road, and 2 PGs offshore; same planes operating in Adriatic area also hit gun positions and 37 barges near Pesaro, bomb Cattolica quay, and strike 7 vessels near Rimini.

Yugoslavia:

In sweeps over Yugoslavia, 24 Spitfires and 8 Macchis bomb bridge, German Hq, and MT.

Aegean:

Three Wellingtons drop 75 tons of bombs on Smyrna harbor with good results to installations.

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6 Italy:

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II Polish Corps. Fighting continues on Adriatic front where Polish and Italian troops make small gains: 2d Brig of 3d Carp Div, supported by tanks, captures S. Lupia; elements of 5th Kres Div attack La Croce, N of Ripe, but are held up by heavy MG and mortar fire; farther S, Colle Aprico and Montale, NW and NE of Montecarotto, respectively, fall to Utili Div.

X Corps. In Alpe di Catenaia mountains, enemy counterattack between Sasso della Regina and M. il Castello is repulsed by 20th Brig of 10th Ind Div; units of 4th Ind Div drive enemy back from M. Grillo, W of Subbiano, and seize M. Maonnino still farther W; S. Agata, 3 mi. SE of Bignano, falls to forward troops of 6th Armd Div.

XIII Corps. Little progress is made on Corps front where enemy still holds some positions S of Arno R.: 28th Brig of 4th Div in a 2 co. attack on Pt. 558 (1½ mi. SW of Villamagna) is met by heavy MG fire; patrols of 6th SA Armd Div are unable to cross Arno R. directly S of Florence because of fierce MG fire from N bank. First Cdn Div relieves 2d NZ Div. On L flank, in area W of Florence, 21st Ind Brig of 8th Ind Div clears S. Lucia, just S of Lastra.

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II Corps. Elements of 362d Regt of 91st Div receive scattered arty fire all along front; later in day troops make contact with 8th Ind Div on L flank of 13th Corps.

IV Corps. Activity limited to arty duels and routine patrolling. In Pisa area patrols of TF Ramey receive small arms fire about 5 mi. E of city; to SW, enemy attacking mine-laying party repulsed by other patrols.

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Fighter bombers attack RRs in N and NW Italy and give close support to 8th Army: gun positions, suspected enemy Hq, and bridge hit; 4 bridge approaches, and RR lines between Prato and Bologna and Ferrara and Bologna cut; 5 MT destroyed, 3 damaged; 28 hits made on Savona marshalling yards, causing large explosion. Transportation in Turin-Spezia-Genoa-Parma areas is target for fighters, while total of 10 Wellingtons and Venturas bomb Vado Ligure and shipping in Gulf of Genoa. During night of 6/7, 32 A-20s and A-30s attack shipping in Po estuary, hit gun positions, MT, barges, jetty, and quays at Porto Corsini, Rimini, and Cattolica, and hit 6 MVs in Alassio harbor in Gulf of Genoa.

Yugoslavia:

Total of 24 Spitfires, P-51s, and A-30s hit warehouse at Ljubuski, Hercegovina, 2 barges at Podgorica, and factory, buildings, and transportation to S; 6 locomotives, 25 wagons damaged.

Aegean:

During night 9 Wellingtons and Beaufighters attack convoy of AK, DD, and escort vessels between Samos and Leros islands, obtaining near misses on escort vessel.

7 Italy:

Advance along whole front of Allied Armies is slowed down by increased enemy arty and mortar fire.

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II Polish Corps. In Adriatic sector, 6th Brig of 5th Kres Div occupies Castel Colonna just N of Ripe; to SW, an Italian bn attacking toward Corinaldo encounters such fierce resistance it is forced to withdraw to previous position.

X Corps. Advance in mountains N of Arezzo meets increased enemy activity and heavy shelling as Germans regain M. Grillo overlooking upper Arno valley from W. Patrols of 4th Ind Div make some progress in Bibbiano area W of Arno R., while

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forward elements of 7th Brig advance to Pontenano and take La Cesta, 9 mi. NE of Montevarchi, against light opposition. Sixth Armd Div is unable to progress because of heavy shelling and anti-tank guns.

XIII Corps. Little progress made in Florence area: bitter fighting continues for Pt. 558; enemy heavily shells forward positions of 1st Cdn Div. Second NZ Div takes command of 8th Ind Div sector with 4th NZ Brig on R, 6th NZ Brig in center, and 19th Ind Brig on L.

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II Corps. After heavy enemy arty barrage, 362d Regt of 91st Div repulses 40-man German patrol in vicinity of S. Miniato; other enemy infiltrations to E are driven back.

IV Corps. Routine patrolling continues on Corps front except in 435th Bn sector N of Arno R. in vicinity of Pisa, where troops disperse enemy patrol attempting to infiltrate area.

Thirty-five B-26s attack Ventimiglia E RR bridge with 64 tons of bombs; farther E, fighters strike pontoons and MVs in Imperia harbor. Also in NE Italy, gun positions, lock gates, Argenta (SE of Ferrara) bridge, and fuel dumps at Porto Corsini are targets for fighter bombers, which cause 4 explosions, destroy 5 MT, and damage 1. In NW Italy, 23 A-20s bomb ammunition dump SW of Tortona (E of Alessandria); 5 A-20s hit Genoa harbor with 3 tons of bombs; Imperia harbor, Alassio, buildings at Trigosa and ships entering Imperia harbor are targets for 4 Beaufighters, 2 Wellingtons, and unstated number of Venturas; during night of 7/8, MT W of Imperia are bombed by 6 A-20s.

Yugoslavia:

Heavy bombers attack targets in Vojvodina: 25 B-24s unload 58 tons of bombs on oil installations at Novi Sad with excellent coverage; Alibunar airfield, about 40 mi. NW of Belgrade, is bombed by 51 B-24s which effectively drop 116 tons. Shipping and transportation targets along

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Dalmatian coast hit by unstated number of P-51s, Beaufighters, Spitfires, and 2 Hurricanes and single B-26; 3 schooners sunk off Rab I., 1 damaged, as well as 8 locomotives, 1 MT, RR tracks, and buildings. MTBs sink 2 F-lighters off Vir I., NW of Zara, taking 14 German prisoners; casualties include 1 killed, 9 wounded.

Aegean:

Eight Wellingtons make night attack on shipping at Portolago Bay, Leros I; smoke and flashes observed.

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II Polish Corps. Little advance made along Corps front; patrols of Utili Div reach Piticchio and Montefortino, both W of Montecarotto; enemy remains strong at Castelleone, Loretello, San Pietro, and Castagna (hill positions W of Fenella R.), as well as at Corinaldo to N.

X Corps. Some progress occurs despite stubborn enemy resistance. In 4th Ind Div area, a bn of 5th Ind Brig attacking Pianale, NW of Subbiano, is held up by enemy fire at Pt. 415; 11th Brig retakes M. Grillo after fierce encounter; later in day enemy launches several unsuccessful counterattacks in effort to regain mountain feature. Forward troops of 6th Armd Div advance to line parallel to Arno R. at Loro, Pulicciano, and high ground $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. W of Castra; tank troops of 1st Guards Brig of Div gain position approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. NE of Rignano, where they are heavily shelled later in day; patrols of 61st Brig approach area E of Regello (6 mi. NE of Figline), while other armd elements following Route 69 reach position 2 mi. SE of Pontassieve.

XIII Corps. In Arno loop, elements of 4th Div secure Pt. 558 after fierce battle and drive enemy from monastery there; later 2 enemy counterattacks are repulsed; 70 prisoners captured. Patrolling continues on remainder of Corps sector.

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II Corps. Increased mortar and small arms fire occurs along entire front. Troops of 755th Tk Bn fires 450 rounds on enemy convoy near S. Croce, 1½ mi. SW of Fucecchio; 4 mi. to S there is heavy concentration of enemy arty.

IV Corps. Patrolling continues in TF Ramey sector; contact is maintained with adjacent units. During night TF Ramey sends rcn force to Arno R. bend 1 mi. N and NE of Pontedera which causes substantial increase in enemy arty fire. Troops of TF 45 increase mortar and arty fire, driving back several patrols.

In close support of ground troops, total of 312 Spitbombers, P-40s, and P-51s attacks various targets in battle area, including gun positions, RRs, shipping, and damages Cavanella Adige lock gates in N Italy; 16 MT, 3 RR trucks, 2 barges destroyed, 6 MT damaged.

Medium, light, and fighter bombers hit targets in N Italy: 24 B-26s bomb RR bridge W of Rovigo with 38 tons, while Ravenna marshalling yard is target for 12 A-30s which unload 10 tons; in NW area, 24 A-20s attack storage dump S of Fossano; 119 fighter bombers strike bridges and RRs in N central Italy, causeway and MT at Mantova, and barges and docks at San Stefano; 18 MT destroyed. Throughout day force of 198 Spitfires and P-47s flies patrols, destroying 2 enemy planes. Off Portofino, Venturas, Wellingtons, and Beaufighters attack convoy of 1,500-ton MV and 4 EV, damaging MV and straddling others; same planes also bomb Vacc Ligure, Sestri Levante, and 9 barges in Sestri Levante harbor. In NE Italy, 8 Beaufighters, 38 A-30s and 5 A-20s make night attack on Chioggia, Ravenna, and Ferrara, causing fires and explosions, hit targets on Forli and Pontravenna airfields and bomb MT, 2 bridges, and camp in same general area.

Yugoslavia:

Allied planes concentrate on targets along Dalmatian coast: 6 A-30s score hits on small vessels at Sibenik, while total of 22 Spitfires, P-51s, and Beaufighters attacks Rogoznica (S. of Sibenik) and oil storage tank farther S.

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II Polish Corps. During morning Polish and Italian troops, with 3d Carp Div on R and 5th Kres Div on L, launch attack on 6-mi. front from coastal position NW of Senigallia to Ripe; elements of 3d Carp Div make successful attack on Scapezzano, 2½ mi. W of Senigallia, killing 100 enemy and taking 180 prisoners; other units of Div capture several high points just E of Monterado between Misa and Cesano rivers; later, Polish troops repulse German counter-attack (probably units of 278th Grenadier Div) on these positions; by 0835, village of la Croce, 1½ mi. N of Ripe is captured; heavy rains delay enemy's withdrawal across river.

X Corps. On extreme R, enemy opposes 12th Lancers' attempted advance up Belvedere-Apecchio road. In mountains N of Arezzo, 4th Ind Div patrols are active as far as Bagnena, NW of Bibbiano; throughout day and night enemy shells and mortars M. Grillo; on L flank, patrols of 6th Armd Div approach hilly mass 2½ mi. NE of Puleciano, inflicting casualties on enemy.

XIII Corps. Clearing of high ground S of Arno R. continues: 4th Div reports enemy withdrawing; patrols secure Pt. 497, approximately 1 mi. E of Villamagna, as well as Pts. 444 and 437 to W. Eighth Ind Div relieves 1st Gen Div in area S of Florence. Second NZ Div sector remains unchanged.

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II Corps. Ninety-first Div contacts TF Ramey on L; enemy fire slight and harassing.

IV Corps. Activity confined to patrolling and arty duels.

Throughout day, force of 227 Spitbombers, P-40s, and P-51s, operating N of battle zone in NE Italy, attacks gun positions, roads, and RRs with particular concentration

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on Ravenna-Ferrara and Ferrara-Bologna lines, hits R-boat at Chioggia, and destroys 3 MT, 5 locomotives, and 15 munition wagons; 4 RR bridges damaged. Total of 165 Spitfires and 79 P-47s strafes Bergamo/Seriate airfield, silencing 40 guns and attacks another airfield in same general area, destroying 2 enemy planes on ground, 7 MT, and 6 RR cars; 1 P-47 missing. Later in day, 18 B-25s and 96 B-26s effectively drop 35 tons of bombs on western end of RR bridge at Ventimiglia and unload 119 tons on Bergamo-Seriate airfield, starting fires and destroying 2 planes; 2 B-26s missing. Various targets in NW Italy hit by fighter bombers: 79 P-47s damage RR bridge and cut approaches to another in Alessandria area, cut tracks in 2 places, hit station near Genoa, strike station at Albenga with 22 direct hits, and sink MV in Imperia harbor; 2 RR cars destroyed, 30 damaged. Enemy plane NE of Mantova is destroyed by 80 Spitfires, flying patrols; unstated number of Beaufighters destroy plane 40 mi. NW of Ancona and 4 MT in N Italy.

MTB boat lands party on Lussino I. in N Adriatic on night 9/10, destroying bridge between Lussino and Cherso islands and capturing 4 Germans.

Yugoslavia:

South marshalling yards at Brod in Slavonia are attacked with fair to good results by escorted B-17s which drop 75 tons of bombs. Total of 30 Spitfires, P-51s, A-30s, and Beaufighters attacks Pec yards in Montenegro and roads, RRs, and warehouse along coast; 1 enemy plane destroyed and probably another, 19 locomotives, 2 staff cars, 9 MT, and cable damaged.

Albania:

Germans make unsuccessful attack on Partisans in vicinity of Bilishte (S of Prespe Lake).

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II Polish Corps. Polish troops continue to advance NW driving German units (believed to be elements of 278th Div) across Cesano R. in general area between Monterado and seacoast; units of 3d Corp.

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Div secure Scapezzano and Pt. 162 to N; to SW Monterado falls to 5th Kres Div which attacks NW toward river. On R bank of Cesano R., Utili Div remains in contact with enemy all along Corinaldo-Castelleone line.

X Corps. Enemy reported moving forward towards Sansepolcro. In mountains N of Arezzo, positions remain same with heavy enemy shelling at Subbiano and Bibbiano. On L flank of Corps enemy repulses troops of 6th Armd Div from Pt. 225 in area SE of Pontassieve.

XIII Corps. Little progress made in Florence area: patrols of 18th Brig of 4th Div cross Arno R. near Rovezzano E of Florence but are forced to withdraw later because of grenade and MG fire; on L flank, forward units of 2d NZ Div advance to Fibbiana about 2 mi. NE of Empoli on Arno R., in bend between Empoli and Montelupo, but are later driven back 1,000-2,000 yds.

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Heavy night rains hamper 5th Army movements.

II Corps. Activity confined to patrolling along Arno R.

IV Corps. Moderate enemy arty fire is silenced by arty and mortar fire from elements of TF Ramey and TF 45.

Operations restricted because of adverse weather. In Ventimiglia-Genoa area, total of 162 P-47s bomb gun positions, block houses, roads, towns, RR junction S of Carisio, and 3 200-ft. barges near Savona, scoring many hits.

Yugoslavia:

In night attack Kraljevo marshalling yards are objectives for 43 Wellingtons, B-24s, and Halifaxes which drop 110 tons of bombs with good results. Six A-30s, 11 P-51s, 7 Beaufighters, and 16 Spitfires attack oil storage tanks at Bustjeban (Dubrovnik), causing 2 large explosions; objective

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also include troop train near Krusevar in Serbia, workshops and buildings at Sisak, Croatia, and barracks at Debar; 7 MT destroyed, 18 damaged. Rcn force landed by MTBs during night 10/11 on Molat I., NW of Zara.

Albania:

Partisans claim to have occupied most of Mati valley as well as town of Burrel; they also advance on Tiranë and meet German troops on outskirts of town.

Aegean:

One enemy plane destroyed, 2 damaged by 6 Spitfires near Kastelli Pediada, Crete.

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II Polish Corps. Troops make substantial gains on R flank leaving only minor pockets of resistance S of Cesano R. up to 12 mi. inland: 3d Carp Div establishes bridgehead over Cesano R. about 2 mi. W of Scapezzano and patrols approach area 1½ mi. SE of Mondolfo; to SW, 12th Podolski Rcn Regt reaches Monteporzio just N of river under arty fire and reports town clear of enemy. In effort to cross river farther inland, Utili troops gain objectives Corinaldo and Castelleone to SW with little opposition.

X Corps. Enemy activity continues in mountain area E of Route 71 at M. Altuccion and il Castello and W of same road at M. Grillo. Tenth Ind Div relieves 4th Ind Div although relief of 11th Brig is delayed because of enemy attack on M. Grillo. On extreme L flank advance elements of 1st Guards Brig of 6th Armd Div engage enemy in area of Arno valley 2 mi. SE of Pontassieve.

XIII Corps. At 0200, 1st Br Div relieves 4th Div; patrol crosses Arno R. in area SW of Pontassieve in effort to clear enemy pockets S of river. W of Florence, forward troops of 17th Ind Brig of 8th

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Inf Div are heavily shelled and mortared at San Colombano, S of Arno R. about 2 mi. E of Signa, and forced to withdraw to position $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. SE. Farther W, 2 bns of 2d NZ Div push W against severe enemy resistance toward Arno R. in effort to wipe out Empoli pocket; other units of Div approach S. Maria and enter W side of Avance, towns 1 mi. W and NW of Empoli, respectively. Slight gains are made on extreme L flank as 5th Brig of 2d NZ Div battles enemy at Rittoli, Vitiana, and Marcignano, all towns on Arno R.

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II Corps. During night 91st Div extends R flank boundary to Elsa R. to contact 8th Inf Div; Div sector remains quiet under light enemy arty fire.

IV Corps. Corps area is characterized by sporadic harassing arty fire and light patrol action.

Air operations again hampered by weather. In N Italy, 10 B-26s attack Adige R. locks with unobserved results; 10 A-30s score hits on fuel dumps near Ravenna. RR lines in Bologna-Ferrara area and guns N of Florence are targets for 27 Spitfires escorted by 14 fighters.

Yugoslavia:

Germans launch small offensive from Bileca and Grahova in Montenegro in effort to take Viluse. During night Brig of Partisan 23d Div attacks Borojevica, destroying RR station and RR installations, administrative office, post office, and exchange.

Twenty-four Spitfires, operating over Yugoslavia, destroy 4 MT.

Aegean:

Six Wellingtons attack shipping in Karlovassi harbor, Samos I.; many explosions result in harbor area.

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II Polish Corps. Little change occurs except on L flank where Kieda Force (unit of Utili Div) occupies Frontone approximately 3 mi. SE of Cagli; Polish and Italian troops consolidate recent gains on Cesano R. and continue to close in on Pergola.

X Corps. Elements of 10th Ind Div maintain contact with enemy along entire front; later in day 10th Brig secures Belfiore NE of Bibbiano.

XIII Corps. Right boundary of Corps is moved E to a line running almost due N-S approximately 10 mi. E of Pontassieve bringing 6th Armd Div into 13th Corps area at 0200. On R flank, patrols of 6th Armd Div reach positions directly E of Pontassieve to find Germans established on high ground to NE. Enemy is cleared from Arno R. bend S of Pontassieve. In Florence area British troops make some gains across Arno R. as Germans withdraw N of Mugone Canal, which follows northern outskirts of city. W. of city, Lastra and Signa fall to 6th Lancers of 8th Ind Div which pursue enemy NE; other units of Div take San Colombano. Meanwhile, elements of 2d NZ Div with tank support enter Empoli and, after some street fighting, report town clear except for snipers. During night, Florence undergoes heavy shelling; point 50 yds. from Pitti Palace struck, as well as many building in Viale-Machiavelli area.

