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7	. . . . .	. . . . .	<p>Germany: Aachen raided during night by 132 RAF bombers; fires, including a factory, reported.</p> <p>France: Minor RAF raids on Calais, Dunkerque, and Boulogne start fires; bombs observed falling near cruisers and docks.</p> <p>SS Welsh Prince (British cargo ship, 5,148 tons) sunk by mine at 52-23 N, 00-59 E.</p> <p>SS Severn Transport (British cargo ship, 119 tons) sunk by mine at 51-27 N, 03-04 E.</p>	<p>Russia: Germans report local successes in Donets Basin and repulse of Russian attempt to break out at Leningrad. They also report heavy air attacks on Soviet positions, troop concentrations, and RR's throughout the front. Particularly severe attacks carried out against Russian bases SE of Lake Ladoga.</p>	. . . . .

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<p>Libya: British attack remainder of German 15th and 21st Armored Divisions W of El Gobi. Axis motor vehicles reported moving W from El Gobi - El Adem line. Acroma and enemy MT on road N of that town attacked by 2 squadrons of Marylands; traffic disorganized and buildings in town hit. Jedabaya airdrome machine-gunned by 3 Hurricanes.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p>Hawaii: Japanese dive bombers and torpedo planes, in surprise attack, severely damage U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor. Five BB's, Arizona, Oklahoma, California, Nevada, West Virginia; 3 DD's, Shaw, Cassin, Downes; CM, Oglala; target ship, Utah; and a large floating dock sunk or so severely damaged that they will be useless for some time to come. BB's, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Tennessee; cruisers, Helena, Raleigh, and Honolulu; AV, Curtiss; AR, Vestal, damaged. Wheeler and Hickam Fields and Naval Air Station on Ford I. attacked by 60-100 dive bombers; 3 hangars at each field badly damaged; 80 naval aircraft of all types destroyed; 97 grounded Army planes (23 bombers, 66 fighters, 8 other types) destroyed. Of the remaining 22 planes at Wheeler, many are unable to take part in the defense because of damage to the field itself. In Navy and Marine Corps, 2,117 officers and men reported killed, 960 missing, and 876 wounded; Army casualties are: 226 killed, 396 wounded. About 50 enemy planes shot down, and 3 submarines destroyed. SS Cynthia Olson (U.S. cargo ship, 2,140 tons) sunk by SS at 33-42 N, 145-29 W.</p>	<p>War Declarations: Great Britain and Canada declare war on Finland, Hungary, and Rumania. Netherlands East Indies and Canada declare war on Japan. Japan declares war on U.S. and British Empire.</p>	<p>7</p>

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8	.....	.....	<p>France: Hurricane bombers escorted by Spitfires attack factory and landing grounds near Douriez.</p> <p>SS Fireglow (British cargo ship, 1,261 tons) sunk by mine at 53-18 N, 01-05 E.</p>	<p>Russia: Russians claim gains in counterattack from vicinity of Rostov. Berlin reports frustration of Soviet attempts to land on W coast of Crimea and claims slight advance in Donets area. Russians again fail to penetrate ring around Leningrad. Germans report heavy air attacks, despite unfavorable weather conditions, on Soviet troops and supplies and severe damage to RR line leading to Moscow. Soviets report sinking of 4,000-ton enemy transport in Black Sea.</p>	.....

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<p>Libya: British continue to assault without decision the remainder of German 15th and 21st Armored Divisions W of El Gobi. Region N of Trigh Capuzzo, except Bardia, which is still held by Axis, is being mopped up by the British units.</p> <p>Squadron of Marylands attacks supplies at Bardia and small vessels off shore. Squadron of Bostons attacks supply dump at Bardia. Enemy aircraft dive-bomb Tobruk; no damage reported. Six ME-109's and ME-110's machine-gun 3 landing fields in Maddalena area; some damage sustained.</p>	<p>Malaya: Japanese troops land on beach at Kota Bharu under cover of heavy barrage from warships in bay and penetrate southern sector of British position. British counterattack at noon and delay enemy advance but, because Japanese are so strongly entrenched, cannot drive them out. Nine Blenheim bombers attack transports and troops, inflicting severe damage; 4 bombers shot down. Kota Bharu airdrome raided by 40 enemy dive bombers, which damage hangars and shops, and destroy returning Blenheims.</p> <p>Carrier-based Japanese planes bomb Singapore.</p> <p>Thailand: Japanese troops land from 6 transports and 2 DD's at Patani and Singora, and cross Kra Isthmus. Other units cross Indo-China border, encountering only token resistance from the Thais.</p> <p>Hongkong: Force of Japanese planes bombs the island in first step for reduction of the colony. Ground troops attack Kowloon; British withdraw to planned locations.</p> <p>Shanghai: Japanese take over International Settlement; USS Wake sunk or captured; HMS Petrel scuttled.</p> <p>Following ships captured or sunk in Shanghai harbor: SS Christine Moller (British cargo ship, 800 tons); SS Diana Moller (British cargo ship, 252 tons);</p>	<p>P.I.: Clark Field on Luzon severely damaged in surprise attack by 40 Japanese dive bombers and 52 high-altitude bombers. Nichols Field and Ft. Stotsenburg also attacked. Light raids carried out throughout central and northern Luzon. Enemy air losses light, ours heavy.</p> <p>SS St. Dominic (British cargo ship, 451 tons) sunk at 14-42 S, 145-28 E.</p>	<p>Midway: Japanese ships and planes attack island, demolishing radio installations and inflicting some casualties; several enemy planes shot down.</p> <p>Wake I.: Island attacked 4 times by Japanese planes and once by naval bombardment. One enemy cruiser and 1 DD sunk by U.S. shore batteries.</p> <p>Guam I.: Island heavily bombarded by Japanese.</p> <p>Ocean and Nauru Is.: Japanese planes bomb both islands.</p> <p>Following ships sunk in Pacific Ocean; exact location is unknown: SS Chekiang (British cargo ship, 2,172 tons); SS Mary Moller (British cargo ship, 2,698 tons); SS Norse Carrier (Panamanian cargo ship, 3,365 tons); SS President Harrison (U.S. cargo ship, 10,509 tons); SS Changsha (British cargo ship, 2,482 tons); SS Hsin Peking (British cargo ship, 2,104 tons); SS Woosung (British cargo ship, 3,426 tons); SS Wuhu (British cargo ship, 2,938 tons); SS Marie Moller (British cargo ship, 593 tons); SS Kong So (British cargo ship, 789 tons); SS Kia Wo (British tanker, 1,311 tons); SS Analock (British cargo ship, 6,638 tons); SS Deslock (British cargo ship, 5,015 tons); SS Federlock (British cargo ship, 6,607 tons); SS Hatterlock (British cargo ship, 5,138 tons); SS</p>	<p>War Declarations U.S., Great Britain, Netherlands, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, El Salvador, Panama, Union of South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, and Free France each declares war on Japan.</p>	8