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II Corps. Troops of 363d Regt of 91st Div contact adjacent 2d NZ Div at Elsa R. RR bridge and meet enemy on 2 mi. front westward from that position; farther W, 362d Regt receives S/A, MG, and mortar fire in area just W of S. Romano.

IV Corps. In TF Ramey sector, 6th Armd Inf Bn disperses scattered enemy groups S of Arno R. Patrol clashes occur on remainder of front.

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Total of 216 Spitbombers, P-40s, and P-51s attacks 4 gun positions and RR targets N of battle line; RR lines cut in 8 places between Bologna and Faenza and Bologna and Ferrara; bridge and 2 MT destroyed, 4 MT damaged. At 0315, enemy plane drops 4 HE bombs on Marina di Pisa.

Eight gun positions in Genoa area are hit by 122 B-17s and 80 B-24s, escorted by 31 P-38s, which unload 543.25 tons of bombs with fair to excellent results; 1 B-24 lost, 3 missing. Eighteen B-25s drop heavy concentration of bombs on Faenza marshalling yards; 18 A-30s hit Ravenna yards with unobserved results. Fighter and fighter bombers attack targets in NW Italy: 24 A-20s drop 23 tons of bombs on fuel dump NW of Mondovi (E of Cuneo), starting fires; 206 P-47s bomb gun positions in Savona, Albenga, Pietro Ligure areas, hit jetty at Imperia harbor, and quayside and RR bridge nearby; in day and night attacks, 18 Wellingtons, 2 Venturas, and 3 Beaufighters hit 5 ships in Gulf of Genoa, shipyards at Riva Trigosa, Imperia harbor, quayside and harbor at Sestri Levante, and strafe Bergamo Seriate airfield, destroying 1 MT, damaging 5. On night of 11/12, 23 A-20s and A-30s attack MT, lights, and shipping in Po estuary area.

Yugoslavia:

A German Brig attacks from Pec toward Berane in Montenegro and by evening secures Velika, Murina, and Andrijevisa; Plav and Gusinje (both towns just N of Albanian border) also occupied by enemy. Enemy pressure slackens in Hercegovina: forces attacking Viluse on Nicksic-Trebinje road have withdrawn to Gacko and Bileca. In Slavonia, column of 2,000 German troops breaks through to Daruvar from S; another column moves W from area of Kamensko (about 18 mi. SE of Daruvar) toward Zagreb. In Slovenia enemy bypasses Cerknica.

In Dalmatia 6 A-30s attack MT park at Imotski, causing large explosion; 4 Beaufighters hit refinery, fuel dumps, and RRs at Lopatnika. Twelve P-51s and 20 Spitfires, on offensive sweeps, attack shipping, transportation, troop concentrations, and small factory at Doboje.

Aegean:

Harbor of Karlovassi is attacked by 6 Wellingtons which score hits on quay.

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II Polish Corps. Fifth Kres Div sector is under heavy fire. Advance troops of Utili Div contact Germans on N bank of Cesano R.

X Corps. On R flank, 9th Armd Brig (less one regt) assumes command of 12th Lancers and engages enemy 2 mi. SW of Sansepolcro at S. Fiore; N of Pietralunga German activity is reported by British patrols. In mountains N of Arezzo, 25th and 20th Brigs of 10th Ind Div have fighting patrols E and W of Route 71 at Ponte alla Piera, Regina, Badia, and Bicciano.

XIII Corps. Florence is secured by 2 bns of 21st Brig of 8th Ind Div which cross by way of Ponte Vecchio to occupy about third of town; Partisans support these troops in carrying fight to outskirts of city. W of Florence, 2d NZ Div positions between Empoli and Montelupo are heavily shelled by enemy mortars, causing number of civilian casualties. New Zealand troops continue mopping up enemy pockets of resistance in this area.

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II Corps. Ninety-first Div troops continue defense of sector and improvement of positions along river.

IV Corps. Three mi. E of Pontedera patrols of 6th Armd Inf Bn repulse enemy attempting infiltration in that area. At 0600, 1st Armd Div assumes command of TF Ramey sector.

Total of 448 Spitfires, Spitbombers, P-47s, P-51s, and B-25s attack shipping and transportation in and N of battle zone, damaging 7 RR lines in Rimini-Modena-Bologna area, 9 small vessels in Ravenna canal, as well as fuel dumps, gun position, and marshalling yards at Modena; 2 enemy planes damaged on ground near Ghedi and 2 SW of Spezia. Eight gun positions in same area hammered by total of 218 B-17s and B-24s which drop 299 tons of bombs with excellent results.

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Gun positions and barracks S of Cuneo are effectively hit by 23 A-20s; 35 P-47s, 5 Wellingtons, and single Beaufighter strafe Bergamo airfield and MT nearby and hit shipping along W coast of Italy. During night of 13/14, 48 Wellingtons, 2 B-24s and 7 Halifaxes successfully drop 112 tons on Genoa port and installations. Barges and lights in Po estuary and shipping along E coast of N Italy are targets for 19 A-20s and 7 A-30s.

Yugoslavia:

Enemy continues advance on Berane, Montenegro: German troops reach position W of Andrijevica; another force estimated at 1,000 moves W against Bijelo Polje, while 3d column advances to within 1 mi. of Berane. In Serbia heavy fighting takes place along Paracin-Zajacar road; elements of Partisan 23d Div occupy Boljevac after advancing 16 mi. N from Soko Banja. Farther S enemy has moved from Kursumlija and Prokuplje to attack Partisans in Kapaonik Mts. Partisan troops repulse enemy column near Pakrac (S of Daruvar in Croatia); later they take Kamesko to E. Partisans are active in Benkovac, Sucevici, and Vrlika areas along Dalmatian coast.

In support of ground troops, 28 B-17s drops 84 tons of bombs on military targets at Pec, Montenegro, with good concentration. Total of 57 Spitfires, Hurricanes, P-51s, and Beaufighters attacks targets in Yugoslavia, hitting barracks at Bileca, Hercegovina, 7 barges at Privlaka, train at Cerje, and objectives at Uljan I.; 2 300-ton MVs probably sunk.

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II Polish Corps. Active patrolling continues along entire front; troops prepare for attack against enemy by consolidating positions and regrouping.

X Corps. Three mi. W of Sansepolcro, 9th Armd Brig engages enemy at S. Croce. In Pratomagno section W of Route 71, daytime patrols advance to summit of M. Acuto just NE of Talla.

XIII Corps. British troops make no gains along Arno R. from Pontassieve to Empoli; enemy still

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holds northernmost part of Florence. Farther W on both sides of river E and W of Signa, 2d NZ troops engage enemy with arty and mortar fire.

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II Corps. Units of 363d Regt establish strongpoint on W bank of Elsa R. just below confluence with Arno 4 mi. NE of S. Miniato contacting 13th Corps troops; to W patrols enter Roffia, 2 mi. SE of Fucecchio, which they find heavily mined and booby trapped.

IV Corps. Active patrolling and mortaring of enemy continues on Corps front. Patrols repulse enemy in vicinity of S. Giovanni alla Vena, near Cascina.

Total of 190 Spitbombers, P-40s, and P-51s, in close support of ground troops, attacks dumps, guns, and defended positions, as well as communication targets N of battle area.

Gun positions in Savona-Genoa area are hammered by total of 231 B-24s which drop 568 tons of bombs with good results, 4 B-24s missing; P-38s and P-51s effectively strafe radar station and installations in NW Italy. Twenty-six B-26s drop 46 tons of bombs on RR bridge N of Ferrara with unobserved results; 12 A-30s hit fuel dump near Forli. Force of 122 Spitfires, flying patrols, attacks shipping and transportation, destroying 9 MT and damaging 9, as well as 3 barges, schooner, and train. Venturas and Wellingtons attack Sestri Levante and Imperia with bursts in target area and bomb large vessel in Savona harbor with unobserved results.

Yugoslavia:

Berane evacuated by Partisans during evening; enemy pushes E to Kolasin.

Podgorica ineffectively attacked by 6 A-30s. In sweeps over Yugoslavia, total of 51 Spitfires, Hurricanes, P-51s, and Beaufighters destroys 3 MT and 10 RR cars and damages 20 MT, German Hq, 4 locomotives, and 2 vessels; 1 P-51, and 1 Beaufighter missing. During afternoon enemy planes bomb Matesevo, E of Andrejevica in Montenegro.

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II Corps. Against considerable arty fire, 3d Carp Div holds bridgehead across Cesano R. 4 mi. W of Senigallia in area S of Mondolfo; on L flank, fighting patrol of Kieda Force repels enemy in area about 3 mi. SW of Cagli after severe opposition. Reliefs continue in Corps sector with 5th Wilenska Brig taking over 5th Kres Div sector and Cav Force of 5th Kres Div relieving elements of Utili Div.

X Corps. Troops make slow gains in area W of Sansepolcro: units of 25th Ind Brig of 10th Ind Div occupy Viaio and S. Croce (both in Tiber valley N of Anghiari) and send patrols northward; farther NW in 20th Ind Brig sector, Germans are again established on reverse slope of Sasso della Regina.

XIII Corps. Eight Ind Div continues occupation of S Florence with another bn crossing Arno R. into eastern side of city; German units still hold line of Mugone Canal in N part of town. In area just W of Florence enemy snipers remain active. On L flank of Corps, 4th NZ Armd Brig and 6th NZ Brig of 2d NZ Div are relieved by 339th Regt of 85th Div.

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II Corps. Patrols of 363d Regt of 91st Div establish strongholds N of RR line in area about 5 mi. W of Empoli; enemy patrols engaged at these positions.

IV Corps. Arty of 1st Armd Div engages enemy tanks and vehicles about 2 mi. E of Cascina. Patrolling and regrouping continues.

Total of 173 P-40s and Spitbombers successfully attacks RRs and guns in support of II Polish Corps and also in Genoa-Cuneo-Imperia area; 2 bridges hit, RRs and roads cut in 15 places on Bologna-Ferrara-Ostiglia-Modena and Ravenna-Ferrara lines; barracks SW of Bologna and CP NW of Lucca hit. Marshalling yards at Porto Maggiore and Ravenna and Po R. RR bridge are targets for 34 B-26s and 12 A-30s

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which drop 78 tons of bombs. In NW Italy, 5 Wellingtons and 4 Venturas attack Savona and Sestri Levante, starting fires. Shipping in Pesaro-Venice area, port of Ravenna, harbor of Porto Garibaldi, Chioggio, Pesaro, 500-ft. vessel off Po estuary, MT NW of Turin, factory N of Genoa are night objectives of 39 A-20s and A-30s.

Yugoslavia:

Throughout day various targets hit by Balkan Air Force: buildings at Nicksic are objectives of 6 A-30s; 6 P-51s bomb Tuzla RR station in Bosnia and objectives in Plejevlja-Andrijevic area in Montenegro; total of 35 Spitfires, Hurricanes, and 8 Beaufighters, in sweeps along Dalmatian coast, sinks 2 small vessels, causes large explosion at Kistanje, and attacks barracks at Paracin, Serbia, and oil storage tanks at Banova Jaruga, Slovenia; 7 locomotives, 4 schooners, and 2 MT damaged.

Greece:

Argostolion on Cephalonia I. is bombed by single Wellington with unobserved results.

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II Polish Corps. Considerable enemy arty activity takes place in Adriatic sector. Utili Div assumes command of Keida Force on L flank of Corps and moves toward objective, Cagli.

X Corps. Agressive patrolling continues on entire Corps front: on R flank, forward troops of 9th Armd Brig reach Pianello, 5½ mi. SW of Cagli; farther W in mountain area N of Bibbiano, fighting patrols of 10th Ind Brig of 10th Ind Div occupy Ft. 514 a few mi. E of Talla against slight resistance and secure M. Acuto; directly W, Ponteznano is captured by Wheeler Force.

XIII Corps. In Florence area 1st Div patrols with tank support penetrate into N Florence but withdraw

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after heavy fire. Later in day 8th Ind Div completes relief of 1st Div. At 0600, 85th Div finishes relief of 2d NZ Div in area on each side of Montelupo and comes under command of II Corps.

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II Corps. Eighty-fifth and 91st Div patrols disperse several enemy parties attempting to infiltrate.

IV Corps. Enemy patrols continue active with enemy arty and mortar fire light and scattered.

In support of ground troops, 416 B-26s and light bombers and fighters attack gun positions in battle area and RR targets in Bologna-Rimini-Castelnuovo-Massa areas; 12 roads and 12 RRs cut in N Italy, 6 MT destroyed, 5 damaged, AA guns silenced, and 3 small vessels sunk. Six barges near Marina di Ravenna, Porto Garibaldi, and 3 E-boats S of Venice are objectives of 4 Wellingtons. During night of 16/17, 33 A-20s and A-30s attack MT in N Italy and shipping in Pesaro-Venice area. P-38s sweep Udine sector.

Yugoslavia:

In S Serbia, ammunition dump at Prilep and RRs N of Devdelija are targets for 12 Beaufighters. Ten Spitfires attack ammunition dump, RRs, marshalling yards, MT, and roads in Livno-Obrenovac-Vrlika-Hum areas with fair results; 6 A-30s and 4 P-51s bomb buildings and tanks at Split and buildings at Rozaj, Montenegro, causing fires.

Albania:

Troop concentrations at Dholiana and bridge at Telepeni are objectives for 10 Spitfires; several MT damaged.

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II Polish Corps. Polish troops patrol N of Cesano R. against sporadic enemy arty fire.

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X Corps. Regrouping and patrolling continues in Corps sector.

XIII Corps. Forward elements of 6th Armd and 8th Ind Divs are active in area just NE of Pontassieve and at Rozano on Arno R. 1 mi. SW of town. W of Florence in area 4 mi. E of Signa, patrols of 1st Div find Ugnano clear. In Florence there is some enemy sniping from NW and NE suburbs.

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II Corps. At 0430, 85th Div assumes command of 91st Div sector and continues to hold defensive positions along S bank of Arno R. with 339th Regt on R. in Montelupo sector, 338th Regt in center at Empoli, and 337th Regt on L covering remainder of sector. W along river to Capanne; opposing these troops are the 26th Pz Div, 3d Pz Div, and 362d Div.

IV Corps. Combat Command B of 1st Armd Div repulses enemy patrol near Rotta (E of Pontedera). Activity limited to arty fire and patrolling in TF 45 sector.

Total of 334 light bombers and fighters attacks enemy targets in N Italy and battle area and bombs barracks NE of Florence, cutting RR lines in 8 places, destroying 6 barges, 10 MT, 1 locomotive, and damaging 2 vessels. Single Ventura attacks shipping off NW coast, while on NE coast, Wellingtons score hits on Ravenna. Targets in Genoa-Savona area are hit during night of 17/18 by 8 A-30s and A-20s with unobserved results. Force of 24 B-26s straddle Rovigo RR bridge with 44 tons of bombs.

Yugoslavia: Fifty-three B-17s escorted by 26 P-38s drop 112 tons of bombs on Nis marshalling yards and airfield with good results, hitting dispersal areas and hangars. Roads and bridges are objectives of 55 Beaufighters, P-51s, and Spitfires, which also hit oil tanks and RR targets at Gijelo; 6 A-30s bomb installations at Brjandi in Serbia; 3 locomotives, 2 MT destroyed, 12 MT damaged during these operations.

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II Polish Corps. Despite adverse weather Corps launches late afternoon attack in Adriatic sector with 3d Carp Div on R, 5th Kres Div in center, and Utili Div in command of long L flank; opposing these forces are German 278th and 71st Divs with 1st Para Div in close support; throughout night many enemy troops withdraw to positions N of Metauro R.; 3d Carp Div pushes about 5,000 yds. beyond Cesario R. on 3,000-4,000 yd. front to reach Gabrielli and Mondolfo.

X Corps. On both sides of upper Arno valley, British and Indian troops send forward deep recon patrols: 9th Armd patrols report Gragnano, about 3 mi. W of Sansepolcro, clear but find Germans to N and W; forward troops of 10th Ind Div reach as far N as Castel Focognano, 2 mi. S of Bibbiena. West flank of 10th Ind Div is in contact with 13th Corps along Pratomagno mountains.

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XIII Corps. Active patrolling continues with no change in forward positions. Center of Florence is shelled during night with no damage or casualties reported.

II Corps. Troops of 339th Regt of 85th Div repulse enemy patrols attempting to infiltrate area near Montelupo; in vicinity of Fubbiano German patrols cross river but are later driven back by elements of 337th Regt after 2½ hr. engagement.

IV Corps. Elements of 6th Armd Bn meet enemy in area between Castel del Bosco and Rotta en Route 67.

Bad weather severely handicaps operations. In close support of ground troops, especially on Polish Corps front, total of 70 fighters and fighter bombers attacks guns, MT, bridges, roads, and RRs. Near Cuneo in NW Italy, P-47s destroy RR bridge and damage road bridge. Two Wellingtons

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hit Ravenna and barges off Po estuary with poor to good results; shipping near Imperia and town of Bussano Nuovo (E of San Remo) are targets for 2 Venturas; fires result.

Yugoslavia:

In Croatia, heavy fighting continues in N Lika area; farther N, Germans still hold Bunic and Prijeboj. Enemy launches drive in Pec-Berane sector of Montenegro and remain active at Litovo, Kolasin, and Sinjajenina Mt. area; airfield SE of Zabljak reported captured by enemy. Near Leskovac in Serbia, Lebane falls to Partisans during night of 18/19.

Eighty-nine B-24s and 26 P-38s severely damage Alibunar airfield in Vovvodina with 174 tons of bombs. In Serbia, 14 Beaufighters hit RR repair shed at Devdelije, MT at Bogdanci, landing ground, gun positions, and hangars. In support of Partisan activities, 41 Spitfires, Macchis, and P-51s attack transportation and shipping targets throughout Yugoslavia. During night of 18/19, coastal forces sink E-boat in Mljet channel off Dalmatian coast.

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II Polish Corps. Polish troops with tank support continue steady attack NW in Adriatic sector meeting stiff resistance: during morning 3d Carp Div advance is slowed by determined enemy stand at San Constanzo, 2 mi. NW of Mondolfo, and at II Vicinato just SW; 6th Lwow Brig repulses counterattack launched from II Vicinato after inflicting heavy casualties to enemy and captures Pt. 171 to S; on I patrols of 5th Kres Div reach objectives N of Castelvecchio under arty and mortar fire. Farther inland, Lewicki Group (Cav Force) contacts enemy along Cesano R. and reports S. Lorenzo and Pergola clear of enemy. Utili troops are now on general line 2 mi. NW of Frontone to Cantiano on Route 2.