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	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>SS Hsin Tseangtah (British cargo ship, 933 tons); SS Jessie Moller (British cargo ship, 530 tons); SS Kintang (British cargo ship, 435 tons); SS Merry Moller (British cargo ship, 382 tons); SS Boyaca (Panamanian cargo ship, 2,559 tons); SS Folozu (Panamanian cargo ship, 2,486 tons); SS Ramona (Panamanian cargo ship, 3,513 tons); SS Sui Tai (British cargo ship, 1,816 tons); SS Wantung (British cargo ship, 1,061 tons); SS Mei Nan (U.S. cargo ship, 364 tons); SS Scot I (British cargo ship, 274 tons); SS Morazan (Panamanian cargo ship, 2,984 tons). SS Kiangsu (British cargo ship, 2,676 tons) and SS Soochow (British cargo ship, 2,604 tons) sunk just off Hongkong at 22-11 N, 114-18 E.</p> <p>SS Edith Moller (British cargo ship, 645 tons), SS Elsia Moller (British cargo ship, 1,136 tons), SS Ready Moller (British cargo ship, 268 tons) sunk at 24-23 N, 118-20 E.</p> <p>SS Fatshan (British cargo ship, 2,639 tons) sunk at 23-07 N, 113-15 E.</p> <p>SS Carmen Moller (British cargo ship, 366 tons) sunk at 25-23 N, 118-20 E.</p> <p>SS Gran (Panamanian cargo ship, 1,983 tons) sunk at 13-27 N, 100-36 E.</p>		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Herleik (Panamanian cargo ship, 1,893 tons); SS Kau Tung (British cargo ship, 1,865 tons); SS Kinshan (British cargo ship, 2,733 tons); SS Kut Wo (British cargo ship, 2,665 tons); SS Kwong Sai (British cargo ship, 1,309 tons); SS Kwong Tung (British cargo ship, 1,218 tons); SS Loongwo (British cargo ship, 3,923 tons); SS Munlock (British cargo ship, 5,240 tons); SS Sagres (British cargo ship, 2,333 tons); SS St. Quentin (British cargo ship, 3,528 tons); SS Taishan (British cargo ship, 3,174 tons); SS Valentine (Greek cargo ship, 4,713 tons); SS Vitorlock (British cargo ship, 5,030 tons); SS Wawa (Panamanian cargo ship, 1,650 tons); SS Wenchow (British cargo ship, 3,113 tons); SS Min Wo (British cargo ship, 287 tons).</p>		<p>8 C'd</p>

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9	...	...	France: British fighters attack an alcohol distillery at Thietreville; it is considered destroyed.	...	...
10	SS Star of Luxor (Egyptian cargo ship, 5,298 tons) sunk by SS at 56-57 N, 56-57 W.	...	Germany: Eight British planes attack military objectives near mouth of Ems, and damage RR junction near Wilhelmshaven in daylight raids over NW Germany. SS Kirnwood (British cargo ship, 3,828 tons) sunk by SS at 56-37 N, 16-35 W. SS Kurdistan (British cargo ship, 5,844 tons) sunk by SS at 56-51 N, 16-36 W. SS Kincorth (British cargo ship, 148 tons) sunk by mine at 53-27 N, 03-55 E.	Russia: Berlin reports heavy air raids on Soviet forces in S sector and in Moscow region. Russian troops on N front capture Tihkvin, on Vologda-Leningrad RR.	Sicily: Two Blenheims attack shipping in Catania Harbor, claiming hits on 2 vessels, one of 8,000 and one of 5,000 tons.



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<p>Libya: Mobile columns of British troops successfully harass Axis forces W of El Adem. British units from Tobruk form junction with those to S; road to E is opened. Patrols continue to clean up Axis forces in coastal area and along Trigh Capuzzo road.</p> <p>RAF bombs landing field at Gazala and attacks motor vehicles on Jedabaya road and in vicinity of Bomba. RAF bombers attack Timimi, Bardia, and Derna.</p>	<p>Malaya: British withdraw S of Kota Bharu. In evening, main body of Japanese force arrives in a convoy in Kota Bharu Bay; enemy ground troops advance toward Kota Bharu; RAF abandons airfield after having demolished it.</p> <p>Thailand: British patrols cross border into country, meeting light Thai resistance on Kroh-Patani road and Japanese armored cars on Changlun-Haadyai road. Enemy occupies Bangkok without opposition.</p> <p>Hongkong: Japanese planes again attack island, encountering heavy AA fire.</p>	<p>P. I.: Japanese planes bomb Ft. McKinley and Nichols Field on Luzon; hangar at latter set on fire, several planes damaged, and casualties inflicted. Enemy makes unsuccessful attempts to land on W coast of Luzon.</p> <p>Enemy aircraft attack Davao, destroying 2 patrol planes.</p>	<p>Midway I.: Japanese ships bombard island.</p> <p>Wake I.: Thirty Japanese bombers attack island, inflicting severe damage.</p> <p>Guam I.: Six medium and 12 light Japanese bombers attack in morning; ships and harbor installations damaged; Penguin (AM) sunk outside the harbor. Island attacked in afternoon by several bombers; some damage results.</p> <p>Gilbert Is.: Small enemy force lands on Tarawa and Makin islands from 1 CL and 1 DD.</p> <p>SS Bennevis (British cargo ship, 5,356 tons) sunk in Pacific; exact location unknown.</p> <p>SS Donerial (Panamanian cargo ship, 4,473 tons) sunk by SS at 08-00 N, 152-00 W.</p>	<p>War Declarations: Cuba declares war on Japan. China declares war on Japan, Germany, and Italy.</p> <p>U.S.: President Roosevelt invokes enemy alien regulations and orders dangerous German, Italian, and Japanese nationals rounded up.</p> <p>U.S. Treasury freezes Thailand assets in this country.</p> <p>Brazil: President Getulio Vargas issues decree freezing Axis funds in Brazil.</p>	9
<p>Libya: British forces approach Gazala. Eight Wellingtons attack Benghazi, scoring direct hits on wharves and RR docks.</p>	<p>Malaya: Fighting continues along Malayan coast up to Thailand; some enemy penetration in Shungmun Valley. Enemy advance slowed by British artillery. Enemy troops which had landed in Thailand cross border into Kedah Province. British withdraw in Kedah, delaying enemy advance with demolitions and road blocks.</p> <p>Penang heavily attacked by 28 Japanese aircraft which score hits on oil dump; 1 British, 3 enemy planes lost. Airfields at Kuantan bombed; 5 enemy planes shot down. Singapore also</p>	<p>P. I.: Enemy attacks against W coast of Luzon from San Fernando to Vigan and Ralding, and succeeds in landing at Vigan and Aparri. Our planes bomb naval force at Vigan, scoring direct hits on 3 of 6 transports; 1 captures and sinks immediately. Near misses scored on the other 3. Nichols field again bombed. Cavite naval base heavily damaged by more than 50 bombers which attack in 2 waves; 1 medium-sized merchant vessel, 1 large SS sunk; several other ships damaged.</p> <p>Small group of U.S. naval vessels</p>	<p>Wake I.: U. S. planes sink 1 enemy DD and 1 CL; 3 Japanese planes shot down; 7 of our planes lost.</p> <p>Guam I.: Japanese planes continue to bomb island heavily.</p> <p>Gilbert Is.: Japanese forces reported to have left Tarawa with promise to return on 18th.</p> <p>SS Ravnaas (Norwegian cargo ship, 4,019 tons) sunk by aircraft in Pacific.</p> <p>SS Hareldawnis (British cargo ship, 1,523 tons) sunk by enemy action in Pacific.</p>	<p>U.S.: Office of Production Management announces victory program, calling for 24-hour day, 7-day week in war industries.</p>	10

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11	. . . . .	. . . . .	<p><u>Germany:</u> Hampdens make daylight attack on airdrome at Emden, scoring hits on hangars. RAF planes, in night raid, drop 44 tons of HE on Cologne.</p> <p><u>France:</u> RAF planes drop 31 tons of HE on Brest.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Germans continue severe air attacks on Soviet positions along entire front. Russians report capture of several villages in Kalinin sector.</p>	<p><u>Greece:</u> British submarine sinks 15,000-ton merchant vessel about 60 mi. SW of Navarino. Wellingtons bomb Patras, demolishing quayside buildings.</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> British forces, unopposed, take Bir Chirba which contains a substantial amount of abandoned supplies. Blenheims attack Derna. Beauforts, Blenheims, and Marylands, operating in pairs, intercept force of JU-52's attempting to transport fuel.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) bombed. Two British BB's, Prince of Wales and Repulse, sunk by enemy SS and air attack. British withdraw in Kelantan area, covering Machang airdrome. <u>Thailand:</u> Enemy planes bomb Sungai Patani; British evacuate airdromes. <u>Hongkong:</u> Japanese ground troops advance against forward British units which are forced to withdraw. During night, British main forces withdraw towards Kowloon.</p> <p><u>Malaya:</u> Enemy lands in Trengganu area from convoy with BB and cruiser escort. Other units make unsuccessful attempts to land at Beserah, near Kuantan. In Kedah, Japanese advance to Krian R., where British are entrenched at Parit Buntar. British brigade withdraws during night to Machang in Kelantan. Penang raided by 60-75 Japanese planes which inflict heavy damage on business section. <u>Thailand:</u> British contact enemy at Betong; enemy offers weak resistance to British column on Kroh road. Singora bombed by 11 Blenheims, 5 of which are shot down. Four enemy U-boats sunk off Patani coast. <u>Hongkong:</u> British lines re-established roughly from Tai Po Road, Kowloon Ferry, W and S to Golden Hill and Lai</p>	<p>(Cont'd) parts for southern waters.</p> <p><u>P.I.:</u> Enemy augmenting forces at Vigan and Aparri; five heavy ships and 11 DD's concentrated off Zambales, on W coast of Luzon. Strong Japanese force lands at Legaspi, on E coast of Luzon, and cuts communications as far N as Naga. Enemy air attacks throughout the island continue. <u>N.E.I.:</u> Harbor demolition and airdrome destruction proceeding at Miri in Sarawak, Borneo.</p>	<p><u>Midway I.:</u> Enemy aircraft attack island repeatedly. <u>Wake I.:</u> U.S. garrison is still holding, repulsing repeated enemy assaults. <u>Guam I.:</u> Island believed occupied by Japanese. SS Lahaina (U.S. cargo ship, 5,645 tons) sunk by SS at 27-42 N, 147-00 W.</p>	<p><u>War Declarations:</u> Germany and Italy declare war on U.S. which replies with declarations against them. Costa Rica, Guatemala, Cuba, and Nicaragua each declares war on Germany and Italy. Poland declares war on Japan.</p>	<p>11</p>

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12	...	...	<p>Germany: Hampdens bomb factory near Bremen and attack Emmerich oil refinery from 300 feet.</p> <p>Holland: RAF Hudsons, operating off Dutch coast, make low-level attacks on DD, 2 merchant vessels, and trawler; results unobserved.</p> <p>France: Brest, Donges oil depot, Dunkerque, and St. Nazaire bombed by British planes; fires started among oil cisterns of last target and in dock area of Dunkerque.</p> <p>SS Dromore Cas-tle (British cargo ship, 5,242 tons) sunk by mine at 53-35 N, 00-12 E.</p>	<p>Russia: Soviets announce frustra-tion of German attempt to surround and capture Moscow by occupying Klin, on the N, Tula, on the S, and then closing in from 3 sides. They assert that Red Army forces have now surrounded Klin and have occupied Solnechnogorsk, Kistra, Kulibyaken, and Lokotnya. NW of Tula the offensive is continuing and capture of Venev, Stalingor'sk, Mikhailox, and Yepifan is reported.</p>	<p>Italy: Blenheims score hits on munitions factory at Cotrone.</p> <p>Sicily: Nine Hurricanes successfully bomb Comiso airdrome.</p> <p>Crete: Twenty Wellingtons bomb Maleme airdrome, starting fires in gasoline dump.</p>

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<p>Libya: Mopping up operations are in progress against enemy strong-points holding out between escarpment and coast, between Sidi Omar and Capuzzo.</p> <p>MT N of El Timimi attacked by Hurricane bombers, operating in pairs, attacking MT between Chemines and El Agheila; gas trucks and many MT damaged. Twenty Wellingtons attack Derna airdrome and MT W of Derna starting several fires. Three JU-88's bomb airfields 20 mi. S of Tobruk. Axis aircraft make night raid on Tobruk.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Chi Kok Peninsula. Burma: Enemy land forces make little progress against British defenses on Burma road. Tavoy bombed and machine-gunned by Japanese planes; slight damage inflicted.</p> <p>Malaya: In Kedah, British forces fall back from Jitra to Kepal Abatas before enemy advance E of main road. Japanese land more troops at Kuala in Trengganu area. Penang heavily bombed by Japanese planes; severe damage caused; essential services disorganized.</p> <p>Thailand: British withdraw along Kroh-Patani road. RAF attacks airdrome at Singora.</p> <p>Hongkong: Japanese launch heavy attack against British strongpoint at Shin Mun and occupy it. Enemy makes air and long-range artillery attacks on island; naval and military establishments on N shore damaged.</p> <p>SS Halldor (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,515 tons) captured or sunk off Hongkong at 22-11 N, 114-18 E. SS Camby Prince (British cargo ship, 455 tons) sunk at 22-16 N, 114-12 E.</p> <p>Following ships captured or sunk at Bangkok: SS Hafthor (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,350 tons); SS Hai Ping (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,105 tons); SS Kalgan (British cargo ship, 2,655 tons);</p>	<p>P.I.: Ground activity limited to Aparri, Vigan, and Legaspi areas. Clark Field bombed by enemy in morning. Air raids with parachutists reported at Tuguegarao and at Llagan. Enemy with medium force bombs Cebu on Cebu I. in morning.</p> <p>Davao, Mindanao, raided by force of Japanese planes.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Singkawang, Borneo, bombed by 27 Japanese planes.</p> <p>SS Vincent (U.S. cargo ship, 6,210 tons) sunk by aircraft at 25-41 S, 118-19 E.</p>	<p>Wake I.: Navy reports island still in possession of U.S. forces although subjected to constant enemy attack.</p> <p>SS Helios (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,922 tons), SS Ngowhock (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,329 tons), SS Shinai (British cargo ship, 2,410 tons) sunk in Pacific; exact location unknown.</p>	<p>War Declarations: Haiti, Honduras, and Panama declare war on Germany and Italy. Rumania declares war on U.S.</p> <p>U.S.: Fourteen French ships in American ports seized by U.S. Government.</p> <p>Uruguay: Uruguay freezes Axis funds and announces that it will regard American nations fighting the Axis as non-belligerents.</p> <p>Venezuela: Venezuelan Government freezes Axis funds.</p>	12