X Corps. Nineth Armd Brig sector is quiet except for shelling in Anghiari area. Regrouping continues with no changes in forward positions.

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XIII Corps. Activity limited to patrolling and harassing arty fire.

II Corps. In area 2 mi. E of Empoli on Route 67, 339th Regt of 85th Div disperses enemy patrols; 338th Regt reports some enemy arty fire.

IV Corps. Corps maintains defensive positions and patrols aggressively against enemy.

Total of 310 Spitfires, Spitbombers, P-40s, and B-26s attacks gun positions, roads, and RR bridges over whole Italian battle front; 14 MT and gun destroyed, 5 MT, and barge, and 3 bridges damaged. Along Ligurian seacoast, warehouse at Sestri Levante, F-boat SE of Spezia, and ships off Imperia, are targets for 2 Wellingtons and a Ventura; explosions result. Thirty-eight A-20s and A-30s make night attack on MT in N Italy and cause explosions to jetty at Porto Corsini.

Yugoslavia:

Enemy has launched offensive in effort to strengthen position along N bank of Sava R. in Srem Karlovci area.

Total of 44 Spitfires, Beaufighters, P-51s, and Macchis attacks roads and RR targets in Yugoslavia and bombs oil storage tanks at Lipci; 2 locomotives and 5 MT destroyed.

Albania:

Three Spitfires and 4 Macchis attack transportation targets in Albania and Greece; 5 MT destroyed.

20 Italy:

BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY

II Polish Corps. Right flank of 8th Army makes substantial gains against lessening enemy resistance: along coastal sector Polish troops continue to push N as forward units of 3d Carp Div reach Route 16 about 3 mi. S of Fano; enemy patrol crosses Metauro R. during night and engages forward lines of Div with MG

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and mortar fire; farther inland elements of 2d Pol Brig move NW to M. Rosario (S of Cerasa) where they meet heavy opposition; 2 mi. NW of Monteporzio; troops of 5th Kres Div easily capture M. Cucco and Bonello (along high ridges between Cesano and Metauro rivers), while to SW, Mondavio and S. Andrea di Suasa are occupied by rcn elements of Cav Force.

X Corps. Enemy shells Sansepolcro during night of 20/21, causing little damage; in high ground between Tiber and Arno rivers, troops of 25th Ind Brig of 10th Ind Div withdraw from Pt. 994 because of heavy enemy resistance but establish positions on ridge W of Pt. 1247, 4 mi. NE of Subbiano.

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XIII Corps. Slight enemy shelling occurs in Florence. At 0001, command of 1st British Div sector passes to 85th Div.

II Corps. No change occurs on Corps ground.

IV Corps. At 0001, 4th Corps assumes command of 85th Div sector. Activity confined to patrolling and arty exchanges.

Guns, dumps, communications, MT, roads and RRs in battle area are effectively hit by 385 fighters and fighter bombers.

Twelve B-26s and 12 A-30s attack marshalling yards at Porto Maggiore and barracks N of Florence. Wellingtons and Venturas drop bombs and incendiaries on ports and towns along NW coast and attack 4 F-boats off Genoa; MT in Bergamo-Ghedo area targets for Mosquitoes. During night, 22 A-20s attack MT and other objectives in Po valley and Savona areas, causing fires and explosions. In NW and NE Italy 41 A-20s and A-30s harass shipping, start fires in Modena-Verona-Gremona-Ferrara areas, hit roads in 2 places, and strafe 100-ft. barge off Porto Garibaldi.

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Yugoslavia: Heavy fighting continues in Debar area as Partisans drive enemy back to outskirts of town.

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Fifty-two fighters and fighter bombers attack transportation targets in Yugoslavia; Podgorica is effectively bombed by 6 A-30s.

21 Italy:

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II Polish Corps. Polish troops advance toward Metauro R. following enemy withdrawal: 2d Pol Armd Brig secures Cerasa and turns SW in direction of Montemaggiore; enemy slows up 5th Wil Brig in vicinity of S. Giorgio although elements of Brig take high ground to E. One mi. N of Mondavio, Orciano di Pesaro is captured by Cav Force which pushes N. Italian troops complete occupation of Pergola and secure S. Maria Carpineta 3 mi. W.

X Corps. Active patrolling and further reliefs take place in Corps sector. German troops begin limited withdrawal leaving numerous demolitions behind.

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XIII Corps. Patrols active on R flank of sector. Engineers of 8th Ind Div ford Arno R. at confluence of Borro della Sieci Creek and Arno and blow locks enabling inf and light vehicles to pass. Center of Florence receives spasmodic shelling, causing civilian casualties.

II Corps. At 2245, 2d Corps and 88th Div take command of sector W of Florence as 442d Regimental Combat Team (minus 100th Bn) relieves 3d Brig of 1st Br. Div.

IV Corps. Elements of 85th and 1st Armd Divs repulse several enemy attempts to cross Arno R.; enemy casualties result in vicinity of Fivbiana. Ninety-first Rcn Sq destroys 6 enemy boats on Arno R. E of Pisa by mortar fire.

Force of 250 fighter bombers make 12 successful attacks against gun positions in Polish Corps sector, destroy RR bridge, damage 2 more and approaches to 2 RR lines in 12 places and

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roads in 3. Farther W, 48 B-26s crater approach to RR bridge near Florence, hit road bridge at Borgo San Lorenzo, and cut highway and possibly hit bridge W of Borgo San Lorenzo.

Bombers attack RR bridges in N Italy: 71 B-25s destroy 2 spans of Parma W RR bridge and score hits on approach to Polesella (NE of Ferrara) RR bridge on Ferrara-Padua line with 142 tons of bombs, while barracks at Alessandria are hit by 24 A-20s which drop 23 tons. Force of 171 P-47s attacks marshalling yards at Alessandria with hits on RRs, road bridge, and warehouse, hits RRs and buildings at Casale yards, strikes yards on Turin-Saluzzo line, and blocks Bussoleno-Turin highway in 4 places; 18 MT destroyed; 10 damaged. Twenty-four A-30s attack dumps NW of Pistoia, with 15 tons of bombs, while 24 B-26s and P-51s hit Parma and Ravenna marshalling yards with 30 tons. Roads, dumps, MT, and barges in N Italy and MT columns at Alessandria are effectively hit in night attack by 48 A-30s and A-20s; during day 9 Beaufighters and Mosquitoes score hits on MT in Bergamo area. MT and shipping in N Italy are attacked by force of 158 Spitfires with good results; 50 MT, 8 locomotives destroyed; 27 MT, 3 locomotives damaged. Grado, in Gulf of Trieste is effectively bombed by Wellingtons.

Yugoslavia:

Nis airfield is hit by 117 B-17s and 49 P-47s which drop 246 tons of bombs with excellent results. In Croatia, 3 Wellingtons effectively bomb Kraljevica; farther S in Hercegovina, 11 Spitfires attack barracks 1 mi. S of Bileca, damaging buildings and huts and bridge S of Tracin.

22 Italy:BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY

II Polish Corps. Enemy withdraws to N bank of Metauro R. on 3d Carp and 5th Kres Div sectors. Substantial advance made against determined rear-guard resistance on high ground S of Metauro R. between Cerasa and Montemaggiore: during night tanks of 2d Pol Armd Brig capture S. Giovanni about 3 mi. E of Montemaggiore while patrols advance N to river; tanks and inf of Brig move from NE to capture Montemaggiore; troops of 5th Kres Div secure Piagge 2 mi. E of Montemaggiore, and S. Giorgio to S;

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in mountain area SW, Cav Force reaches S. Ippolito, 3½ mi. E of Fossombrone, in contact with enemy. Heavy arty fire is encountered from enemy on N bank of Metauro R. On L flank of Corps, Italian troops advance 2-4 mi. in area N and NW of Pergola and reach Cagli, 10 mi. W, against light rearguard opposition.

X Corps. Indian troops make advances in mountain area E and W of Route 71 N of Arezzo: 5 mi. NNE of Subbiano, patrols of 25th Ind Brig of 10th Ind Div secure Pt. 1204, while farther W across Arno R., advance units of 10th Ind Brig report enemy moved from Salutio, W of Montanina, and several positions within area 3 mi. W.

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XIII Corps. Sixth Armd Div sector remains quiet. In area S of Pontassieve 8th Ind Div establishes patrol bases at Rosano and Cerreto; 19th Brig of Div successfully ambushes enemy patrol in Florence area N of Arno R., capturing number of prisoners. First Div reports increased arty fire in Florence during night.

II Corps. Sector remains quiet except for patrols of 442d Regt of 88th Div which are active along S bank of Arno R.

IV Corps. Activity limited to normal patrolling and exchange of arty fire.

Adverse weather restricts air operations. Fighter and fighter bombers attack Italian battle area with good results; 34 MT destroyed, 15 MT, locomotive, 2 watertowers, road and RRs cut in 19 places, several bridges damaged.

Roads and RR bridges in N Italy are hit by 72 B-26s which drop 127 tons of bombs with good results. Also in N Italy, 3 Wellingtons, Beaufighters, and Mosquitoes effectively bomb Grado, strafe MT S of Lake Garda, and damage enemy plane at Ghedi; N of Spezia, 24 A-20s drop 24 tons of bombs on ammunition factory near Pontremoli; large fire results. Towns, MT, harbor and military installations; small shipping between Pesaro and Venice are hit by 39 A-20s and A-30s,

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causing fires and explosions. During night of 22/23, 19 A-20s attack MT in NW Italy. Ancona harbor attacked by enemy E-boat at night; no damage reported.

Yugoslavia:

In Croatia, Partisans have withdrawn from Sv. Ivan Zabno after wrecking RR line between Krizeveci and Sv. Ivan Zabno and damaging installations at Vrbovec.

Fourteen fighter bombers continue active against transportation and shipping along coast; 6 A-30s attack Makarska harbor, Dalmatia.

Albania:

Three Spitfires attack MT E of Dholana with fair results.

Greece:

Zante harbor is bombed by 3 Wellingtons with unobserved results.

23 Italy:BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY

II Polish Corps. Polish and Italian troops are now firmly established on S bank of Metauro R. in contact with enemy positions up to distance of 12 mi. from coast; patrols of 3d Carp and 5th Kres Divs cross river in several places, penetrating 1,000 yds. at one point. Cav Force reaches Metauro R. on whole sector. Engaged in bringing up L flank of Corps, Italian troops reach Acqualagna and secure Cagli (both towns on Route 3 in area S of Metauro R.)

X Corps. Further gains are made in high ground on both sides of Arno R., as units of 10th Ind Div reach within 6½ mi. of Gothic line on E side of river; 25th Brig of 10th Ind Div takes M. Foresto, capturing 38 prisoners, and Trecciano to SE, as well as Pt. 1206 (all places in area about 6 mi. NE of Subbiano); SW on E side of river, patrols of 10th Ind Brig report Vogognano and Valenzano clear;

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other units of Brig make steady progress throughout night in advance toward La Montanina, about 3 mi. N of Subbiano, and Opini to W.

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XIII Corps. Extensive patrolling continues over whole front; enemy and Partisan patrols clash in N Florence.

II Corps. Activity limited to normal patrolling.

IV Corps. Eighty-fifth, 1st Armd, and TF 45 sectors remain quiet with patrols and arty active.

Adverse weather hampers bombing operations. Total of 396 fighter and fighter bombers, operating in and N of battle area, destroys ammunition dump S of Pesaro, effects 13 RR and 4 road cuts, destroys 17 MT, and damages 10 MT and Lavezzola RR bridge.

Eighty-three B-24s escorted by P-38s score many direct hits on Ferrara RR bridge over Po R. with 237 tons of bombs; AA intense and accurate. Medium and light bombers attack targets in N Italy: 86 B-26s hit bridges and cause road blocks in N and NW Italy; 31 B-26s drop 51 tons of bombs on Imola marshalling yards; fuel dump NW of Pistoia is well hit by 36 A-30s with 23 tons of bombs. Venturas and Wellingtons score hits on Sestri Levante and attack shipping in same area and in Po valley. Tented camp near Lugo, fuel dump near Albenga, and MT in Po R. valley are targets for 52 A-20s and A-30s; large fires result.

Yugoslavia:

Air activities hampered by adverse weather. In support of Partisan ground troops, 6 A-30s bomb barracks at Debar. In sweeps over Yugoslavia, 16 Macchis and 40 Spitfires attack RR objectives and score hits on several bridges.

Greece:

Two Wellingtons bomb Argostolian harbor.

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24 Italy:

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II Polish Corps. Activity of 3d Carp and 5th Kres Divs is limited to patrolling N of Metauro R. East of Appenine slopes, units of Utili Div contact German troops on broad front along Candigliano R. in vicinity of Acqualagna; town secured later in day. Screened by 2d Pol Corps, 1st Cdn Corps moves 1st Cdn Div into attacking position E of S. Ippolito, as 5th Corps with 46th Div on R and 4th Ind Div on L takes over command of Utili Div sector.

X Corps. On R flank, patrols of 9th Armd Brig enter Apecchio, 12 mi. W of Cagli, with no opposition. In upper Arno valley forward troops of 25th Ind Brig of 10th Ind Div are slowed up by MG and mortar fire in vicinity of Trecciano (SW of Caprese); Montanina on Arno R. falls to 10th Ind Brig.

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XIII Corps. On R flank, forward elements of 6th Armd Div report Donnani, E of Arno about 4 mi. SE of Pontassieve, unoccupied. Two mi. E of Florence, inf of 3d and 66th Brigs of 1st Div begins to ford Arno R. encountering some enemy resistance.

II and IV Corps. Troops maintain defensive positions S of Arno R., reporting aggressive patrolling along front.

Total of 235 Spitbombers, P-40s, and P-51s, flying in direct support of troops in eastern battle area, causes 11 road blocks, cuts 5 RRs, attacks gun positions, MT and store park; all targets believed hit, 1 bridge destroyed.

In day and night attacks heavy bombers concentrate on RR targets in NE Italy: 61 B-24s successfully drop 150 tons of bombs on Ferrara RR bridge; Bologna marshalling yards are hit by 53 Wellingtons, 16 B-24s, and 5 Halifaxes with 190 tons, causing fires and explosions. Two Wellingtons bomb Grado. Thirty-two P-47s hit roads in battle zone and Florence-Bologna-Cuneo areas; 68 additional P-47s and total of 58 A-20s and A-30s make day and night attacks on gun positions, MT,

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roads, and bridges in N Italy, destroying 28 MT and damaging 20. Force of 110 Spitfires flies patrols in N Italy; 27 MT destroyed, 17 damaged. Bridges at Solignano (S of Fidenza) and Castel del Rio (SW of Bologna) are targets for 32 B-26s and B-25s which drop 64 tons. One ship sunk, another damaged in Gulf of Genoa during night of 24/25 by coastal forces which also sink 2,000-ton M/V in gulf of Trieste off Tagliamento Point.

Yugoslavia:

Rain continues to hinder Balkan Air Force. Nine A-30s bomb Nicksic with 12 hits to buildings. Fifty-one fighter bombers attack MT near Vruka, hit Gacko in Hercegovina, and bomb oil storage tanks and other objectives at Sesvete in Croatia.

25 Italy:

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II Polish Corps. In area near Pilone, 1 mi. E of Route 3, 5th Brig of Kres Div secures bridgehead over Metauro R. against some opposition.

X Corps. British troops make steady gains on R flank, as 9th Armd Brig firmly establishes itself on high ground N and W of Apecchio; on L flank patrols of 10th Ind Div follow enemy withdrawal to reach positions 2½ mi. S of Bibbiena and thence W to Corps boundary line.

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XIII Corps. As 15th Pz Div withdraws N, 6th Armd Div thrusts up Route 69 paralleling Arno R. in effort to bring Div abreast of 8th Ind and 1st Divs; 26th Armd Brig moves N along E bank of river to reach Route 70 E of Pontassieve; 1st Guards Brig clears difficult terrain to E. Troops of 8th Ind Div begin moving forward against no opposition in effort to occupy high ground N of Arno R. in area 1 mi. W of Pontassieve. First Div has all 3 brigades N of river holding bridgehead about 1 mi. deep.

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II Corps. Patrols of 88th Div cross Arno R. in Div area; during night front line positions are under enemy arty and mortar fire.

IV Corps. In vicinity of Fucecchio, 337th and 338th Regts of 85th Div repulse enemy attempting to infiltrate area. Twelfth SA Mtz Brig relieves elements of 85th Div in area of Montelupo. Enemy patrol SE of Pisa is repulsed by elements of TF 45.

Total of 351 fighters and fighter bombers and 24 A-30s, operating over entire Italian front, attacks guns, MT, road and RR communications; 33 MT destroyed, 15 damaged, as well as enemy plane destroyed W of Livorno. Forli marshalling yards are targets for 48 B-26s which drop 94 tons of bombs.

During night, 51 Wellingtons, 17 B-24s, and 7 Halifaxes drop 205 tons of bombs on Ravenna marshalling yards and canal terminus with good results, causing fires and explosions. In Adriatic sector, 3 Wellingtons bomb Lussinpiccolo with unobserved results; 4 Beaufighters attack enemy planes between Ancona and Ravenna, destroying one; single Beaufighter hits small vessel off Spezia. Sixty-six A-30s and A-20s make night attack on MT, RRs, and towns in N Italy. Later at night, coastal forces, operating in Gulf of Genoa, hit enemy DD.

Yugoslavia:

In support of Partisan activities, Spitfires attack road and RR targets, destroying several MT.

26 Italy:

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Following arty bombardment which begins just after midnight, troops of 8th Army launch early morning attack in Adriatic sector with 2d Pol Corps on R, 1st Cdn Corps in center, and 5th Corps on L.

II Pol Corps. Fifth Brig of 5th Ares Div secures bridgehead over Metauro R., just S of Borgo Lucrezia, and continues progress NW under heavy shelling; by 1500 forward units reach M. della Forche, 7½ mi. S of Passero.

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I Cdn Corps. Troops of 1st Cdn Div attack N across R. with 1st and 2d Brigs abreast, meeting stiffening enemy opposition in afternoon; 1st Brig reaches Monte Grano, about 6 mi. NW of Montemaggiore, while 2d Brig moves to M. Bruciano.

V Corps. Corps begins attack with 46th Div on R and 4th Ind Div on L: in area 1 mi. N of Montefelcino, 128th Brig of 46th Div, screened by 46th rcn troops, reaches Maggiore R. and area just E of Fossombrone; S. Luzzaro, about 2 mi. W of Fossombrone, is secured by 5th Brig of 4th Ind Div.