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13	...	...	...	...	Greece: 11 Blen- heims attack tanker and 2 destroyers in Argostolion harbor with unobserved results. Three Blenheims missing and 1 ME-109 shot down.
14	...	...	...	Russia: Germans report successful artillery attack on Russian shipping in Sevastopol. Rus- sians claim sinking of 25,000-ton en- emy transport in Black Sea. Pursu- ing the offensive on the central front, Soviet troops cap- ture Uzlovaya, SE of Tula, Dubna, W of Tula, and Verk- hove, NW of Livny. Russians claim re- pulse of enemy at- tack on one sector of Leningrad front.	Sicily: British SS attacks 2 Italian BB's screened by DD's 8 mi. S of Messina and ob- tains 2 hits on one Cavour class BB. Malta: Eight en- emy aircraft raid island, causing slight damage to civilian property.

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<p>Libya: Squadron of Blenheims attacks MT between Derna and Bomba. Four Wellingtons bomb Benghazi harbor to divert attention from 4 other Wellingtons laying mines in harbor. During night, 15 Wellingtons bomb Derna airdrome and town.</p> <p>SS Badalona (Spanish tanker, 4,202 tons) sunk by SS at 36-43 N, 03-30 E.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>SS Randi (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,132 tons); SS Hai Tung (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,187 tons).</p> <p>Malaya: British augmenting heavily engaged Indian troops in Kedah sector. About 1,000 Japanese troops reported landing at Pahang.</p> <p>Penang heavily bombed by enemy aircraft; city suffers serious damage. Japanese planes also attack Singapore.</p> <p>Thailand: Unexpectedly strong enemy action forces British troops N of Kroh back to border. Japanese troops at Chumpon move toward Victoria Pt.</p> <p>Hongkong: British withdraw from Kowloon in morning and Japanese occupy it in afternoon.</p>	<p>P.I.: Strong enemy forces off Zamboales and landing at Legaspi reported. Ground activity, sporadic and unimportant, confined to Legaspi, Vigan, and Aparri. Enemy aircraft make fairly heavy attacks on our airfields and, in raid on Subic Bay, destroy many patrol planes.</p>	<p>Hawaii: Three to five enemy submarines bombed 150 mi. NE of Oahu; 1 sunk. Another attacked 600 mi. NE of island and believed damaged.</p> <p>Wake I.: Forty-one Japanese bombers attack island, destroying 1 fighter plane on ground; 2 bombers shot down and several damaged by AA fire.</p> <p>Guam I.: Capture of island confirmed by failure for 3 days to establish any communication with it.</p>	<p>War Declarations: Bulgaria declares war on U.S. and Great Britain. Hungary declares war on U.S. El Salvador declares war on Germany and Italy. Great Britain declares war on Bulgaria. Argentina: Argentine Government recognizes U.S. as non-belligerent and declares to Germany and Italy its neutrality.</p>	13
<p>Libya: Two Hurricane formations attack troop truck convoy on Chemines - El Agheila road, destroying 2 trucks and damaging 35; heavy casualties to enemy reported. During night, 10 Wellingtons from Malta drop 16 tons of HE on Benghazi.</p> <p>SS Cassequel (Portuguese cargo ship, 4,751 tons) sunk by SS at 35-08 N, 11-14 W.</p>	<p>Malaya: Japanese carry out rcn and patrolling activities in Kedah sector and prepare for attack on British positions.</p> <p>Thailand: Raiding party from Burma attempts to cut RR 14 mi. S of Prachuab but, encountering strong enemy opposition, withdraws. Japanese troops moving toward Burma reach Chiengrai.</p> <p>Burma: Japanese moving closer to Victoria from which British are withdrawing after destroying airfield. Enemy planes raid Mergui, bombing telegraph station, airfield, harbor installations, and</p>	<p>P.I.: Enemy is expanding territory occupied at Legaspi, Vigan, and Aparri. About 113 Japanese planes make heavy raids on Clark Field, Neilson Airport, Nichols Field, Ft. Mills (on Corregidor), Ft. Stotsenburg, Olongapo, and Baguio; damage not serious; 13 enemy planes shot down. U.S. planes attack Japanese at Vigan, inflicting considerable damage.</p>	<p>SS Hoegh Merchant (Norwegian cargo ship, 4,858 tons) sunk in Pacific.</p>	<p>Ireland--Turkey: Both countries announce their neutrality.</p>	14

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15	...	...	<p>Belgium: RAF bombs Ostend; bursts seen in dock area.</p>	<p>Russia: Berlin reports air attacks on Soviet concentrations in Donets Basin and on RR between Don and Donets Rivers. Soviets continue drive on central front and report capture of Klin, Yasnaya Polyana, SW of Tula, and Bogoroditsk and Dedilovo, SE of Tula. Volkhov sector and Murmansk severely attacked by German Air Force.</p>	<p>Italy: Twenty Wellingtons from Malta attack shipping in Taranto Basin in raid lasting five hours. Bombs burst in target area.</p>