X Corps. Enemy is withdrawing on Corps sector: patrols of 9th Armd Brig find Valdimonte, E of Route 73 in area E of Sansepolcro, clear; E of Arno R. at M. Foresto, enemy counterattack on 25th Brig of 10th Ind Div is repulsed with arty fire; moving NW Indian patrols find Chitignano, 5 mi. SE of Bibbiena, and area 2,000 yds. NW unoccupied.

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XIII Corps. Enemy continues slow retreat N with 6th Armd Div pushing steadily forward on R flank: 1st Guards Brig secures Pelago, 3 mi. E of Pontedera, and Altomena to SW; forward elements of 26th Armd Brig, advancing NE astride Route 67 reach Masseto, 3 mi. NE of Pontassieve on Sieve R. Farther W, 17th and 19th Brigs of 8th Ind Div consolidate high ground N of Arno R.; crossing made difficult because of enemy damage to 2 bridges over river. Route 67 is open from Pontassieve to Florence, although still under enemy shellfire.

II Corps. Three patrols of 442d Regt of 88th Div engage enemy N of river; enemy arty and mortar fire heavy throughout day and night. Eighty-fifth Div reverts to command of II Corps. Further reliefs are carried out in Corps sector: 337th Regt (minus 1 bn) passes to operational control of 1st Armd Div; 338th and 339th Regts are relieved by 12th SA Brig and 24th Guards Brig of 6th SA Armd Div.

IV Corps. Sixth SA Armd Div assumes command of 85th

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Div front (less 337th Regt. sector). First Armd Div assumes command of 337th Div sector.

In support of ground troops, 497 light and fighter bombers attack gun positions, roads, RR's, and MT in battle area; 27 MT destroyed, 20 damaged.

In N Italy, 107 B-17s and 54 B-24s escorted by 55 P-38s drop 476 tons of bombs on Venzone and Avisio viaducts and Ferrara and Latisana RR bridges; all targets severely damaged. In night attack, 39 Wellingtons, 21 B-24s, and 6 Halifaxes drop 232 tons of bombs on troop concentrations at Pesaro along Adriatic coast with excellent results. Berceto S bridge hit by 6 B-25s with 5 tons of bombs, while ammunition dump NW of Bologna is objective of 12 A-20s which drop 12 tons. Shipping in Sestri Levante harbor, 4 E-boats off Trieste, and Ravenna and Grado are hit by 4 Wellingtons and 2 Venturas; E-boat destroyed, all other targets believed hit. Nineteen A-20s bomb MT in Po valley area at night. In support of ground troops, 49 A-20s and A-30s attack MT behind battle line and start fires and explosions at Modena and Ravenna yards. Enemy PT boat hit off Imperia by allied aircraft.

Yugoslavia:

Under cover of Coastal Air Force, raiding party successfully lands on Peljesac peninsula during night of 26/27 and bombards Korcula town on Korcula I. SE of Ljubljana, Borovnica is well hit by 54 escorted B-17s which drop 160 tons of bombs during morning. Six A-30s ineffectively bomb Dubrovnik on Dalmatian coast. Fifty-six fighters and fighter bombers attack roads, shipping, and towns in Yugoslavia, as well as barracks and buildings at Debar.

27 Italy:

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II Polish Corps. Steady progress made along R flank of 8th Army; recon units capture Fano on Adriatic coast; farther inland 5th Brig of 5th Kres Div clears northern slopes of M. della Forche and thrusts N to take Carignano (4½ mi. SW of Fano).

I Canadian Corps. Enemy withdraws along whole Corps

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front enabling 1st Cdn Div to occupy Mombaroccio (approximately 3 mi. SE of Monteciccardo) and area 1 mi. N.

V Corps. All 46th Div arty is now across Metauro R. Isola del Piano, 3½ mi. N of Fossombrone, falls to 139th Brig of 46th Div, while 128th Brig secures several high ground positions nearby; other elements capture Fossombrone. Fifth and 7th Brigs of 4th Ind Div take M. Cesano and Fermignano, 3 and 4 mi. S of Urbino, respectively.

X Corps. On R flank, Montedoglio, 4 mi. W of Sansepolcro, is cleared by 9th Armd Brig; to NW units of 10th Ind Div encounter enemy in vicinity of Rocca near Singera R., but find Caprese, 3½ mi. NW unoccupied.

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XIII Corps. Forward troops of 6th Armd Div, advancing astride Route 70, are slowed up in area of Borselli by enemy mines and demolitions. No change occurs on 8th Ind and 1st Div fronts.

II Corps. Troops of 442d Regt of 88th Div report increased enemy shelling along front lines.

IV Corps. Reliefs and minor action takes place in Corps sector.

Total of 258 fighters and fighter bombers attacks communications, shipping, and defended positions in and N of battle line; road bridges between Bologna and Prato and near Cuneo believed cut; barges at Savona, warehouses, pier, and MV at Imperia, and gun carrier damaged. Defended positions of Gothic line, roads, and MT hit by 80 A-30s and 45 B-26s.

During morning, 154 B-24s drop 128 tons of bombs on Avisio viaduct, causing 75-ft. gap in center, successfully attack N end of Ferrara RR bridge with 137 tons, and cause severe damage to Venzone viaduct with 102 tons of bombs. On night of 27/28, troop concentrations at Pesaro are again successfully bombed by 39 Wellingtons, 15 B-24s, and 6 Halifaxes which drop 203 tons. The same night 63 A-20s and A-30s strike MT, marshalling yards in W Po valley, and other targets in N

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Italy; fires and explosions result. Throughout day, force of 101 Spitfires, flying patrols, strikesschooner off Marina di Ravenna, and destroys 9 MT and damages 3; Wellingtons, Venturas, B-26s, and Beaufighters continue shipping blockade in N Adriatic, Gulf of Genoa, Ravenna, and Porto Garibaldi; 2 escort vessels off Genoa are damaged.

Yugoslavia:

Raiding party reembarks from Peljesac peninsula after successful mission.

During morning 29 B-24s block both ends of Borovnica viaduct with 62 tons of bombs. In support of Partisan troops, fighter and fighter bombers strafe trucks and troops at Kumanovo, Serbia, score hits on warehouse at Dragolia, and bomb MT, dumps, road and RR objectives; German Hq at Dubrovnik well hit.

Greece:

Wellingtons again bomb Argostolian harbor.

28 Italy:

BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY

II Polish Corps. On entire front, Polish troops advance against vigorous opposition reaching Arzilla R. after gaining 4 mi. from jumping-off point; enemy determinedly holds high ground N of river; all river crossings under MG and mortar fire.

I Canadian Corps. Canadian troops meet sharp enemy resistance in thrust NW, but capture Monteciccardo and high ground 1 mi. W.

V Corps. Farther S on R flank, leading elements of 128th Brig of 46th Div attack Montegaudio, while 139th Brig moves rapidly to position on Route 73, 6 mi. NW of Urbino. Units of 4th Ind Div, advancing W along Casano ridge and N from Fermignano, envelop Urbino on E and S and send patrols to outskirts of town.

X Corps. 404th FS with 4th wing on whole Corps front

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offering delaying tactics and leaving behind extensive minefields. On extreme R, patrols of 9th Armd Brig moving NE find Piobbico, on lateral road 9 mi. W of Acquafredda, unoccupied; S. Pietro, 3 mi. NW of Sansepolcro, reported clear. General area approximately 4 mi. E of Bibbiena is reached by elements of 25th Ind Brig as they close in on town.

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XIII Corps. Sixth Armd Div secures R flank of 13th Corps as it moves ahead: forward troops of 26th Armd Brig, attacking E toward Consuma, 8 mi. E of Pontassieve, are held up by difficult terrain and stiff rearguard action; patrols of 61st Brig, astride Route 67 in Sieve valley, push NE to position 1 mi. beyond Rufina where they are slowed by S/A fire. W of Sieve R., 8th Ind Div troops find no enemy at Pievecchia but report Tigliano, 2½ mi. W of Rufina, and Fiesole still held by Germans, as well as line of Arno W of Florence.

II Corps. At 0155, relief of 85th Div by 1st Armd Div is completed.

IV Corps. Enemy repulses patrols of 6th SA Armd Div attempting Arno R. crossing in vicinity of Empoli. Combat Command "B" assumes command of 85th Div sector.

Fighters and fighter bombers, flying offensive patrols over whole battle front, attack MT, marshalling yards, troop concentrations, guns, bridges, and RRs; 12 MT destroyed, 4 damaged. On night of 28/29, 40 Wellingtons, 4 B-24s, and 6 Halifaxes, in support of R flank of 8th Army, attack troop concentrations in Pesaro area on Adriatic coast; 137 tons of bombs dropped with good coverage.

Air attacks continue in N Italy: Peschiera RR bridge (W of Verona), Avisio viaduct, and unidentified bridge over Avisio R. are objectives of 29 B-24s escorted by 27 P-38s which drop 133 tons of bombs with good results; 6 B-25s score hits on Pontremoli RR bridge with 6 tons; 122 P-47s and 12 A-20s attack shipping and docks in Imperia and Savona harbors, RR bridges and roads to N; 121 B-26s drop 181 tons on targets with especially good results at Parma, Cuneo, and

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airfield at Villa di Verona, SW of Verona. Beaufighters and Mosquitoes attack transportation targets at Bergamo and Ghedi. Venturas and Wellingtons strike shipping in Gulf of Genoa, attacking 6 barges W of Savona, 4 MV and barges near Genoa and Sestri Levante; in NE Italy additional Wellingtons hit 3 DDs, 3 E-boats, and MV N of Ravenna; fighter bombers strike 2 MV and 12-15,000-ton ship in Trieste harbor. During night of 28/29, 67 A-20s and A-30s attack MT and lights in and N of battle area, causing fires and explosions. HMS Loyal bombards enemy gun positions and MT near Pesaro with good results.

Yugoslavia:

Balkan Air Force continues attacks in support of Partisan operations: 22 Spitfires bomb Gracac and Obrovac in Dalmatia; light and fighter bombers effectively hit shipping and communications along coast and attack barracks and factories at Leskovac and town of Knin.

29 Italy:

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After determined fighting on broad front in Adriatic sector, German resistance weakens; enemy troops withdraw across Foglia R. as far W as point 2 mi. SW of Montecalvo; all bridges over river blown except one.

II Polish Corps. On extreme R flank, Polish troops attempting Arzillo R. crossing are delayed because of mines and demolitions; later in evening armd cars of Cav Force enter outskirts of Pesaro but are forced to withdraw because of heavy action. Approximately 4 mi. S and SW of Pesaro, M. Fuga and M. Belella fall to 6th Brig of 5th Kres Div; patrols advance NW to Foglia R.

I Canadian Corps. In area N of Monteciccardo, patrols of 1st Cdn Div meet heavy opposition in advance toward Foglia R. Meanwhile, 11th Brig of 5th Cdn Armd Div relieves 2d Brig in area S of S. Angelo in Lizzola and later in day moves N to occupy town.

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V Corps. British troops make steady gains as 46th Div, advancing with 128th and 139th Brigs abreast, reaches Colbordolo, just W of Urbino-Pesaro road, and Petriano to S; Urbino falls to 7th Brig of 4th Ind Div, while 5th Brig advances 2 mi. NE. Left flank of Cdn Corps and R flank of 46th Div is opposed by 26th Pz Div which comes into line to hold German defense from Tomba to Montegridolfo, two strongpoints in Gothic line; 71st Div and elements of 98th Div oppose L flank of 46th Div and 4th Ind Div from Montegridolfo SW to Montecalvo.

X Corps. Elements of 9th Armd Brig secure S. Angelo in Vado, 5 mi. W of Urbania, and contact enemy N of town; NW of Sansepolcro, 25th Brig of 10th Ind Div repulses counterattack on Pt. 680 in Rocca area 3 mi. SE of Caprese; 10th Ind Brig reports Bibbiena on Route 71 and mountainous territory N and W on a 3 mi. front unoccupied.

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XIII Corps. Sixty-first Armd Brig, 6th Armd Div, reaches Consuma; 26th Brig mops up Rufina and continues advance NE along R bank of Sieve R. to Scopeti meeting considerable demolitions; 11th Ind Brig of 8th Ind Div gains area just S of Tigliano; Ontignano, 5 mi. SW, is found unoccupied. Routine patrolling continues in remainder of Corps sector.

II Corps. Activity limited to normal patrolling.

IV Corps. Troops maintain defensive positions and continue patrol activity.

Total of 393 Spitbombers, P-40s, P-51s, Spitfires, and A-20s attacks dumps; roads, RRs, junctions, marshalling yards, and defended positions in and N of battle area; 18 MT and 3 enemy planes destroyed, several MT and small vessels damaged, as well as 1 enemy plane. Communication targets along Gothic line hit by total of 137 A-30s and B-26s.

Ferrara RR bridge is objective of 54 B-24s which drop 133 tons of bombs, while 28 P-38s hit approaches to Latisana RR bridge with 14 tons and also destroy 5 enemy planes.

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RR bridge at Berceto and 4 bridges over Piave R. are targets for 105 B-25s and B-26s which drop 180 tons of bombs with good results. Wellingtons bomb Ravenna on Adriatic coast; 4 Beaufighters, 3 Venturas, and 7 Wellingtons attack shipping and harbors along W coast of Italy, including AA position W of Genoa. On night of 29/30, 37 A-20s and A-30s bomb Forli and Imola marshalling yards, start large fire near Ravenna, and cause explosions in Rapallo area.

Yugoslavia:

Wellingtons bomb Kraljevica and again attack Dubrovnik, scoring direct hits. During morning, 28 B-24s drop 84 tons of bombs on Borovnica bridge with poor results. Total of 77 light and fighter bombers hit RR targets, roads, and bridges in Yugoslavia.

30 Italy:BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY

II Polish Corps. Enemy forced back to Gothic line as troops cross Foglia R. between Pesaro and point S of Montecalvo. Armed patrols and Italian commandos reach Foglia R. line in Pesaro during morning; battle continues against German 1st Para Div which takes over coastal sector from 278th Div; enemy counter-attacks broken up in afternoon with line established along RR in town. Advance elements of 5th Kres Div remain active along river farther inland.

I Canadian Corps. First Cdn Div spearheads attack toward Tomba ss Montecchio is secured by patrols of 11th Brig of 5th Cdn Arm Div.

V Corps. At noon, 46th Div (128th Brig on R and 139th Brig on L) launches attack under heavy mortar fire across Foglia R.; 139th Brig gains 1,000 yds. beyond river in general area between Belvedere and S. Giorgio despite minefields and MG fire. Fourth Ind Div troops cross Foglia R. in afternoon, occupy M. della Croce, 1,000 yds. N of Foglia R., and attack N toward Montecalvo against some MG and mortar fire.

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X Corps. On R flank Mercatello, on Metauro R. SW of S. Angelo, falls to 9th Brig without opposition; farther W, 20th Brig of 10th Ind Div assumes command of 10th Ind Brig in Bibbiena area. Engineers opening up Route 71 N of Bibbiena successfully meet small enemy force 5 mi. to N.

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XIII Corps. Troops of 61st Brig, 6th Armd Div, occupy Consuma; other elements counterattacked in area NE. Eight Ind Div units attack as far as lower slopes of M. Carrone, W of Tigliano.

II Corps. Routine patrolling occurs in Corps sector.

IV Corps. During night Pontederò is under heavy arty fire.

All medium bomber operations cancelled because of weather. Total of 208 Spitbombers, P-51s, and P-40s attacks road and RR communications N of battle area and hits targets in close support of E end of battle line; 2 bridges damaged, barracks near Prato fired, dump destroyed, RR lines cut in 4 places, gun positions and strong points also hit. Fighter bombers attack communications in area S of Po valley and leading to Gothic line; approaches to 2 road bridges and Florence-Borgo-Lorenzo RR cut; Gothic line positions also effectively hit by 17 A-30s. Thirty-four Spitfires on offensive patrols destroy 5 MT, damage 5.

Eleven A-20s attack fuel tank S of Parma; 8 Wellingtons and 4 Venturas bomb ports and shipping targets including 2 vessels at Sestri Levante harbor, convoy off Portofino, docks at Porto Garibaldi, and Parenzo on Istrian peninsular. During night of 30/31, 38 A-20s and A-30s attack roads and MT in N Italy and bomb Forlì and Ravenna marshalling yards. DDs (HMS Loyal and HMS Undine) successfully bombard gun positions and MT N of Pesaro on R flank of 8th Army.

Yugoslavia:

Bridges and marshalling yards in Vojvodina and Serbia targets for heavy bombers: 7 B-24s drop 20.5 tons of bombs on Novi Sad RR bridge with poor results because of heavy cloud formation; single B-17 successfully hits Brod yards in Serbia;

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both approaches to Cuprija RR bridge (N of Paracin) severely damaged by 78 B-24s and 36 P-51s with 219 tons of bombs; Kraljevo RR bridge is unsuccessfully attacked by 28 P-51s which drop 19 tons, missing bridge but damaging road and RR nearby. In support of Partisan troops, 6 Venturas start fires in barracks at Karlovac with 10 hits in target area; 6 A-30s and 21 Spitfires hit bridge at Gospic, Croatia, and Bileca; 8 Beaufighters effectively strike gun positions at Zirje I., off Dalmatian coast, and farther inland in Yugoslavia, silence AA guns, destroy 9 MT, and damage 12. Kraljevica again objective of 4 Wellingtons.

31 Italy:

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Against stiff opposition 8th Army continues to make slow gains in Adriatic sector with 1st Cdn and 5th Corps troops achieving some penetration of Gothic line.

II Polish Corps. Battle rages in Pesaro between Cav Force and elements of 1st Para Div. On L flank of 5th Kres Div, 6th Brig crosses Foglia R. and engages enemy just NW of Bruciate on Urbino-Pesaro road paralleling river.

I Canadian Corps. At 0600, 1st Cdn and 5th Cdn Armd Divs launch attack in effort to assault Gothic line: on R flank, 2d Brig of 1st Cdn Div makes successful advance to capture position $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. S of Pozzo Alto; 3d Cdn Brig is held up by heavy fire in vicinity of Osteria Nuova on Urbino-Pesaro road; after mopping up Montecchio, 5th Cdn Div with 2 regts and inf troops of 11th Brig attacks directly N toward Tomba; fierce armd and inf battle occurs about 1 mi. N of town.

V Corps. Left of 5th Cdn Armd Div, units of 46th Div attack NW from bridgehead across Foglia R. and repulse counterattack in area 1 mi. S of Montegradolfo; later in day forward elements reach outskirts of town; on L flank, 5th Ind Brig, 4th Ind Div, establishes advance troops on eastern and southern slopes of Montecchio.

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X Corps. In area 8-10 mi. NW of Sansepolcro, Indian patrols reach Pieve S. Stefano and Montalone without contact.