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<p>Libya: British reach Bir Halegh el Aleba, a point nearly 40 mi. W of Gazala. Fourth Armored Brigade moves W and N, attacking Axis positions at Gadd el Ahmar on both front and rear.</p> <p>SS Empire Barracuda (British cargo ship, 4,972 tons) sunk by SS at 35-30 N, 06-27 W.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>military barracks.</p> <p>Hongkong: Enemy planes bomb city; damage reported slight.</p> <p>China: Japanese occupy Macau (Portuguese I.) and Kwangchow (French I.).</p> <p>SS St. Vince De Paul (British cargo ship, 1,339 tons) sunk at 22-11 N, 114-18 E.</p> <p>Malaya: Japanese attack in morning succeeds in isolating left flank of British forces in Kedah sector; heavy losses among units protecting right flank result in British withdrawal to reorganize at Krian R.</p> <p>Ipo airdrome attacked by 20 enemy planes which damage field and fuel tanks. Enemy aircraft make low-flying raid on airdrome at Kuantan; no damage reported.</p> <p>Hongkong: British defenses on N part of island subjected to heavy and accurate enemy artillery fire. Six Japanese medium bombers make dive-bombing attacks against Sal Kiwan, Lyman, and Shiako.</p> <p>Burma: Japanese advance in Chien-grai region reaches frontier at Mehsai. Enemy aircraft again bomb military installations at Mergui.</p>	<p>P.I.: Enemy carries out occasional light air attacks on areas of Luzon. Ground operations continue in N and NW Luzon and in Legaspi area.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Fifteen large naval vessels reported off Miri on Borneo. Garrison of Miri moves to Kuching.</p>	<p>Hawaii: Japanese SS shells Kahalui on Maui about dusk, inflicting slight damage.</p> <p>Johnston I.: Island shelled at dusk by enemy ships; only slight damage results.</p> <p>Wake I.: Navy reports 2 bombing attacks on island; 1st raid light, second heavy.</p>	<p>U.S.: Secretary of Navy, Frank Knox, makes report on Pearl Harbor and charges that U.S. services in Hawaii were not on the alert, stating that a formal investigation will be initiated immediately.</p>	<p>15</p>

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			Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
16	...	...	<p><u>Germany</u>: Eighty-three RAF planes attack Wilhelmshaven, causing fires and explosions.</p> <p><u>Belgium</u>: Fires started in Ostend area by 32 attacking British planes.</p> <p><u>England</u>: Enemy air activity is on a notably increased scale with sharp attacks in Dover area and against shipping between Humber R. and Yarmouth.</p>	<p><u>Russia</u>: Germans claim heavy Luftwaffe raids on Sevastopol area and on targets around Voroshilovgrad. Red Army troops, advancing in central sector, capture Kalinin, on Moscow-Leningrad RR. Beronlin announces severe air attacks in Lake Ladoga area and on Murmansk RR.</p>	<p><u>Greece</u>: Six Blenheims bomb Argostolion harbor; results not reported.</p> <p><u>Malta</u>: Six enemy planes bomb Malta unsuccessfully.</p> <p><u>Italy</u>: During night, 12 Wellington attacks Brindisi, and 5 Swordfish attack a 4,000-ton merchant ship; 2 hits claimed.</p>
17	...	...	<p><u>France</u>: Brest attacked by 99 RAF planes; large explosion and fires observed; 1 British bomber missing.</p> <p><u>England</u>: Enemy planes active against shipping along E coast and western approaches.</p>	<p><u>Russia</u>: Russians claim advances on SW front; Germans report air attacks on Soviets in Don area and in central sector. Red Army claims gains on Kalinin front. Volkhov area suffers severe enemy air raids.</p>	...

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<p><u>Libya:</u> Force of Marylands attacks aircraft at Benina airdrome; Blenheims twice attack docks near Bardia; no results reported for either raid.</p>	<p><u>Malaya:</u> Heavy fighting continues in Kedah. Patrol activity only in Kelantan area. British at Penang, harassed, move from here to Taiping, about 50 mi. S. Enemy planes attack Prai, inflicting severe damage on fuel tanks. Kuantan and Taiping airdromes destroyed and evacuated.</p> <p><u>Hongkong:</u> Japanese increase artillery and air bombardment against military objectives on island. Sal Kiwan, Syway, and Aberdeen attacked by 17 enemy planes; landing docks and grounds at Aberdeen damaged.</p>	<p><u>P.I.:</u> Enemy occupies Tugue Garao in the Aparri-Gonzaga area. Japanese planes carry out several minor air attacks. U. S. bombers attack Legaspi, seriously damaging 1 transport and perhaps others; 4 enemy fighters shot down; 1 of our bombers lost.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Nine enemy warships and 1 oil tanker observed off Miri, Borneo; Japanese land N of Miri and at Lutong; Sarawak occupied.</p>	<p><u>Hawaii:</u> Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, Commander-in-Chief of U.S. Fleet and U.S. Pacific Fleet, replaced by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz; Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, Commander of Hawaiian Dept., replaced by Lt. Gen. Delos C. Emmons; Maj. Gen. Frederick L. Martin, Commander of Air Force Hawaiian Dept., replaced by Brig. Gen. Clarence L. Tinker.</p>	<p><u>War Declarations:</u> Czechoslovakia declared war on all countries which are at war with Great Britain, U.S.S.R., and U.S. U. S.: Congress gives the President wartime powers: to redistribute functions of government agencies to establish censorship, to control alien property and trade with foreign countries, to award war contracts without competitive bidding.</p>	16
<p><u>Libya:</u> Squadron of Marylands scores direct hits on large concentration of German transport planes on Barce airdrome. Blenheims attack MT S of Derna and trucks near Mekili. Wellingtons make successful night raid on Benina airdrome and on MT on the Tocra road. Hurricanes attack 40 motor vehicles moving S of Jedabaya; 16 trucks and 2 gasoline trucks damaged.</p>	<p><u>Malaya:</u> In Kedah, enemy attacks our detachments in Gri area, threatening British communications N of Kuala Kangsar. British losses heavy and only small reinforcements available. At Kelantan, British are holding at Sungei Nal and inflicting heavy losses on enemy.</p> <p><u>Hongkong:</u> Shelling from British guns forces Japanese elements on mainland to scatter.</p> <p>Fourteen enemy light bombers attack island.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Japanese planes bomb Kunming.</p>	<p><u>P.I.:</u> Minor ground activity reported in Vigan, Aparri, and Legaspi areas. U.S. planes attack enemy in these sectors.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> British withdraw from 50 mi. stretch on Sarawak - Brunei coast, Borneo. Buffalos and Glenn Martins attack 1 cruiser and 3 DD's; no hits claimed.</p> <p>Eleven Dutch bombers from Singawang unsuccessfully attack group of enemy ships off Miri: 2 cruisers, 2 transports, and 3 DD's. Dutch Navy plane makes direct hit on DD, then is engaged by enemy fighter planes.</p> <p>Dutch and Australian troops occupy Timor without opposition.</p>	<p><u>Hawaii:</u> Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, Commander-in-Chief of U.S. Fleet and U.S. Pacific Fleet, replaced by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz; Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, Commander of Hawaiian Dept., replaced by Lt. Gen. Delos C. Emmons; Maj. Gen. Frederick L. Martin, Commander of Air Force Hawaiian Dept., replaced by Brig. Gen. Clarence L. Tinker.</p> <p><u>Wake I.:</u> Japanese planes make light attack on island. SS Manini (U.S. cargo ship, 3,253 tons) sunk by SS in Pacific. SS Corregidor (U.S. cargo ship, 1,881 tons) sunk by mine in Pacific.</p>	<p><u>War Declarations:</u> Albania declares war on U.S.</p>	17

1941 Dec.	EUROPEAN THEATER				
	NORTH AMERICAN THEATER	LATIN AMERICAN THEATER	Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
18	.. .. .	.. .. .	<p><u>France:</u> In daylight raid on Brest, 47 British heavy bombers attack 2 Germans CC's, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau; bursts, causing explosions, observed on sterns of both. Fires started in jetties and among camouflage netting; 7 ME-109's shot down, 3 probably, and 10 damaged; 6 of our planes lost.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Russians report occupation of Aleskin. Germans announce heavy air attacks on Murmansk RR W of Kandalaksha and on Soviet air base.</p>	<p><u>Malta:</u> Seven enemy planes bomb Luqa airdrome, destroying 1 Wellington on the ground and damaging others.</p>
19	.. .. .	.. .. .	<p>British DD sunk by enemy U-boat W of Gibraltar. British planes, catapulted from a ship, destroy 2 FW's and damage a third in aerial combat E of the Azores.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> German Air Force continues attacks on Soviet troops and supplies along entire front. Russians report occupation of Ruza, Tarussa, and Khanino, and villages W of Kaluga. Germans report damaging merchant ship in Kola Bay by bomb hits.</p>	.. .. .

AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST THEATER	ASIATIC THEATER	SOUTHWEST PACIFIC THEATER	PACIFIC THEATER	POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, PSYCHOLOGICAL	1941 Dec.
<p><u>Libya:</u> Bulk of Axis forces reported to be well on road to Derna after escaping British concentrations. Only Axis troops not taking part in movement are covering units in positions near Gazala. Remnants of enemy's desert forces make 3-forked split in backward flight: one Italian force moves S toward Mekili; another disperses S and E of Martuba; 2 German divisions retire on El Gubba after bypassing Derna. British forces engage in mopping up Italians and attempting to intercept Germans at El Gubba. British patrol captures Derna airdrome. Four attacks made by Bostons, Hudsons, and Blenheims on MT on Mekili-Derna road; much damage inflicted. Dispersed aircraft on Benina airdrome bombed by Marylands. Forty-two Wellingtons make night attack on Benghazi harbor; MT near Benghazi bombed by 7 Wellingtons.</p> <p><u>Libya:</u> British capture Derna and Mekili and pursue Italians moving W from Mekili toward El Abiar, and Germans and Italians fleeing SW on roads connecting El Gubba and Barce. Mopping up operations, notably in Bardia and Halfaya areas, continue.</p>	<p><u>Malaya:</u> British evacuate Penang after demolishing all military facilities. In Perak, British retire to about 15 mi. N of Ipoh. Japanese planes bomb Ipoh. Mera-poh attacked by about 14 enemy aircraft.</p> <p><u>Hongkong:</u> During night, Japanese cross straits and land at North Pt. British withdraw to high ground at base of peninsula. Severe bombing experienced all day. Raid by 12 enemy planes on Sheimaw damages telephone communications and barracks.</p> <p><u>China:</u> About 10 Japanese planes bomb Kunming; little damage to property reported but many casualties inflicted.</p>	<p><u>P.I.:</u> Ground activity limited to patrolling. Enemy planes bomb military objectives in Tarlac Province. <u>N.E.I.:</u> British planes report direct hits on Japanese cruiser off Sarawak.</p>	<p><u>SS Prusa (U.S. cargo ship, 5,113 tons) sunk by SS in Pacific.</u></p>	<p><u>U.S.-Martinique:</u> State Dept. announces that Admiral Georges Robert, French High Commissioner at Martinique, and Rear Admiral Frederick J. Horne, USN, have reached an agreement neutralizing French Caribbean possessions (Martinique, Guadeloupe, and French Guiana). These countries may continue their trade, provided that neither the possessions nor the French warships and planes based there will be used against U.S.</p>	18
<p><u>Libya:</u> British capture Derna and Mekili and pursue Italians moving W from Mekili toward El Abiar, and Germans and Italians fleeing SW on roads connecting El Gubba and Barce. Mopping up operations, notably in Bardia and Halfaya areas, continue.</p>	<p><u>Malaya:</u> Enemy attacks British positions at Krian R., but line holds. At Lenggong, Japanese infantry advance checked in severe fighting. Penang occupied by enemy.</p> <p><u>Thailand:</u> Enemy troops reported at Mesod.</p> <p><u>Hongkong:</u> Japanese enlarge</p>	<p><u>P.I.:</u> Japanese patrol activity increases. Manila attacked about noon by 24 enemy bombers; much damage to property but few casualties inflicted. Iloilo on Panay I. heavily bombed by Japanese planes.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Pontianak, Borneo, attacked continuously by land and sea planes;</p>	<p><u>Wake I.:</u> Strong force of enemy aircraft bombs island during morning.</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> About 150 German Embassy staff members and news correspondents and members of Hungarian Legation interned at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., until their departure can be arranged.</p> <p><u>Spain:</u> General Franco issues decree in Madrid that Spain will</p>	19

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			Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
20	U.S.: Admiral Ernest J. King appointed Commander-in-Chief of U.S. Fleet.	.. .. .	.. .. .	<u>Russia:</u> Germans continue air attacks along entire front. Russians report recapture of Volokolamsk, W of Moscow, and assert that enemy divisions routed near Kalinin are being pursued by Red Army. Soviets, continuing their drive in N, occupy Volbokalo, S of Lake Ladoga, and several unidentified villages. Berlin announces naval battle in Barents Sea between Soviet and German DD's; 1 Russian DD reported sunk and another damaged. SS Varlaam Avanesov (Russian tanker, 6,557 tons) sunk by SS at 41-18 N, 31-26 E.	<u>Malta:</u> Forty enemy planes attack Malta twice, but cause only slight damage. One German bomber destroyed; 2 Italian fighters probably destroyed, and 3 German bombers damaged; 2 Hurricanes missing.
21	.. .. .	.. .. .	<u>France:</u> RAF Hudsons attack oil refinery at St. Nazaire, starting large fire. British auxiliary aircraft carrier sunk by U-boat 500 mi. W of Cape Finisterre. SS Annavore	<u>Russia:</u> Red Army forces advance on central front and capture Krapivno, SW of Tula. Soviets report gains in Leningrad sector, claiming capture of Budgotsch, SW of Tikhvin, and Gritzino, near Chudovo.	<u>Malta:</u> Axis bombers, escorted by fighters, attack, causing slight damage to barracks; 1 enemy fighter destroyed, 1 probably destroyed, and 1 damaged; 2 Hurricanes lost.

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<p>(Cont'd) Bostons and Blenheim effectively attack MT retreating W from Derna and Mekili, and a long column 60 mi. E of Benghazi. SS Ruckinge (British cargo ship, 2,869 tons) sunk by SS at 38-20 N, 17-15 W.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) beachhead, gradually forcing British to withdraw towards hills in center of island. <u>Burma</u>: Japanese arrival at Ranong results in complete British withdrawal from Victoria Pt., which enemy occupies.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) city reported destroyed. Kuching airdrome bombed. Dutch planes bombard Japanese landing in British North Borneo.</p>		<p>(Cont'd) maintain her non-belligerency.</p>	
<p><u>Libya</u>: Wellingtons bomb Benghazi and Benina airdromes. RAF planes make heavy attack on Axis MT S of Jedabaya.</p>	<p><u>Malaya</u>: On E sector, British take new defense position along line E to W, crossing Kota Bharu - Kuala Lipis RR through Kuala Pergau. Fresh enemy forces land between Kota Bharu and Singora. In Kedah, enemy reaches Krian R. in vicinity of Mahang, forcing British S of Lenggong. Japanese bombers twice attack Ipoh airdrome, inflicting some damage; 1 enemy plane shot down. RR between Merapoh and Kuala Krai ineffectively bombed by enemy. <u>Hongkong</u>: Japanese drive S toward center of island. Three Chinese bombers, escorted by 6 fighters, bomb Japanese N of Kowloon. <u>China</u>: Enemy planes attack Kunming; 4 Japanese bombers shot down.</p>	<p>P.I.: Japanese land at Davao on Mindanao from 4 transports escorted by 3 DD's. Advance elements of 101st Division engage the enemy. Bombing of military facilities and ground strafing by enemy planes supports landing operations. N.E.I.: Field at Singawang bombed by 27 enemy planes; landing areas undamaged. Pontianak and Kuching seriously damaged in heavy attack by Japanese aircraft.</p>	<p>SS Emidio (U.S. tanker, 6,912 tons) sunk by SS in Pacific. SS Perekop (Russian cargo ship, 2,493 tons) and SS Tantalus (British cargo ship, 7,724 tons) sunk by enemy aircraft in Pacific.</p>	<p><u>War Declarations</u>: Nicaragua declares war on Bulgaria, Hungary, and Rumania. Belgium declares war on Japan.</p>	20
<p><u>Libya</u>: Main body of Axis forces contacted by forward detachments of British troops around Zamut (85 mi. E of Benghazi) and Msus during morning. Fighter planes assist British ground troops. Fuel</p>	<p><u>Malaya</u>: British battalion encircled N of Chenderoh Lake in Perak breaks out of trap. Enemy rafting troops down Perak R. in attempt to filter force into Siput, NE of Kuala Kangsar. Kuala Lumpur</p>	<p>P.I.: From force of 70-80 transports off Lingayen Gulf, Japanese troops land along coast of Luzon and establish bridgehead from Aringay to San Fabian. 11th Division engages enemy along shore to N Lingayen Gulf.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p><u>U.S.</u>: Soldiers and marines called out to protect workers going to their jobs at defense plants in San Francisco Bay area after strikers vote to establish picket lines.</p>	21

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			Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
			<p>(Cont'd) (Norwegian cargo ship, 3,324 tons) sunk by SS at 43-55 N, 19-50 W. SS Benmacdhui (British cargo ship, 6,869 tons) sunk by mine at 53-40 N, 00-30 E.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) Germans report repulse of Russian attacks attempting to break through Leningrad encirclement.</p>	
22	.. .. .	.. .. .	<p><u>Germany:</u> RAF aircraft drop 21 tons of HE and 1,800 incendiaries on Wilhelmshaven; bursts observed in target area. SS Stylianchandris (Greek cargo ship, 6,059 tons) sunk by mine in Atlantic.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Russians report unsuccessful Nazi attack against Sevastopol, and claim advances in Donets area. Enemy claims repulse of Soviet thrusts on central sector, and reports strong air attacks on Soviet field positions, tank concentrations, and RR lines.</p>	.. .. .



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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>stores, bombs, and 22 Axis planes destroyed on enemy airfield 30 mi. W of Sirte by a British patrol in conjunction with parachute troops.</p> <p>Sidi el Magrum landing field, where large part of Axis air force is concentrated, attacked by 24 Wellingtons. RAF planes bomb airdrome at Castel Benito, S of Tripoli; 7 planes destroyed; other aircraft and hangars damaged.</p> <p>SS Hellen (Norwegian cargo ship, 5,289 tons) sunk by SS at 35-41 N, 05-18 W.</p> <p><u>Libya:</u> British columns advance toward Barce - Magrum - Benghazi line. Majority of German armored units dispersed in Jedabaya - Antelat sector. British troops occupy Antelat after driving off force of 150 MT and 35 tanks. Bostons and Blenheims successfully attack Sidi el Magrum landing ground, damaging motor vehicles and aircraft. Eleven Malta-based Blenheims attack motor vehicles carrying troops and supplies between Sirte and Misurata; 2 fuel trucks and 10 other vehicles destroyed; 130 others machine-gunned.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>airdrome attacked by 13 Japanese dive bombers with fighter escort; slight damage caused.</p> <p><u>Thailand:</u> Seven enemy torpedo bombers destroyed at Prachuabkhirkun.</p> <p><u>Hongkong:</u> British withdraw troops from Stanley and other points on E and SE shore and establish new line in semicircle at base of the Peak. Japanese continue to land forces at North Pt.</p> <p><u>Malaya:</u> In Perak, British forces now E of Perak R. Japanese troops capture Kuala Krai; British retire to Kuala Gris.</p> <p>Enemy makes 2 attacks, with total of 18 planes, on Kuala Lumpur airdrome; 1 enemy plane destroyed, 3 of ours lost.</p> <p><u>Thailand:</u> Four Dutch planes dispatched to attack RR at Haadyi; 3 missing.</p> <p><u>Hongkong:</u> Japanese continue to advance, rarely hampered by counterattacks. British forces being pushed up slopes of the Peak.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>fighting centers around Damortis. Japanese increase activity around Vigan but it is limited largely to skirmishes.</p> <p>Cebu attacked by enemy planes.</p> <p>Fighting continues at Davao but no details known. Japanese aircraft raid island, particularly the unoccupied airfield at Del Monte.</p> <p><u>P.I.:</u> U.S. troops hold defiles in heavy fighting along coastal areas on Lingayen Gulf; we hold positions N of Damortis. Enemy forces between Damortis and Agoo engaged; Japanese infantry dispersed. Enemy DD's beaten off by our artillery near Damortis. U.S. planes bomb enemy ground forces; Japanese aircraft carry out scattered bombing attacks throughout the island.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Japanese reported landing at Brunel, Borneo; 10 enemy troop ships standing off Kuching. Australian troops take over Dilli, capital of Timor, and site of airdrome.</p>	<p><u>Wake I.:</u> Japanese land from several transports escorted by 2 DD's and aircraft. U.S. garrison offers strong resistance and sinks 2 enemy DD's.</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> Prime Minister Churchill arrives in Washington to discuss united war effort with President Roosevelt.</p>	<p>22</p>