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XIII Corps. Slight gains made in area N of Pontassieve: M. Cerrone occupied by patrols of 8th Ind Div; 1st Rcn Regt of 1st Div reaches Fiesole; finds enemy withdrawing and advances 2½ mi. NE; 3d Brig takes M. Muscoli, 1 mi. NE of Fiesole, encountering scattered rear guard action.

II Corps. Germans repulse patrols of 442d Regt, 88th Div, attempting Arno R. crossing.

IV Corps. Raiding party of 6th SA Armd Div crosses Arno R. in vicinity of Empoli inflicting casualties on enemy; patrols of 1st Armd Div meet enemy on N bank of river.

Throughout most of Aug, Fifth Army strengthens and consolidates Arno R. positions after rapid advance from Rome and awaits bringing up of Eighth Army, especially in Adriatic sector. U.S. Fifth Army casualties 1-31 Aug include 152 killed, 730 wounded, and 76 missing.

Medium and fighter bombers attack RRs, roads, guns, and Gothic line defenses in N Italy; 9 MT destroyed, 15 damaged; enemy plane destroyed E of Ferrara.

Ferrara marshalling yards are well hit by 49 Wellingtons, 17 B-24s, and 6 Halifaxes which drop 216 tons of bombs, causing large fires and explosions. In NE Italy, total of 101 B-25s and B-26s hammer road and RR targets and bridges leading N from Padua, Venice, and Po valley, including RR bridges at Cittadella (N of Padua), Nervesa (to NE), Berceto, Padua, Legnano, Cavarzere, (SW of Venice), Rovigo, Montebello, and Polesella; total of 381 tons dropped on bridges with good results. Wellingtons and Venturas attack shipping at Sestri Levante, Portofino, Margherita, and Savona, 2 E-boats and 4 vessels SW of Savona. Fuel dump SW of Parma is effectively hit by 12 A-20s which drop 12 tons of bombs. During night 31 Aug / 1 Sept, 54 A-20s and A-30s successfully strike buildings, roads, bridges and MT. Total of 147 P-47s also attacks RR and road communications, damaging road bridge

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Yugoslavia:

Partisans attack Karlovac-Zagreb, Zagreb-Sisak, and Karlovac-Ogulin RRs and Sunja-Kostajnica road in Croatia and hit Potok bridge in Bosnia.

Six Venturas bomb center of Bihac, causing large explosion. Fighter bombers hit mt sidings at Konjac and roads, bridges, and MT with good results; 9 MT destroyed, 14 damaged; 6 A-30s attack power station at Sibenik.

Greece:

Wellingtons hit shipping off Zante I., scoring hits on AK in Zante harbor.

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- 1 Burma-India: Fighting for Myitkyina continues unabated, with Chinese reporting gains of 50-100 yds. in S and W portions of the city. British maintain pressure on Japanese withdrawing from India via Palel-Tamu and Bishenpur-Tiddim roads.

Approximately 70 U.S. fighters bomb and strafe N Burma targets in support of ground forces, concentrating on Myitkyina, Sahmaw, Taungni, Mohnyin, and Bhamo areas. Hurricanes and Spitfires continue to harass Japanese withdrawing eastward in Tamu area and southward along Tiddim road: 110 Hurribombers with 28 tons of bombs strike in vicinity of Boljang, Nampesha, Tamu, Thaungdut, Kalewa, and Churachandpur, while 73 Hurricanes and Spitfires are active against troops and communications in same general areas. River craft on Arakan front and rail targets in central Burma hit by total of 30 Hurricanes and Spitfires. Two Beaufighters raid communications at Maymyo and S of Yamethin.

Burma-China: Salween: Siege of Tengchung continues. Activity on whole front limited by poor weather.

China: HUNAN: Bitter fighting reported at Hengyang, encircled by Japanese since last week in June. Enemy troops capture Ningsiang, W of Changsha.

Eleven B-25s and 42 P-40s strike at enemy installations, supplies, communications, and personnel on Hengyang-Tungting Lake front; along Yangtze R., and in Canton area; Hengyang, Hankow, Wuchang, Tien Ho, and White Cloud airfields hit; 7 warehouses at Changsha demolished; large fires started at Siangtan and Siangyin; 8 junks and 12 trucks destroyed; other river and road transport damaged.

While sweeping NE French Indo-China coast, 2 P-40s sink 100-ft. coal barge and leave 125-ft. junk sinking. Victoria docks bombed by single B-24.

Yuankiang, Tanchuk, and Liuchow airfields raided by enemy planes; some damage results at Yuankiang and Liuchow.

- 2 Burma-India: Japanese are withdrawing from Myitkyina, crossing on rafts to E bank of river. N of Myitkyina, Galahad units along air strip advance 150 yds. Elements of 42d Regt, Chinese 14th Div, now in area S of Waingmaw. British 23d Div is closing in on Tamu. On Tiddim road, slight enemy opposition met and overcome by 9th Brig, 5th Ind Div, S of Churachandpur. British 7th Div now in Kohima area. Fiftieth Para Brig is en route to India.

B-24s of SAF damage rail targets between Mandalay and

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Indaw with about 20 tons of bombs; 5 others raid Akyab town area at night. In support of ground operations at Myitkyina, 32 P-40s achieve excellent results with bombs and depth charges. Other N Burma objectives hit by 1 A-36 and 70 U.S. fighter bombers and fighters; rail targets, warehouses, and installations in vicinity of Mohnyin, Meza, Katha, Namma, Sahmaw, Taungni, and Myothit damaged. On Manipur front, 96 Hurribombers release 26 tons of bombs on troops, camps, and communication lines in upper Chindwin, Kapaw Valley, and Tiddim road areas; similar targets harassed by 84 Hurricanes and Spitfires. Japanese positions and river craft on Arakan front hit by 12 Hurricanes and Spitfires. Several Beau-fighters raid communications in central and S. Burma.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese enter Tengchung, Chungking reports. In low-level attack on Tengchung, 12 B-25s breach SE wall of city in at least 5 places, some of them 40-ft. wide. P-40s and P-38s, in 58 sorties, range over Salween front, further damaging Tengchung and destroying W bridge at Tingka.

China: Twenty B-25s are active on Tungting Lake-Hengyang-Canton, Yangtze R., and Yellow R. fronts, 8 of them dropping ammunition to Chinese at Hengyang and remainder, in flights of 1-3, bombing Hengyang, Hanchow, Tien Ho, and White Cloud airfields and miscellaneous targets at Sinshih, Sintsiang, and Sinyang. Approximately 170 Allied fighter bombers and fighters raid towns, villages, compounds, cavalry concentrations, and river and road transport from Tungting Lake to Hengyang and along Yangtze R. with excellent results. Kowloon docks bombed at night by 2 B-24s, P-40s, in 6 sorties, raid shipping off NE French Indo-China coast, sinking 3 vessels (100-150 ft.) and scoring near misses on others.

Ankang, Tanchuk, Liuchow, Ehr Tong, and Yangtong airfields lightly raided by enemy planes; damage is minor.

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Burma-India: Organized enemy resistance at Myitkyina ceases. Chinese 50th, 30th, and 14th Divs and U.S. Galahad elements participate in final attack on this last Japanese stronghold in N Burma, under siege since 17 May when S airfield was captured. Allied occupation of Myitkyina and its 2 airfields permits establishment of land routes between India and China and enables Allied planes to use more favorable southerly routes. SE of Myitkyina, units of Chinese 42d Regt have captured most of Waingmaw. On Palel-Tamu road,

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British 5th Brig passes through 49th and is approaching Tamu unopposed; 49th is moving toward Palel. Units of 5th Ind Div continue down Bishenpur-Tiddim road to MS 46.

While 6 B-24s of SAF lay mines, 3 others bomb Martaban with good results. Dumps at Indainggyi, near Kalemyo, are targets for 10 SAF Wellingtons with 22 tons of bombs. N Burma targets hit by 84 U.S. fighter bombers and fighters which concentrate on industrial installations, communications, and personnel in Myitkyina area and along Irrawaddy R. and Mandalay RR. Two B-25s and 8 P-51s destroy bridge near Loiwing, while 7 B-25s raid Wanling, SW of Chefang. Eighty-eight Hurribombers strike 5-6 mi. S of Chassad and in Tamu-Paungbyin area. Hurricanes and Spitfires, in approximately 75 sorties, raid communications, dumps, troops, and buildings in battle areas.

Burma-China: Salween: At Tengchung, Chinese positions at E wall hold despite heavy enemy pressure; Japanese repulse attacks on S wall at point breached by Allied bombings; fighting reported at N entrance of town. Local actions continue in Mangshih and Sungshan Hill areas, with Chinese 9th Div gaining hill positions at former and 103d taking strongpoint at latter.

Six B-25s attack Mangshih, concentrating on warehouses and ammunition dump. P-40s and P-38s, in 42 sorties, hit same target and bomb N gate and W wall of Tengchung with good results.

China: HUNAN: Enemy attacks on besieged Hengyang are increasingly numerous and determined, particularly in SW suburbs. Anjen, SE of Hengyang, falls to Japanese. Chinese units counterattacking for Pingsiang, on Changsha-Nanchang RR, have broken into the city and street fighting is in progress.

KWANGTUNG: From Suichi on Liuchow Peninsula, Japanese are attacking in 2 columns, 1 driving N toward Linkong and the other pushing NE to area SW of Fuhsien, Chinese report.

Twenty-three B-24s with fighter escort attack Yochow, destroying a number of warehouses and severely damaging rail installations; escorting P-40s engage 8 interceptors, destroying or damaging 6. Five B-25s and about 110 fighter bombers and fighters strike at communications, troops, airfields, and installations on Hengyang-Tungting Lake, Yangtze R., and Yellow R. fronts; 11 river craft, including 60-ft. AO and 50-ft. boat, destroyed and 65 damaged; 1 locomotive, 1 tank car, and numerous trucks wrecked; heavy casualties inflicted on cavalry columns.

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4 Burma-India: Mopping up of enemy remnants is in progress at Myitkyina, British cross India-Burma border to occupy Tamu, important position recently evacuated by Japanese; enemy troops appear to have withdrawn in complete disorder, leaving behind many dead and dying. Other British units continue down Tiddim road without opposition. Lushai Brig now under command of 33d Corps; this Brig is operating near road between Tiddim and Bishenpur.

Ye-u RR station is target for 15 tons of bombs accurately dropped by 6 B-24s of SAF. On N Burma front, 9 B-25s and 91 U.S. fighter bombers and fighters support ground forces in vicinity of Sahmaw, Taungni, and Myitkyina and damage road and rail targets, villages, and supplies in Sahmaw, Taungni, Pinbaw, Bilumyo, Mohnyin, Mawhun, Katha, Bhamo, and Myothit areas. While sweeping Meiktila airfield, 8 P-38s strafe hangars. Along the Chindwin R., Kabaw Valley, and Tiddim road, 110 Hurribombers, 42 Hurricanes, and 28 Spitfires continue active against enemy communication and supply lines and villages. Sixteen Hurricanes and 8 Spitfires raid villages and river craft on Arakan front. Rail and road targets in central and S Burma harassed by several Beaufighters.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese are now just inside Tengchung SW walls at point breached by bombing and are beating off counterattacks. Small-scale enemy attack in Pingka area is ineffective.

Total of 21 B-25s successfully raids airfields at Lashio and Hsenwi and barracks and ammunition stores at Mangshih. In 62 sorties, P-40s and P-38s sweep over battle areas, bombing S, E, and N walls of Tengchung, destroying 2 trucks and 2 bridges, and strafing pack train.

China: HUNAN: Hengyang is being shelled continuously by enemy, Chungking reports. To the NE, Chinese recapture Pingsiang. Other Chinese troops are fighting for Chaling, E of Anjen, and have entered the town.

KWANGTUNG: Chinese are counterattacking at Limkong.

On Hengyang-Tungting Lake and Yangtze R. fronts, approximately 65 P-40s support Chinese troops at Hengyang, strafe Siangtan airfield, and continue offensive sweeps against communications; many river craft and trucks destroyed or damaged and 40 Japanese killed; 1 flight of P-40s engages 20 Japanese planes attacking Hengyang and destroys 11 of them; 3 enemy planes shot down.

5 Burma-India: On N Burma front, elements of Chinese

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14th Div complete capture of Waingmaw and start N along E bank of Irrawaddy R. toward Maingna, about 3 mi. NE of Myitkyina, where Fort Hertz Levies are engaging Japanese. Units of 36th Ind Div are active against enemy positions in Sahmaw area; about 1 bn of 29th Brig of this Div is now at Myitkyina. Japanese remnants are being cleared from Tamu area. Strong enemy bunkers encountered at MS 50, about 40 mi. S of Churachandpur on Tiddim road; British attack but are unable to dislodge Japanese; other British units establish road block near MS 51 and by-pass bunkers to reach area E of road at MS 55.

On N Burma front, 8 B-25s and 77 U.S. fighter bombers and fighters drop 34 tons of bombs, fire 57 RPs, and strafe various targets, including enemy positions, stores, RR facilities, and gun sites in vicinity of Taungni, Sahmaw, Pinbaw, Hopin, Myitkyina, Bhamo, Myothit, and Hsenwi; Hsenwi bridge heavily damaged. Shwebo airfield strafed by 6 P-38s. Eighty-two Hurribombers release over 20 tons on Chindwin villages from Mawlaik to Thaugdut and in vicinity of Mulam on Tiddim road. Forty-one Hurricanes, 17 Spitfires, and 4 Beaufighters participate in offensive sweeps against usual targets along Chindwin R., Kabaw Valley, and Tiddim road. Sixteen Hurricanes and Spitfires damage bashas and river craft on Arakan front. Beaufighters, in several sorties, continue to harass enemy communication lines.

Burma-China: Salween: Japanese drive Chinese from positions at SW wall of Tengchung, but are unsuccessful in counterattacks at SE edge of city. Chinese 9th Div takes position on high ground 3 mi. SE of Mangshih; considerable ammunition captured.

In heavy attack on Wanling, 18 B-25s destroy or damage 15 buildings and hit motor pool. Three B-25s and 3 P-38s effectively bomb Lashio airfield. Fifty P-40s and P-38s range over front, hitting Tengchung repeatedly.

China: HUNAN: Japanese are infiltrating at SW suburbs of Hengyang.

KWANGTUNG: With recapture of Linkong and routing of Japanese in SW suburbs of Fahsien, situation existing before enemy drive on Liuchow Peninsula started is restored, Chinese announce.

Despite poor weather on Hengyang-Tungting Lake front, approximately 60 P-40 sorties are flown in support of ground forces at Hengyang and against troops, communications, and installations elsewhere; 115 trucks destroyed, 30 Japanese killed, and 2 of 16 interceptors shot down. Single P-40

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destroys 1 of 20 Japanese fighters over Hengyang.

Mozambique Channel: SS Empire City (British cargo ship, 7,295 tons) sunk by enemy action at 11-25 S, 41-25 E.

6. Burma-India: Mopping up is completed at Myitkyina. Chinese 14th Div troops advancing N toward Maingna capture Naungtalaw, 2 mi. S of the town. NW of Sahnaw, elements of 36th Ind Div seize Tayagon and Nampadaung. Third WA Brig, to rear of 36th Ind Div, is consolidating gains of that Div. British continue mopping up and patrolling in Tamu area; 25th EA Brig of 11th EA Div concentrating at Tamu. On Tiddim road, British with air and arty support attack strongly held enemy positions 10 mi. S of Churachandpur, reducing some of them.

Two B-25s further damage Hsenwi bridge, 6 others bomb Mohnyin, and 8 hit stores at Indaingyi (near Kalembo); total of 21 tons of bombs dropped. Ninety-three U.S. fighter bombers and fighters strike along Mandalay RR from Myitkyina to Shwebo; among targets are Sahnaw, Taungni, Hopin, Bilumyo, Mohnyin, Mawnun, Mawlu, Naba, Indaw, and Katha; rail bridges, road targets, gun sites, stores, and buildings damaged. Eight P-38s and 4 Beaufighters damage rail targets at Thazi junction with 4 tons and 32 RPs. With 27 tons of bombs, 107 Hurribombers attack road from Tamu to Sittaung, Thuangdut, Paungbyin, Maingnyaung (15 mi. ESE of Auktaung), Pinlebu, and Mulam. Hurricanes and Spitfires, in 52 sorties, raid usual objectives in Kale and Kabaw Valleys, along Chindwin R., Tiddim road, and on Arakan front. Beaufighters, in flights of 1-2, raid river and rail targets on Chindwin front and along Mandalay RR.

Burma-China: Salween: Brisk fighting continues at Tengchung; elements of 116th Chinese Div now inside SE wall of city, 36th Div attacking at breaches in NW wall, and 198th Div is active at NE wall. Enemy strongpoint in Sungshan Hill area falls to Chinese 103d Div. Chinese 9th Div captures position 2 and another 3 mi. SE of Mangshih.

P-40s and P-38s carry out 11 missions over front, bombing and strafing Tengchung walls and W portion of city, villages near Tengchung, and barracks at Chefang and Mangshih.

China: Japanese maintain pressure on Chinese at Hengyang and continue infiltration.

Seventy-six P-40s and P-51s support Chinese troops at Hengyang and bomb and strafe communications, supplies, and installations on Hengyang-Tungting Lake front, particularly

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in vicinity of Hengyang, Changsha, and Siangtan; 10 sampans and 2 trucks destroyed, 117 sampans damaged, Japanese plane wrecked on Siangtan airfield and 3 more shot down in combat near Hengyang, rail installations and supply centers heavily hit.

7 Burma-India: On N Burma front, troops of 14th Brig, 3d Ind Div, have cleared scattered enemy groups from Taungni Bum area. From Nampadaung, units of 36th Ind Div proceed to Tingzai, 2 mi. NE of Taungni, and capture it; other troops are moving S to cut RR S of Sahmaw. In Tamu sector, 11th EA Div assumes control of all troops in area E of Moreh. On Tiddim road, British with tank support overcome resistance 10 mi. S of Churachandpur and continue southward; E of road, other British units reach vicinity of MS 58.

Seven Wellingtons of SAF bomb Pinlebu, concentrating on camp and dumps; Paungbyin and neighboring village are alternate targets for 3 others; total of 23 tons dropped on the 3 objectives. Unreported number of B-25s lightly bomb and strafe rail targets at Naba. Single A-36 and 70 U.S. fighter bombers and fighters attack bridges, RR stations, and troops in vicinity of Taungni, Pinbaw, Sahmaw, Hopin, Bhamo, and Myothit. Onbawk airfield strafed by 8 U.S. fighters. Ninety Hurribombers hit communication lines and villages in Chindwin R. area and on Tiddim road with 23 tons of bombs. Fifty-two Hurricanes and Spitfires participate in offensive sweeps against similar targets in battle areas and on Arakan front. Rail targets in central Burma harassed by 2 Beaufighters.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese maintain pressure on Tengchung, although situation is virtually unchanged. Four P-38s score direct bomb hits on NE wall of Tengchung.

China: HUNAN: Japanese break into Hengyang. Other Japanese units drive S to Leiyang and are engaged in N suburbs of the city.

On Hengyang-Tungting Lake front, B-25s drop ammunition to Chinese at Hengyang, while approximately 80 P-40s and P-51s support troops in same area and raid villages, compounds, AA positions, and communications from Hengyang N to Changsha; 24 trucks and a 70-ft. steamer destroyed, bridge NW of Hengyang severely damaged, and 4 enemy planes shot down 15 mi. N of Hengyang.

Mozambique Channel: SS Empire Day (British cargo ship, 7,242 tons) sunk by enemy action at 7-06 S, 42-00 E.

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8 Burma-India: On N Burma front, Fort Hertz troops clear Japanese from Maingna. Heavy fighting reported N of Taungni. British activity in Tamu sector limited to consolidation of positions and patrolling. Ninth Brig, 5th Ind Div, now about 12 mi. S of Churachandpur on Tiddim road.

Four B-24s of SAF hit Indaw and rail targets between Indaw and Mandalay with 12 tons of bombs. Similar objectives also raided by planes of TAF: 5 B-25s and 28 U.S. fighter bombers and fighters strike, chiefly against RR bridges, in vicinity of Taungni, Hopin, Kanbala, and Wuntho. Hurricane bombers, in 24 sorties, damage Auktaung, village near Sittaung, river steamers 8 mi. S of Kalewa, and Bashas at Mawlaik. Fifty-two Hurricanes and Spitfires and 2 Beau-fighters harass enemy transportation facilities and targets of opportunity on Chindwin R., in Kabaw Valley, along Tiddim road, and in Arakan sector; river craft considerably damaged. Eight Beaufighters range over Chindwin front, central Burma, and Ramree I., hitting river and rail targets.

Burma-China: Salween: Small gains reported by Chinese inside SE section of Tengchung city. Chinese lose strongpoint in Sungshan-hill area, but regain a portion of it in subsequent counterattack.

P-40s and P-38s, in 15 sorties, attack Tengchung, concentrating on NW gate and NE wall, and destroy truck and staff car near Tingka.

China: HUNAN: Hengyang, under siege since last week in June, falls to Japanese. Fighting continues around the city.

Nineteen B-25s, and approximately 70 P-40s and P-51s are active in Hengyang-Tungting Lake and Yangtze R. areas; B-25s, in flights of 1-4, attack stores, installations, communications, and airfields along Siang R. from Hengyang N and at Hankow and Kiukiang on Yangtze R.; fighters again take heavy toll of river and road transport and bomb and strafe gun positions; 8 vessels (80-150 ft.) sunk, 2 (200 and 250 ft.) probably, and others damaged; 22 trucks destroyed; 4 enemy planes shot down. Seven P-40s attack Amoy, setting seaplane hangar on fire, starting fires at warehouses and docks, damaging 3-decked vessel and radio station, and destroying 3 planes and damaging another on airfield. Swatow storage area, airfield, and docks hit by 8 P-40s; 3 large fires started and warehouse demolished.

Japanese planes cause minor damage to Chihkiang and Kanchow airfields in night attacks.

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9 Burma-India: In N Burma, Chinese 89th Regt, 39th Div, is moving toward Kazu from area about 5 mi. S of Waingmaw. Sahmaw falls to troops of 3d WA Brig. One bn of Chinese 114th Regt, 38th Div, is moving toward Sahmaw. Fourteenth Brig, 3d Ind Div, occupies Tinkrai, 3 mi. W of Taungni. Elements of 29th Brig, 36th Ind Div, now at Pahok. In Tamu sector, patrols of 11th EA Div continue active; 23d Div is withdrawing from 33d Corps area. On Tiddim road, British 9th Brig is checked by enemy strongpoint about 14 mi. S of Churachandpur.

Six Wellingtons of SAF strike at Kaing, Kalewa area, while another bombs Kalembo. B-25s, in 18 sorties, release 18 tons of bombs on Shwegyin, SE of Kalewa, Tiddim town and stores, and bashas E of Tiddim. Fourteen Hurricanes and Spitfires strike on Arakan front, damaging river craft and bashas near Kwazon and strafing Akyab airfield. Nine Beau- fighters continue harassing sweeps against river, road, and rail transport on Chindwin R., Arakan front, and in central Burma.

Burma-China: Salween: Continued fighting in Tengchung and Sungshan areas fails to alter situation materially.

China: HUNAN: Japanese have broken into Yiyang, NW of Changsha, and are being engaged in suburbs.

In Hengyang-Tungting Lake and Yangtze R. sectors, 8 B-25s and about 80 P-40s and P-51s continue support of ground forces at Hengyang, damaging gun positions, slit trenches, and compounds in the area, and sweep over roads and rivers, striking at communications, troops, and villages, particularly in vicinity of Siangtan and Changsha; 7 vessels (80-200 ft.) sunk, over 100 trucks destroyed or damaged, 2 gasoline dump fires, 2 road blocks caused N of Hengyang, and 9 of 16 interceptors shot down. Four P-40s sink 100-ft. junk off Liuchow Peninsula, while another leaves 3 75-ft. tugs sinking off NE French Indo-China.

10 Burma-India: On N Burma front, Taungni falls to troops of 72d Brig, 36th Ind Div. Elements of 114th Regt, Chinese 38th Div, are in contact with 3d WA Brig at Sahmaw. In Tamu sector, 11th EA Div relieves 23d Div of operational command. Road from Tamu to Sittaung now clear to MS 14, near Pyinbon. British 9th Brig, after overcoming resistance 14 mi. S of Churachandpur, continues down Tiddim road to vicinity of MS 59 against light opposition. Hq of 5th Ind Div now at Churachandpur.

Four B-51s bomb and strafe RR station SW of Taungni on

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Myitkyina-Mandalay RR. B-25s, in 18 sorties, attack Chindwin targets, including ferry slip, river craft, village in Mingin area, and stores, and Tiddim road objectives. Weather prevents other B-25 attacks. Fifty-two Hurribombers, 20 Hurricanes, and 4 Spitfires are active in battle areas; enemy positions, trucks, and bashas along Tiddim road in vicinity of Tonzang and Mulam damaged; along Chindwin R., river craft and positions near Kalewa and Yuwa bombed and strafed. Six Beaufighters continue harassing sweeps against river, road, and rail transport on Chindwin front and in central Burma.

Burma-China: Salween: Siege of Tengchung continues, with Chinese established in positions on either side of SE corner of wall and others fighting inside the city. In Mangshih area, village 6 mi. W and another 7 mi. NW of the town captured by Chinese.

China: Single B-29, diverted from Nagasaki, bombs. Yingshan. Poor weather limits air missions on Hengyang-Tungting Lake front to 2 by total of 12 P-40s, during which targets marked by panels W of Hengyang and communications from Hengyang to Changsha are hit; 4 trucks destroyed and 50 damaged; 60-ft. boat sunk. Taiyuan airdrome, N of Yellow R. bend, attacked by 9 P-40s which destroy 24 planes on the ground and damage as many more; 2 enemy aircraft shot down. Two P-40s sink 75-ft. junk off NE French Indo-China.

11 Burma-India: In Dimapur sector, British 23d Brig moves from 14th Army area to Bangalore. Twenty-fifth Brig, 11th EA Div, meets little resistance in advance from Tamu toward Sittaung and is now 12 mi. E of Tamu. Fifth Brig, British 23d Div, moving toward Maram, 18 mi. S of Kohima, from Tamu area; 268th Brig of same Div concentrating at Heirok, 8 mi. NE of Palel. On Tiddim road, British with tank support overcome opposition at MS 59, 18 mi. S of Churachandpur, and continue southward; other units advance to Hengtam, E of the road.

Six P-40s bomb Bhamo and village 4 mi. to the N. On Arakan front, 10 P-38s hit Hparabyin area (W of Kwazon) with 10 tons of bombs, while 32 Hurricanes and Spitfires strafe same target; ammunition dumps and bashas hit. Five Beaufighters attack rail transportation facilities on Irrawaddy R. N of Mandalay and S of Henzada and trucks in central Burma. Adverse weather cancels missions in other sectors.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese 198th Div repulses single enemy counterattack at Tengchung.

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China: Targets on Hengyang-Tungting Lake front heavily hit by total of 23 B-24s, 16 B-25s, and approximately 80 P-40s and P-51s: Changsha is objective for B-24s which cause 5 explosions and 22 large fires; escorted B-25s considerably damage Hengyang and start 15 fires; 16 P-40s escorting B-25s damage enemy installations and compounds W of Hengyang and claim 150 Japanese killed; 65 additional Allied fighters cause further damage in Hengyang area and to communications between Hengyang and Siangtan; paneled targets W of Hengyang and villages and compounds in the area effectively bombed and strafed; pontoon bridge W of Hengyang demolished; along RR from Hengshan to Siangtan, rail facilities are damaged and 4 warehouses destroyed; considerable damage caused to radio station near Hengshan; a number of trucks destroyed or damaged and river craft strafed. On Yellow R. front, 2 P-40s strafe radio station near Puchou; others on patrol shoot down 5 enemy planes and destroy another on ground. Hongkong bombed by unreported number of B-25s. Two P-40s score near misses on several vessels off NE French Indo-China.

12. Burma-India: On Chindwin front, British patrols continue active S of Ukhruil and report Humine, 30 mi. SSE of Ukhruil, and villages to N and W free of Japanese. Advance of 25th EA Brig along Tamu-Sittaung road slowed by Japanese resistance at MS 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ and by landslides resulting from heavy rainfall. British 268th Brig, 23d Div, reverts to command of 33d Corps. Japanese cleared from MS 60 on Tiddim road.

On N Burma front, 16 B-25s and 76 U.S. fighter bombers concentrate on rail targets on Myitkyina-Mandalay RR and on enemy positions in Bhamo-Myothit area; RR bridges, trackage, and rolling stock damaged in vicinity of Taungni, Pinbaw, Pinwe, Hopin, Mawhun, and in areas between Kyungon and Zawchaung and from Kanbalu to Kawlin. On Chindwin front, 3 B-25s drop 6 tons of bombs on Mingin, while a similar force mines the river between Masein and Singaung. Twenty-two Hurricanes and Spitfires sweep over Arakan front, damaging village and bashas near Kwazon and river craft along Mayu and Kaladan rivers. Six Beaufighters raid communications and installations in Pyinmana-Yedashe area.

Burma-China: Salween: Fighting continues in Tengchung and Sungshan areas; ammunition dump exploded at latter. Enemy planes ineffectively raid U.S. AA positions. Four P-40s bomb Tengchung.

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China: On Hengyang-Tungting Lake front, 7 B-25s, 21 P-40s, and 11 P-51s effectively bomb and strafe Hengyang town, RR yards, gun emplacements, trenches, and paneled targets, as well as troops and trucks near Siangtan; pontoon bridge 5 mi. W of Hengyang destroyed, 80 Japanese killed; 8 trucks wrecked and 60 damaged. While sweeping Yangtze R. in vicinity of Kiukiang and Hankow, 20 P-40s sink 2 vessels (100 and 200 ft.), 1 of them loaded with gasoline, and damage 4 other craft. On Yellow R. front, 9 P-40s strafe 2 airfields at Loyang, barracks at Yuncheng, and radio station at Puchou; hangars damaged and fires started at 1st objective. Japanese planes bomb and strafe Ankang airfield, causing some damage to runway. Liuchow, Liangshan, and Hanchung airfields raided at night by enemy aircraft; all fields remain operational, although runways and gasoline drums are hit.

13 Burma-India: Japanese withdraw from position at MS 16½ on Tamu-Sittaung road. Eleventh EA Div patrols are active in Tamu sector, despite poor condition of trails due to rain; units of 26th EA Brig are advancing toward Sunle, near Minthami, where patrol base will be established; 21st EA Brig moves to area S of Wanjing. Ninth Brig, British 5th Div, continues S down Tiddim road past MS 60 and past Hengtam E of the road; rearguard opposition met and overcome. Thirty B-25s, 1 A-36, and 60 U.S. fighter bombers attack troop concentrations, stores, and rail targets in N and central Burma, dropping approximately 50 tons of bombs and strafing; RR bridge 4 mi. N of Chaungu (on Sagain-Monywa RR) destroyed; rail bridges at Namkwin and 10 mi. SW of Indaw damaged; bridge abutment N of Kanbalu and tracks on approach to Chaungu bridge hit; numerous hits scored on RR between Tantabin and Wuntho and from Sagaing to Monywa. Six Hurricane bombers, 27 Hurricanes, and 20 Spitfires strike at enemy positions, fuel dumps, gun sites, and river and road transport along Chindwin R., in Kabaw Valley, and on Arakan front. Enemy communication lines along Chindwin R. and in central Burma effectively raided by 10 Beaufighters.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese 116th Div repulses numerous counterattacks in S corner of Tengchung. Thirty-six P-40s and P-38s patrol front, successfully raid Tengchung town and walls 3 times, start fuel fires at Chefang, and bomb E bridge at Tingka. Lungling twice bombed by total of 18 B-25s; storage areas and approaches to town

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bear brunt of attack which is reported successful.

China: Approximately 150 Allied fighter bombers and fighters strike in Hengyang-Tungting Lake area, concentrating on communications, troops, and compounds; bridge destroyed and another damaged S of Hengshan; about 50 trucks destroyed or damaged; casualties inflicted on cavalry columns. Three B-24s on shipping sweep over South China Sea sink 3 AKs (200-400 ft.). P-40s on patrol off Liuchow Peninsula sink 2 junks (100-and 75 ft.), while others sink 100-ft. dredge and 70-ft. junk off NE French Indo-China coast.

Yangtong airfield at Kwellin raided during night by 2 enemy planes; 11 holes resulting in runway are quickly repaired.

Mozambique Channel: SS Radbury (British cargo ship, 3,614 tons) sunk by enemy action at 25-00 S, 42-30 E.

14 Burma-India: Forty-second Regt, Chinese 14th Div, is returning to Waingmaw after clearing stragglers from area about 8 mi. ESE of Myitkyina. In Kazu area, 89th Regt, Chinese 30th Div, is consolidating its positions. Mansen, 6 mi. E of Taungni, falls to 1st bn, 114th Regt, Chinese 38th Div. Fourth Bur. Regt starts moving to India. On Tamu road, activity of 25th EA Brig, 11th EA Div, checked by landslides. Increased enemy resistance met by 9th Brig at MS 66 on Tiddim road; opposition overcome after repeated attacks and southward advance continues.

Ten B-25s, 2 A-36s, and 96 U.S. fighter bombers and fighters attack buildings, slit trenches, bridges, and river craft in Bhamo-Myothit area and rail targets and villages along RR from Pinbaw to Yamethin; objectives at or near Pinbaw, Hopin, Mohnyin, Mawlu, Naba, and Yamethin hit. Thirty-eight B-25s are active on Chindwin front, 32 of them striking in Mawlaik area, 3 mining river between Masein and Singaung, and 3 bombing steamer near Mingin and area N of Kalewa. Eighty-four Hurribombers, 48 Hurricanes, and 10 Spitfires bomb and strafe villages, encampments, and communications in vicinity of Tonzang on Tiddim road, in Kalemwo-Kalewa-Mawlaik areas on Chindwin, and in Mayu-Kaladan sectors of Arakan front. Beaufighters, in 10 sorties, continue harassing sweeps against communication lines on Chindwin front and in central Burma.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese, with air and arty support, launch major attacks against 2 strong Japanese hill positions

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near Lungling; Japanese are driven to top of hill 1 mi. SE of Lungling; the other hill, just S of the city, is captured by Chinese. Later in the day, strong assault is initiated by Chinese against Tengchung and several positions are captured; stiff fighting continues.

In support of ground forces, 24 B-25s and 43 P-40s and P-38s, in 13 missions, considerably damage Lungling and Tengchung.

China: HUNAN-KIANGSI: Indecisive fighting reported on Hankow-Canton RR at Leiyang (about 30 mi. S of Hengyang), E of the RR at Anjen, Chaling, and Liling, and W. of RR at Siangsiang.

HUPEH: On Yangtze R. front, Chinese report new offensive N and S of the river against enemy positions near Ichang.

On Hengyang-Tungting Lake front, 21 B-25s and about 80 P-40s and P-51s bomb and strafe Hengyang area and barracks, compounds, and communications from Hengyang to Yochow; B-25s objectives are Siangtan, Hengyang, Pailuchi airfield, and barracks at Sinshih and Sintsiang; fighters cause further damage at Hengyang, block road fork 8 mi. N of the town, destroy 14 trucks and damage 75, damage 3 100-ft. steamboats, and kill 127 Japanese and 25 horses. Eight B-24s, in night attack on freighter convoy in South China Sea, score near misses but observe no damage. Two B-24s start fires at Takao Harbor, while others, operating singly, bomb Victoria I. and Mako naval base in the Pescaderes.

15 Burma-India: Hill feature 2 mi. S of Mansen captured by troops of 114th Regt, Chinese 38th Div. No significant changes reported in Lamu sector. Advance of 9th Brig down Tiddim road continues against light opposition. Fifth Div assumes command of Lushai Brig.

Seven B-24s of SAF attack Ywataung, causing bursts at RR station, marshalling yards, and tracks with 21 tons of bombs. Pinlebu is target for 6 SAF Wellingtons with 13 tons of bombs; another bombs Mawlaik. N Burma objectives in vicinity of Bhamo and Myothit, Myitkyina-Rangoon RR targets as far S as Pynmana, RR from Sagaing to Monywa, and Lashio town and airfield attacked by total of 21 B-25s, 2 A-36s, and 79 U.S. fighter bombers with over 50 tons of bombs and several belly tanks; gun positions, slit trenches, supply dumps, villages, and RR installations hit. On Chindwin front, 3 B-25s mine river between Mawlaik and Masein, while 3 others unsuccessfully raid road bridge SE of Pyingaing.

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Hurribombers, in 124 sorties, release 31 tons of bombs on villages, dumps, and bridges in Chindwin, Kabaw Valley, and Tiddim road sectors. About 90 Hurricanes and Spitfires concentrate on enemy communication and supply lines in battle areas; while 5 Beaufighters hit similar targets on lower Chindwin and in central and S Burma.

Burma-China: Salween: Following arty preparation, Chinese launch concerted pre-dawn attack on Tengchung and vigorous fighting is in progress; 198th Div receives heavy flanking fire at N corner of wall. Japanese counterattack SE of Lungling is beaten off, but Chinese sustain heavy casualties.

Kutkai, on Burma Road N of Lashio, bombed by 12 B-25s which concentrate on storage areas and barracks with good results. P-40s and P-38s, in 45 sorties, bomb and strafe Lungling, Tengchung, Tingka, and patrol front; bridge at Tingka destroyed.

China: One B-25 and about 100 P-40s and P-51s bomb and strafe installations, warehouses, communications, compounds, and cavalry units in vicinity of Hengyang, Leiyang, and Changsha and shipping on Yangtze R.; 18 trucks destroyed and 59 damaged; 200-ft. AK, 75-ft. junk, and 8 barges sunk; 3 200-ft. AKs set on fire and a number of smaller vessels damaged; 300 Japanese and many horses killed in vicinity of Chaling, Anjen, Sinshih, and Changsha; considerable damage caused to enemy positions at Yiyang. Storage area at Amoy bombed at night by single B-24. Shipping off NE French Indo-China raided by 4 P-40s which sink 150-ft. steamer and 2 75-ft. barges and damage 3 200-ft. steamers and a 100-ft. dredge.

16 Burma-India: Evacuation of 4th Bur Regt from Myitkyina area completed. Third WA Brig now at Mogaung en route to Myitkyina for evacuation. Twenty-ninth Brig of 36th Ind Div concentrated in area S of Sahmaw. Rear Hq of British 23d Div closes at Palél and the Div is under direct command of 14th Army. Thirty-seventh Brig assumes command of all troops remaining in Palél area. On Tiddim road, advances. units of 9th Brig reach MS 72 where friendly troops are blocking road; 161st Brig is concentrating in area between MS 52 and MS 57.

Twenty-two B-25s unload over 40 tons of bombs on air marshalling yards and neighboring buildings, in the Chindwin R. between Kin and Mingin, and 3 sink large river craft near

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Kin. Thirty-two U.S. fighter bombers raid N Burma targets, including enemy positions at Thaikwagon (SW of Taungni), village SW of Hopin, Pinwe RR station, Katha, and road in Bhamo area. Pyinmana RR junction hit by 9 P-38s. Ten P-51s strafe and damage several planes on Lashio airfield. With 27 tons of bombs, 107 Hurribombers attack objectives in 33d Corps area. In Chindwin front, village near Kalemyo razed and enemy positions at Pyingaing, Yuwa, Kalewa, and Pinlebu hit along Tiddim road. Tonzang and neighboring village and MT park near Khuaivum raided. Forty-nine Hurricanes and Spitfires strike at targets along Tiddim and Tamu-Sittaung roads, rolling stock and dumps between Paungbyin and Wuntho, and river craft along Mayu and Kaladan rivers; 56 river craft sunk or damaged. Ten Beaufighters make widespread sweeps over Burma, damaging communications and installations.

Burma-China: Salween: At Tengchung, Chinese have captured 6 positions on city wall from W to SE. Other Chinese troops are attacking hill feature NE of Mangshih against stiff resistance. In Lungling sector, Chinese units reach trenches 1 mi. SE of the city, but are forced to withdraw because of flanking fire.

Sixteen B-25s attack Wanking, destroying warehouses and starting large fires. P-40s, in 21 sorties, considerably damage installations at Lungling and score near misses on Hsenwi bridge.

China: On Hengyang-Tungting Lake front, 12 B-25s and approximately 100 P-40s and P-51s strike at bridges, road and river transport, and enemy positions; 1 bridge destroyed and several damaged; Chaling, ferry terminus near Siangtan, and Sungpai effectively bombed; 20 trucks destroyed and 45 damaged; several river craft sunk or damaged. Four P-40s destroy or damage 4 locomotives in NE French Indo-China and damage 4 150-ft. steamers and 5 junks off coast.

Mozambique Channel: SS Empire Lancer (British cargo ship, 7,037 tons) sunk by enemy action at 15-- S, 45-00 E.

- 17 Burma-India: Myitkyina task force dissolved. Advance CP of northern combat area opens at Myitkyina. SE of Myitkyina, 7 Kachin Levy companies are operating in vicinity of Kazu. Elements of 72d Brig, 36th Ind Div, capture Thaikwagon, 5 mi. S of Taungni. Activity in Tamu sector still hampered by difficulties of communication and movement due to heavy rain. Hq of British 5th Div now on Tiddim road E of Bongbal.

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Ywataung RR station is target for 5 B-24s of SAF with 15 tons of bombs. On N Burma front, 72 U.S. fighter bombers and fighters raid troops, stores, arty positions, and villages in Bhamo-Myothit area and along Mogaung-Mandalay RR at Taungni, Pinbaw, Hopin, Bilumyo, and Katha; road bridge near Hsenwi also attacked and approaches wrecked. Rail targets at Yamethin damaged by 7 P-38s with half-ton bombs. Twenty-four B-25s attack Mawlaik, causing large explosion and numerous fires; 2 others damage stores at Shwegyin, SE of Kalewa, and river craft near Kin; 4 B-25s mine Chindwin R. between Kalewa and Kin. Hurribombers, in 83 sorties, drop 21 tons of bombs on enemy positions and villages on Chindwin in vicinity of Kalewa, Kalemyo, Mawlaik, Masein, and Pyingaing. Ninety-two Hurricanes and Spitfires raid stores, MT, and river craft during sweeps along Tiddim road, Chindwin R., and on Arakan front. Seven Beaufighters are active against communication lines over wide area.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese report capture of hill feature under attack NE of Mangshih. Chinese guerrillas are active along Burma Road, wrecking portion of it between Mangshih and Chefang and destroying bridge S of former. Two enemy attacks repulsed in Lungling area. At Tengchung, Chinese inside S corner of wall capture 2 pillboxes.

P-40s and P-38s, in 48 sorties, considerably damage Lungling and enemy positions in area during repeated attacks, bomb NE gate at Tengchung, and destroy bridge at Hsenwi.

China: Targets in Hengyang-Tungting Lake and Yangtze R. areas hit by total of 25 B-24s, 22 B-25s, and about 90 P-40s and P-51s: escorted B-24s attack Yochow, causing severe damage to storage area with 34 tons of bombs; 18 of the B-25s with fighter escort strike at Kiukiang RR yards and stores with good results; remaining 4 B-25s and fighters bomb and strafe river craft, trucks, bridges, supplies, and installations, particularly in Hengyang area; 17 river craft, including 300-ft. vessel, and 16 trucks destroyed or damaged; RR yards at Sienning hit. Eight P-40s attack airdrome on Yellow R. front, destroying 6 planes on ground and another in the air. Two B-24s sink 400-ft. AK off Amoy. Four P-40s raid NE French Indo-China, destroying 3 locomotives and damaging 10 vessels (75 to 150 ft.) off coast.

Japanese planes, in daylight raid on Kienow, drop 20 bombs on town, causing minor damage.

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moved to Ledo from Myitkyina area. In Kabaw Valley, units of 100th Brig, British 20th Div, contact Japanese position 2 mi. SE of Thanan. Enemy strongpoint in vicinity of MS 16 on Tamu-Sittaung road reduced by troops of 25th Brig, 11th EA Div. On Tiddim road, 9th Brig, 5th Div, meets slightly stronger resistance near MS 73; other units of the Brig are moving W of the road toward Khuaiyum.

Two A-36s and 75 U.S. fighter bombers attack in N Burma, dropping demolition bombs, incendiaries, and depth charges and strafing enemy positions, installations, and specified targets at village 8 mi. SW of Taungni, Pinbaw, Katha, Moda (on Irrawaddy R. NE of Katha), and Bhamo. In addition, 8 P-47s strafe Lashio airfield, while 4 others strafe gun positions in Kutkai area, N of Lashio. Eight P-51s shoot down 2 of 10 enemy planes intercepted near Chefang. Thirty-two B-25s with about 48 tons of bombs attack stores, bridges, and tanks in Kalewa, Yuwa, and Mu R. areas. Hurribombers, in 120 sorties, hit enemy positions, villages, and bridges in vicinity of Mawlaik, Yuwa, Kalewa, Kalembo, Yazagyo, Tonzang, and Khuaiyum with 30 tons of bombs. Approximately 90 Hurricanes and Spitfires strafe villages, personnel, supplies, and communications in Chindwin, Tiddim road, and Arakan sectors. Rail and road transport in S Burma damaged by 6 Beaufighters.

Burma-China: Salween: At Tengchung, Chinese 36th Div is unsuccessful in attempt to drive Japanese from position in British Consulate, despite strong air support, 3 pill-boxes captured on SW wall by 2d Reserve Div. Chinese, in 4 assaults, succeed in capturing hill position 1 mi. SE of Lungling, under attack since 14th.

Storage area at Mangshih effectively bombed by 12 B-25s; secondary explosions and smoke rising 2,000 ft. observed. Forty-five P-40s and P-38s sweep over front, raiding Tengchung, Sungshan, Lungling, Mangshih, and Lashio airdrome; interception attempted by 16 enemy planes, 4 of which are probably destroyed. While dropping supplies at low altitude, 2 U.S. transports are attacked by several enemy planes; 1 transport missing.

China: Seven B-25s and 19 P-40s attack Hengyang-Lungting Lake targets; damaging storage area at Changsha and RR bridge at Lukow and Chuting, bombing RR station at Hengyang, and hitting troops and trucks along roads N of Hengshan and in Chaling-Yuhsien-Leiyang areas. On Yellow R. front, 6 P-40s bomb Hsuechang. B-24s, in 4 sorties, bomb Kowloon docks at Hongkong and sink cruiser and AK in South China Sea.

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Burma-India: In Kabaw Valley, group of Japanese encountered by 100th Brig patrol about 5 mi. S of Thanan. Troops of 9th Brig with tank and arty support are attacking enemy position near MS 73 on Tiddim road.

Four P-47s bomb and strafe Thaikwagon area, near Taungni, while 2 P-40s damage trucks between Myothit and Bhamo. Twenty-nine B-25s attack rail targets, stores, and troops at Monywa with over 50 tons of bombs; another raids river craft on Chindwin. Eight-seven Hurribombers drop 21 tons of bombs on enemy positions, supplies, and bridges in vicinity of Thanan, Kalewa, Kalembo, Yuwa, Mualpi (N of Tonzang), and Khuairum. Hurricanes and Spitfires, in 54 sorties, concentrate on road and river transport in Chindwin, Kabaw Valley, Tiddim road, and Arakan sectors. Six Beaufighters continue harassing sweeps against widespread rail, road, and river transport.

Burma-China: Salween: Newly-won Chinese positions on Salween front hold against numerous counterattacks.

China: HUNAN-KIANGSI: Although fighting has continued in outer ring of Hengyang since its fall, situation remains virtually static. No material change reported at various contested points E and W of Hankow-Canton RR.

HUPEH: Chinese report new offensive NE of Ichang: several Chinese columns are advancing toward Chungsiang and Kingshan. Fighting continues near Ichang, with Chinese claiming gains.

CHEKIANG: Japanese are driving SE from Wuyi, Chungking reports, and are being engaged.

On Hengyang-Tungting Lake-Yangtze R. front, 25 escorted B-24s considerably damage storage area at Puchi; Sianning is target for 11 B-25s which score 40% hits; 3 other B-25s and 84 P-40s and P-51s attack Chaling, Hengyang airfield and rail facilities, variety of targets near Hengyang, Siangtan airfield, and troops and communications in Changsha area; 2 launches, 2 tenders, 18 junks, and 26 trucks destroyed or damaged; 3 enemy planes shot down.

Mozambique Channel: SS Wayfarer (British cargo ship, 5,068 tons) sunk by enemy action at 14-30 S, 42-20 E.

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Burma-India: Hq of 36th Ind Div now located at Sahmaw. Numerous Japanese dead reported between Namma and Mohnyin as result of air action and disease. On Chindwin front, British 4th Brig starts toward Angouching range, NE of Humine, to clear enemy groups reported there. Strong Japanese positions astride Tamu-Sittaung road at Pyinbon Sakan hit during night

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by Allied air and arty. On Tiddim road, Japanese position near MS 73 found abandoned and 9th Brig continues to MS 75, 8 mi. S of Hengtam; meanwhile, Khuaivum, 12 mi. SW of Hengtam, is occupied by other units of the Brig. Since 22 July, Lushai Brig has killed 672 Japanese, wounded 145, and destroyed 61 MT along Tiddim road.

Thirty B-25s release about 60 tons of bombs on RR bridges between Ywataung and Ye-u and 1 near Thityabin with good results. Forty-seven Hurribombers attack enemy positions 6 mi. NW of Sittaung, 12 mi. NW of Thaungdut, at Thanan, and in Kalemyo area. Japanese troops, camps, and transport in battle areas strafed by 47 Hurricanes and Spitfires. Communication lines in central Burma harassed by 6 Beaufighters.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese overcome opposition at British Consulate just outside Tengchung and are inside Tengchung walls near W corner. After blowing up strongly held enemy position in Sungshan area, Chinese occupy it. Indecisive fighting in progress in vicinity of Lungling.

Thirty P-40s patrol front and destroy 7 trucks at Tingka.

China: Single B-29, diverted from Yawata, attack Laoyao, Kaifeng, and Paoying. Four B-25s and 76 P-40s and P-51s take heavy toll of shipping on Yangtze and Siang rivers; effectively attack Anjen, Hengyang airfield, town 2 mi. N of Hengyang, and Chaling; carry out offensive sweeps against installations and road targets: 150-ft. launch, 2 100-ft. vessels, and 28 smaller craft sunk; over 100 vessels, including many small tankers, damaged; about 50 trucks and armored cars destroyed or damaged; bridge 4 mi. SW of Hengshan wrecked; 2 enemy planes shot down.

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Burma-India: Twenty-ninth Brig of 36th Ind Div is advancing to pass through 72d SW of Taungni. SW of Tamu, advance units of 26th Brig, 11th EA Div, reach Witok without enemy contact. Troops of British 5th Div continue S along Tiddim road unopposed.

Nine B-25s, 2 A-36s, and 70 U.S. fighter bombers attack N Burma targets, with main effort in support of ground forces in Pinbaw, Taungni, Namma, and Hopin areas; village 12 mi. ENE of Bhamo also hit; in addition to 25 tons of bombs, missiles include a number of 75-gallon incendiary tanks and RPs. In support of troops on Chindwin front, 42 Hurribombers drop 10 tons of bombs in Sittaung, Pialebu, Yuwa, and Kalemyo areas; 4 others raid India on Arakan front. Eleven

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Hurricanes, 12 Spitfires, and 1 Beaufighter sweep over upper Chindwin and Mayu R. areas, damaging villages and river craft. Two Beaufighters damage rolling stock at Chiengmai, Thailand.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese report capture of SW third of Tengchung. Fighting continues in Lungling and Sungshan areas with Chinese making slight gains. Eight P-40s strafe Tengchung. Same target hit for 1st time by aircraft of 10th USAF: 34 P-51s damage city walls and many houses with 10 tons of bombs and incendiaries.

China: Fifteen B-25s and 66 P-40s and P-51s continue disruption of enemy communication lines in Hengyang-Tungting Lake area and heavily damage Anjen and installations and buildings in the area, airfield and rail targets at Hengyang, villages in vicinity of Leiyang, and buildings at Siangtan airfield; 125-ft. boat and 20 sampans sunk; 27 river craft, including 125-ft. boat, damaged; 32 trucks destroyed and 15 damaged; 25 feet of RR trackage destroyed. While sweeping South China Sea, 3 B-24s attack and probably destroy a 350-400 ft. naval vessel.

Indian Ocean: SS Nairung (British cargo ship, 5,414 tons) sunk by enemy action at 6-48 S, 39-20 E.

22 Burma-India: Hq of 37th Brig, British 23d Div, moves to Shillong from Palel. British positions at MS 84 on Tiddim road shelled by arty and mortars; forward units of 9th Brig reach MS 85 where Japanese are contacted. Over 100 Japanese dead and considerable equipment left by hastily withdrawing Japanese between MS 74 and MS 82.

Continuing close support of troops in Pinbaw area, 32 P-47s bomb and strafe buildings, supplies, troops, and villages. Sixty-one Hurribombers and 17 Spitfires and Hurricanes raid enemy positions and communication lines on Chinwin and Arakan fronts; chief targets are positions in Thanan, Sittaung, and Thaugdut areas. Five Beaufighters harass river and rail targets in vicinity of Kalewa and in central Burma.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese make small gains at Tengchung. Fighting continues in Sungshan area. Chinese claim capture of all of old section of Lungling.

P-40s and P-38s, in 25 sorties, score near misses on Tingka bridge and patrol front. Twenty-three P-47s of 10th USAF damage buildings at Tengchung with over 7 tons of bombs and 12 belly tanks; during sweeps between Bhamo, Lungling, and Tengchung, 6 P-47s and 2 P-40s of same AF strafe troops,

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China: HUNAN: Heavy rains slow operations in Hengyang area.

HUPEH: Chinese report gains in suburbs of Chungsiang; fighting continues at Kingshan where Chinese break into the town but are subsequently forced to withdraw.

Weather grounds bombers and curtails fighter operations. Twenty P-40s concentrate on shipping on Yangtze and other rivers N of Tungting Lake and raid RR installations at Kinhwa and airfield at Nanchang: 80-ft. steamer and 10 boats (30-80 ft.) sunk, 2 80-ft. steamboats set on fire and probably destroyed, and 80 other river craft damaged; 11 locomotives and many boxcars destroyed or damaged at Kinhwa; 1 enemy plane wrecked on ground and 4 of 16 interceptors probably destroyed. Six P-40s raid Fuyao and Matsu islands, near Foochow, killing about 450 Japanese, damaging barracks and seaplane hangar, sinking 250-ft. AK, and damaging 19 smaller craft.

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Burma-India: On N Burma front, 30th Chinese Div concentrating in Myitkyina area; Hq of 50th Chinese Div now at Mogaung and remainder of Div is moving from Myitkyina to this area. On Chindwin front, 4th Brig, British 20th Div, continues move to clear Angouching range, reaching Chahong Khnou and Kamjong area. Troops of 100th Brig, 20th Div, continue active against Japanese around Thanan, Kabaw Valley; some units are advancing toward Tilawng; Brig Hq now at Kangpat. Eleventh EA Div is active on Tamu front: 21st Brig now concentrated in Sibong area; 25th Brig troops patrolling around Pyinbon Sakan on Tamu-Sittaung road; 26th Brig reaches Sunle and sends patrols to Minthami. On Tiddim road, 161st Brig, 5th Div, passes through 9th to overcome opposition at MS 85, but is delayed by slight resistance at MS 86, 5 mi. S of Khuaiyuan.

On N Burma front, ground forces in Pinbaw area receive excellent support from 44 B-25s and 40 P-47s which drop 55 tons of bombs and 52 depth charges on troops, gun positions, RR, and village. Ten P-47s and 8 P-51s hit camps and villages near Mohnyin, Namma, and Nalong (N of Myothit) with 7 tons. Hurribombers, in 121 sorties, drop 30 tons of bombs on enemy positions near Thaugdut, Sittaung, Auktaung, and Kalewa on Chindwin R. and on targets in Zampi and Tonzang areas along Tiddim road. Approximately 70 Hurricanes and Spitfires raid villages and transportation facilities along Chindwin R.,

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Kabaw Valley, Tiddim road, and on Arakan front. Seven Beau-fighters raid widespread communication targets in Burma.

Burma-China: Salween: Fighting reported in progress inside Lungling. Minor gains made by Chinese at Tengchung.

Ten P-51s and 9 P-40s of 10th USAF attack Lungling, bombing and strafing town, gun positions, troops, dumps, and neighboring villages, including Mangshih. P-47s and P-40s of same AF, in 11 sorties, strafe trucks and targets of opportunity in Bhamo-Tengchung-Lungling-Chefang areas.

China: HUNAN-KIANGSI: Japanese appear to be preparing for drive on Kweilin; supplies and troops concentrated in Hengyang area W of Siang R. Heavy rainfall continues on Hengyang front, but fighting is reported in vicinity of Leiyang, Anjen, Chaling, Liling, Siangsiang, and Chakiang.

HUPEH: Chinese report gains in NE outskirts of Ichang. Enemy positions in E Hupeh under attack.

KWANGTUNG: Japanese on Liuchow Peninsula launch another northward drive from Suichi, reaching Linkong.

Six B-25s, 54 P-40s, and 17 P-51s continue hammering at enemy communication and supply lines and furnish ground support in Yangtze R.-Tungting Lake-Hengyang area, bombing and strafing Ichang, Hengshan, Hengyang, Anjen, and area 5 mi. S of Sungpai. During sweeps of Siang and Han rivers, 4 125-ft. steamers and 23 supply boats and junks destroyed; other shipping damaged. On Yellow R. front, 3 B-25s escorted by 12 P-40s score several direct hits on bridge N of Kaifeng.

24. Burma-India: On Tama-Sittaung road, 25th EA Brig occupies Pyinbon Sakan without opposition. Elsewhere, only patrolling reported.

Twenty-two U.S. fighter bombers raid N Burma objectives in vicinity of Pinbaw, Hopin, Mohnyin, and Bhamo; 1 bridge and approaches to 2 others S of Bhamo damaged. Two P-40s strafe communications between Bhamo and Chefang. Adverse weather prevents attack on Maymye by 48 B-25s with 19 P-38s as escort; 12 of the bombers hit stores in Ye-u area; Shwebo and Onbawk strafed by returning fighters. Sixteen Hurricanes and Spitfires raid villages and communications along Tiddim road in vicinity of Zampah and on Arakan front. Three Beaufighters continue harassing raids against communication lines in central and S Burma.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese maintain pressure on Tengchung and reduce a number of pillboxes. Chinese units fighting S of Lungling make some progress.

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positions 4 mi. NE of Mangshih unsuccessfully attacked by Chinese. Adverse weather grounds planes.

China: HUNAN: Chinese troops reported at Chuting.

On Hengyang-Tungting Lake front, 8 B-25s and 33 P-40s attack Yangtich, specified targets in Anjen area, Chuchow, and radio station near Hengshan, in addition to usual communication objectives; 110 river craft and a number of RR cars, trucks, and tanks destroyed or damaged. Four P-40s effectively raid marshalling yards at Yungcheng on Yellow R. front. In night attacks, 3 B-24s sink 200-ft. AK 100 mi. SE of Hongkong and 75-ft. vessel 50 mi. S of Hongkong, while 2 others bomb docks at Amoy.

25 Burma-India: Twenty-ninth Brig of 36th Ind Div, from position astride Mogaung-Mandalay RR SW of Taungni, starts drive toward Pinbaw, reaching village 2 mi. N of the town. On Tamu-Sittaung road, 25th EA Brig regains contact with Japanese about 1 mi. E of Pyinbon Sakan. From MS 86 on Tiddim road, 161st Brig continues to MS 88 where Japanese are again encountered.

On N Burma front, 32 P-47s and 14 P-51s furnish ground support in Pinbaw area, bombing and strafing gun positions, villages, and rail targets; objectives in Hopin area also hit. Air missions on 15th and 33d Corps fronts cancelled because of poor weather.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese make slight gains in S and W portion of Tengchung and in area S of Lungling.

China: Eleven B-25s and 49 P-40s and P-51s attack on Hengyang-Tungting Lake front, causing much damage at Yangtich and Anjen during repeated bombing and strafing raids; 200 Japanese killed near Anjen; Hengyang airfield, paneled targets W of the town, and Nanyo village (NW of Hengyang) also hit; RR tunnel N of Hengyang blocked; near misses scored on AA positions at Siangtan; 7 60-ft. boats destroyed and 28 other craft damaged on Siang R. In Kwangtung Province, 12 P-51s attack Samshui and Kongmoon in Canton area, while 4 P-40s strike at Liuchow Peninsula targets; good results reported, particularly at Samshui where town and docks are heavily damaged. Two P-40s set 75-ft. steamer on fire off Hanoi, French Indo-China. During night, single B-24s bomb Kowloon docks, damage 400-ft. AK in Formosa Strait, and bomb convoy 75 mi. SE of Amoy.

Kanchow airfield raided by 3 enemy planes and Suichwan airfield by 1; 2 P-40s slightly damaged at former.

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26 Burma-India: In Kabaw Valley, 100th Brig, 20th Div, clears enemy position 2 mi. SE of Thanan and is attacking another in the area. Twenty-fifth EA Brig is engaging Japanese in area about 1 mi. E of Pyinbon on Tamu-Sittaung road. Flooded rivers hamper 26th EA Brig. On Tiddim road, 161st Brig is still held up at MS 88, but some units by-pass Khuadam to establish road block at MS 92 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Fifteen P-47s continue support of ground forces near Pinbaw, bombing and strafing specified targets; MG nest destroyed. Four other P-47s bomb and strafe tank park at Momauk, E of Bhamo, Village near Kalewa and another near Kindat each hit by 12 Hurribombers. Twenty-nine Hurricanes strafe communications and bashas in Tiddim road, Kabaw Valley, and Mayu R. areas. Eight Beaufighters, in flights of 2 each, damage transportation facilities in central and S Burma.

Burma-China: Salween: Further gains reported by Chinese S of Lungling. Situation in other sectors unchanged.

China: HONAN: From Peking-Hankow RR, Japanese have driven W to points NW and E of Miyang; Chinese report drive checked.

On Siang and Yangtze river fronts, single B-24 and 22 P-40s and P-51s successfully bomb Yangtien town, cavalry units and barracks in Anjen area, village and compounds 5 mi. W of Anjen, compounds near Hengyang, stores at mouth of Hwangpu R., Nanchang airfield, and river shipping; 2 80-ft. vessels destroyed, 11 sampans sunk and 20 sampans damaged. On Yellow R. front, 5 P-40s shoot down 3 of 8 intercepting enemy planes near Chenghsien; Taiyun airfield and rail targets at Sincheng raided by unreported number of Allied planes; RR bridge at Sincheng left inoperational. In Chekiang Province, 4 P-40s hit rail and other targets in Kinhwa and Wuyi areas with good results; 2 B-25s bomb barracks at Wenchow. Single B-24 bombs Amoy docks at night, causing explosions and 11 fires among warehouses.

Suichwan and Kanchow airfields raided during night by 4 and 5 enemy planes, respectively; damage is negligible.

27 Burma-India: On N Burma front, 29th Brig, 36th Ind Div, occupies Pinbaw, on Mogaung-Mandalay RR, without opposition. Hq of 3d Ind Div closes at Shaduzup. S of Tamu, troops of 26th EA Brig are active in vicinity of Minthami, occupying Zibyugon and Htinjin without opposition. Units of 25th EA Brig are blocking Tamu-Sittaung road near Pyinbon. Some Japanese abandon position on Tiddim road at MS 88 during night.

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Continuing close support of troops in Pinbaw area, 31 P-47s drop 8 tons of bombs and strafe specified targets and village. Forty-six Hurribombers attack Nawngpu-awng, 2 bridges at Kongyi (SE of Kalewa), and villages near Kalewa, 8 mi. SE of Khuaiyum, and SE of Buthedaung. Hurricanes and Spitfires, in 82 sorties, strafe Japanese troops, trucks, river craft, and villages along Chindwin, Myittha, Mayu, and Kaladan rivers and Tiddim road; rolling stock at Ye-u also hit. Eleven Spitfires sweep over Onbauk airfield, destroying 1 enemy plane. Rail targets along Burma-Thailand RR effectively raided by 2 Beaufighters.

Burma-China: Salween: Fighting continues in Tengchung and Lungling areas; troops of Chinese 39th Div captures village 4 mi. SW of latter.

China: CHEKIANG: Japanese driving from Wuyi reach Lishui.

Sixteen B-25s and 122 P-40s and P-51s continue close support of troops and pounding of communication lines along Siang and Yangtze rivers: Chakiang and Yangtien towns bombed; compounds, barracks, guns, and installations in Anjen, Leiyang, and Hengyang areas hit repeatedly; Hengyang, Siangtan, Pailuchi, and, in Canton area, Tien Ho and White Cloud airfields raided; 1 bridge destroyed and others damaged; 230 trucks destroyed or damaged; 3 steamers (75-250 ft.) and 5 smaller vessels sunk; 13 other river craft damaged; 2 enemy planes wrecked on ground and another shot down.

Japanese planes bomb Chihkiang, Kanichow, and Lingling airfields during night, causing light damage; ground fire downs 1 attacker at Chihkiang.

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Burma-India: Hq of Chinese 38th Div now at Myitkyina. On Chindwin front, enemy withdraws from position under attack by 100th Brig SE of Thanan; units of this Brig are preparing to attack position 5 mi. S of Thanan. Villages W of Angouching range reported free of Japanese. On Tiddim road, Japanese withdraw from Khuadam.

Seventeen B-24s of SAF attack rail targets along Burma-Thailand RR, hitting marshalling yards at Ye-u and damaging tracks and causing landslides at various points to the N. On N Burma front, 11 P-47s bomb targets in Pinbaw-Hopin area and tank pool at Momauk. Fifty-three Hurribombers with over 13 tons of bombs raid enemy positions along Chindwin R. and Tiddim road. Fifty-three Hurricanes and Spitfires are active in same general areas, hitting troops, communications, and bashas.

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Burma-China: Salween; House-to-house fighting reported at Lungling. Chinese continue to make local gains at Tengchung; Chinese 130th Div reported fighting in this area.

China: HUNAN: Stiff fighting reported E of Yungfeng. Japanese are driving SW from Hengyang. Chuting reported occupied by Chinese.

Sixteen B-25s and 77 P-40s and P-51s attack on Hengyang-Tungting Lake, Yangtze R., and Canton fronts, concentrating on enemy positions, airfields, and communications: Anjen, Yangtien, area N of Hengyang, and Tangyang (NE of Ichang) successfully attacked; Pailuchi, Hankow, White Cloud, and Tien Ho airfields bombed with good results; 200-ft. boat left beached, tug sunk, and other river shipping damaged; 60 trucks destroyed and 120 damaged; 6 enemy planes shot down near Pailuchi airfield. In night raids, 1 B-24 damages AK off Hongkong, while another strafes Amoy docks after unsuccessful attack on enemy convoy.

Liuchow, Enshih, and Liangshan airfields bombed by enemy planes; only light damage results.

Arabian Sea: SS John Barry (British cargo ship, 7,176 tons) sunk by enemy action at 15-30 N, 55-18 E.

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Burma-India: In N Burma, 29th Brig, 36th Ind Div, consolidates gains in Pinbaw area and patrols southward. On Chindwin front; Japanese complete withdrawal, initiated night of 28/29, from position 5 mi. S of Thanan. British 100th Brig patrol finds Hwemate, 10 mi. NW of Thaungdut, abandoned by Japanese. Over 500 Japanese dead and considerable equipment found along trail from Thanan to Hwemate. On Tamu-Sittaung road, 25th EA Brig patrols probe enemy strongpoint near Pyinbon Sakan; Allied air and arty active against the position. On Tiddim road, 161st Brig continues southward, meeting and overcoming opposition at MS 94. More than 50 Japanese dead found between MS 88 and MS 90.

On N Burma front, 23 U.S. fighter bombers damage stores at Bilumyo, destroy bridge N of Myothit, damage building at Bhamo, and hit positions at mouth of Kaukkwe R. (16 mi. NW of Shwegu). Continuing bad weather prevents heavy attack on Ye-u by 46 B-25s, but 4 of the planes damage bridge SE of Monywa. Eight Hurribombers damage 2 bridges W of Pyingaing and raid Mawlaik. Two Spitfires fire 26 bashas NE of Kwazon. Beaufighters, in 8 sorties, range over wide area of Burma, damaging communications and oil pipe lines.

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Burma-China: Saaween: Chinese make slight gains at Tengchung. Japanese hill position in Sungshan area captured by Chinese, but a portion of it is lost in counterattack. Chinese advance slightly in SE section of Lungling. Fifteen P-40s, while patrolling front, bomb temple SW of Lungling. Japanese are attacking in area 4 mi. NE of Mangshih.

China: HUNAN: Chinese reported inside Chaling; heavy fighting in progress.

HUPEH: Brisk fighting reported in NW outskirts of Tangyang and in Ichang area.

Yochow RR yards attacked in force by 24 B-24s escorted by P-40s and P-51s; results described as fair to medium; aggressive interception is made by 25-30 enemy planes, of which 16 are shot down and 5 probably; 1 B-24 and 2 P-40s lost. Returning fighters destroy 3 150-ft. sailboats on Tungting Lake. Elsewhere, in Yangtze R., Tungting Lake-Hengyang, and Canton sectors, 23 B-25s and 65 P-40s and P-51s damage enemy positions, warehouses, airfields, and communication lines: Tangyang town and storage areas successfully raided by 2 missions; towns of Sintsiang, Hengshan, and Hengyang bombed; Pailuchi, Linsiang, Hankow, Hengyang, White Cloud, and Tien Ho airfields hit; 6 river craft, including 4 vessels of 250-300 ft., sunk or damaged; 93 trucks and 6 RR cars destroyed or damaged; 2 enemy aircraft burned on ground and 8 shot down in combat.

Kweilin and Liangshan airfields ineffectively raided by enemy planes.

30 Burma-India: Patrol of 100th Brig reaches Tilawng, on Chindwin R. 22 mi. NNE of Thaungdut, without contacting Japanese; village found razed by Allied air attacks. Advance units of 25th EA Brig engaging Japanese near Pinyin Sakan on Tamu-Sittaung road. Japanese encountered at MS 96 on Tiddim road; elements of 161st Brig executing flanking move via Seitua.

Of 8 SAF B-24s setting out to bomb Burma-Thailand RR, weather prevents all but 1 from reaching target; attacking B-24 drops bombs by accident 1 mi. W of objective. Villages near Nalong, on N-Burma front, bombed by unreported number of P-47s. Twenty-four B-25s are prevented by weather from attacking Thazi; Chauk is alternate for 11 of the planes. All air missions in 15th and 33d Corps sectors cancelled because of weather. Three Beaufighters harass enemy communication lines in central Burma; oil pipe line hit.

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Burma-China: Salween: Continued fighting in Tengchung, Sungshan, and Lungling areas fails to alter situation materially; Chinese advance at Tengchung has been slowed for several days by strong enemy positions in temple buildings in S portion of city. Strong enemy counterattacks 7 mi. NE of Mangshih repulsed with heavy casualties to Japanese.

China: Fifteen B-25s and 112 P-40s and P-51s continue pounding of enemy troops, positions, installations, and communication lines in Yangtze R. and Tungting Lake-Hengyang sectors: Yangtien-Anjen area, Sintsiang, Tangyang, and Kingmen bombed or strafed; Hengyang, Hankow, and Pailuchi airfields hit; 1 bridge destroyed and 2 damaged; roads N of Hengyang blocked; 62 trucks destroyed and 184 damaged; in Sinyang area, 2 locomotives, 5 cars, gas tank; and RR station destroyed; 8 river craft, including 1 200-ft. PG, sunk or damaged; 100 Japanese killed.

Lingling, Suichwan, and Enshih airfields raided at night by enemy planes; slight damage caused.

31 Burma-India: On Tamu-Sittaung road, 25th EA Brig captures enemy position near Pyinbon Sakan. Twenty-sixth EA Brig patrol finds Khampat, SW of Minthami, free of enemy. Elements of 161st Brig attack Japanese at MS 96 on Tiddim road, while other units of the Brig advance toward MS 100.

Poor weather continues to curtail air activity. Five B-25s with 10 tons of bombs possibly damage Ye-u bridge and hit W approach. During 14 Hurricane sorties, slit trenches in Paletwa area and enemy troops and bashas on Tiddim road near Tonzang strafed. Two Beaufighters damage communications in Chauk area.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese capture another enemy strongpoint in Sungshan area. Fighting continues at Lungling and 4 mi. SW of the city. Chinese are meeting strong opposition in SE quarter of Tengchung.

Air supply of Chinese troops on Salween front has been maintained throughout month.

China: HUNAN-KIANGSI: Chinese continue pressure on Japanese in Chaling, Anjen, Yangtien, and Leiyang areas. Enemy Kweilin offensive appears to have started, since several columns are seen driving SW and W from Chakiang and Leiyang areas.

KWANGTUNG: Japanese northward offensive along Hankow-Canton RR line has been at a standstill throughout the month due to record rainfall; Japanese remain in Tsinglin area.

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Twenty-one B-25s and approximately 70 P-40s and P-51s attack in Yangtze R., Tungting Lake-Hengyang, and Canton sectors: Siangtan, Hengyang, White Cloud, Tien Ho, and Kaitak airfields hit; warehouses, barracks, and factories near Changsha damaged; communications and troops in vicinity of Shihweiyao, Yangtien, Sinshih, Sintsiang, and Hengyang raided; 2 pontoon bridges N of Hengyang destroyed; 140 trucks, 2 tanks, and 3 locomotives destroyed or damaged; 250-ft. AK left beached and burning and several other vessels damaged. While 4 B-24s mine Takao Harbor at night, 11 others make diversionary attack on large concentration of enemy shipping in the harbor against strong AA and searchlight opposition which prevents observation of results; 2 B-24s missing.

Liuchow airfield ineffectively raided at night by single enemy plane; Tanchuk airfield also attacked but details are unreported.

Arabian Sea: SS Troilus (British cargo ship, 7,422 tons) sunk by enemy action at 14-00 N, 60-00 E.

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