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			Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
23	...	...	<p><u>Germany:</u> Sixty-nine British planes attack Cologne, dropping 80 tons of HE and 6,000 incendiaries.</p> <p><u>France:</u> Brest attacked by 47 RAF planes; bursts observed in dock area. SS Leopold II (Belgian cargo ship, 2,902 tons) sunk by mine at 52-33 N, 02-05 E.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Nazis claim to have damaged Soviet warship off Sevastopol. Russians continue to gain in Tim and Tula areas, and claim occupation of important RR conjunction of Gorba-chevo and town of Odoev. Enemy reports repulse of Soviet attacks in some sectors of central front and bomber and dive bomber support of land action.</p>	<p><u>Greece:</u> British SS torp. Italian DD inside Navarino harbor.</p>
24	...	...	<p><u>France:</u> One Hampden attacks CC at Brest and drops heavy bomb in target area.</p> <p>SS Merchant (British cargo ship, 4,615 tons) and SS Stanmount (British tanker, 4,468 tons) sunk by mine at 50-43 N, 01-30 E.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Germans announce severe air attack on Black Sea coast, setting fire to oil supplies and RR's in Tuapse and damaging RR lines in S sector. Soviets report gains on SW and Kalinin fronts, claiming occupation of a number of localities. Luftwaffe again raids Lake Ladoga area and Murmansk RR.</p>	<p><u>Malta:</u> Four JU-88's with heavy fighter escort twice attack Malta harbor. One merchant vessel hit and 1 British ship slightly damaged; 3 JU-88's destroyed and another probably destroyed; 1 Hurricane missing.</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> British occupy Barce. Four Wellingtons execute nuisance raid, lasting 10 hours, on Tripoli. El Agheila and Philaenorum bombed by 17 Wellingtons. SS Shuntien (British cargo ship, 3,059 tons) sunk by SS at 32-06 N, 24-46 E.</p>	<p><u>Malaya:</u> British lines on Perak R. still hold. They report successful contact with enemy patrol near Kangsar - Grik road. British withdraw 40 mi. NE of Kuala Lumpur to Bentong - Raub sector. Enemy captures Larut Hills Pass. <u>Hongkong:</u> Japanese forces make unopposed landing at Stanley; enemy pressure against British defensive ring increased in S. Air bombardment continues. <u>Burma:</u> Rangoon bombed in early morning by 60 Japanese bombers with fighter escort; 10 enemy planes destroyed; 3 British aircraft lost. <u>China:</u> Japanese begin drive on Changsha, Hunan Province.</p>	<p><u>P.I.:</u> Enemy in Lingayen area pressing S, using air power in close support of his infantry and light tanks. U.S. planes make effective attacks on enemy in this sector. Enemy patrols in Vigan sector advancing in direction of Tagudin. Enemy attempts to land from transports off Batangas repulsed. During night, enemy lands in force from 40 transports off the SE coast in vicinity of Antimonan; heavy fighting results. Enemy carries out minor air attacks over island. Nine B-17's, returning from Australia, bomb 12 enemy transports off Davao; results unobserved.</p>	<p><u>Johnston I.:</u> Enemy SS shells island, inflicting little damage. <u>Palmyra I.:</u> Island shelled by Japanese SS; slight damage reported. SS Montebello (U.S. tanker, 8,272 tons) sunk by SS in Pacific.</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> British War Council, composed of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, and military, naval, and civilian advisers of both countries, meets for first time. Office of Defense Transportation with Joseph Eastman as head created under Executive Order. President Roosevelt approves plan agreed upon by labor-industry conference to abolish strikes for the duration of the war: no strikes or lockouts, settle disputes by peaceful means, set up a war labor board to handle these disputes. <u>Mexico:</u> Mexico severs relations with Bulgaria, Hungary, and Rumania.</p>	23
<p><u>Libya:</u> British occupy Benghazi. RAF planes attack MT in El Agheila area and, later, El Agheila landing ground. Tripoli harbor bombed by Allied planes with unobserved results. Force of RAF aircraft bombs 3 DD's and 1 cruiser NNW of Tripoli; results unobserved.</p>	<p><u>Malaya:</u> Enemy contacts British defenses along Perak R. NW of Ipoh. In Pahang sector, British withdraw to Kuala Lipat. Japanese approaching Trengganu, on E coast. <u>Hongkong:</u> Enemy shells British positions at head of Happy Valley and strafes troops here; infantry assault captures the positions. <u>China:</u> Chinese interrupt Japanese rail communications between Canton and Kowloon. In Hunan, fighting is in progress near Hsin Kiang, on road between Hankow and Changsha.</p>	<p><u>P.I.:</u> American and Filipino troops launch counter-attacks on Luzon fronts; particularly heavy fighting takes place in Antimonan area. Japanese continue to land reinforcements. Manila port area bombed shortly after noon; 5 planes shot down. <u>N.E.I.:</u> Despite air attacks, enemy troops land at Kuching, capital of Sarawak, Borneo; communications severed. Enemy planes bomb Taran, inflicting slight damage.</p>	<p><u>Wake I.:</u> Navy announces that radio communications with island have ceased and it is believed occupied by enemy. <u>Gilbert Is.:</u> Enemy troops land on Abaiang I. SS Maikop (Russian tanker, 1,846 tons) sunk by aircraft in Pacific. SS Forafic (British cargo ship, 3,475 tons), SS Gladys (British cargo ship, 358 tons), SS Kim Chin Seng (British cargo ship, 165 tons), SS Margaret (British cargo ship, 248 tons), and SS Rejang (British cargo ship, 288 tons) sunk in Pacific.</p>	<p><u>Mexico:</u> Mexico authorizes use of its ports and territory by armed forces of any American republic at war with the Axis. <u>War Declaration:</u> Haiti declares war on Hungary, Bulgaria, and Rumania.</p>	24

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25	...	...	...	<u>Russia:</u> Soviets report advances on SW, W, and Kalinin fronts. Germans announce fighter and bomber attacks in central and northern sectors.	...

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<p><u>Libya</u>: Machine gun posts near Sollum destroyed. Seventeen Wellingtons bomb MT on road near El Agheila.</p>	<p><u>Malaya</u>: Enemy troops reach Trengganu. Japanese make air attacks on RR communications in Johore.</p> <p><u>Hongkong</u>: Hongkong surrenders and hostilities cease.</p> <p><u>Burma</u>: Enemy planes make 2 attacks on Rangoon. One raid very strong, consisting of 54 bombers escorted by 30 fighters; power plant and airdrome damaged; RR at Tampin Junction cut; 20 enemy and 6 Allied planes destroyed.</p> <p>Following ships captured or sunk off Hongkong: SS Chengtu (British cargo ship, 2,219 tons); SS Joan Moller (British cargo ship, 2,232 tons); SS Josephine (British cargo ship, 1,274 tons); SS Kanchow (British cargo ship, 2,001 tons); SS Ming Sang (British cargo ship, 3,420 tons); SS Nanning (British cargo ship, 2,486 tons); SS Adm Y S Williams (U.S. cargo ship, 3,252 tons); SS Apoe (British cargo ship, 2,790 tons); SS Argus (U.S. cargo ship, 1,025 tons); SS Ariadne Moller (British cargo ship, 1,840 tons); SS Eldorado (Panamanian cargo ship, 2,180 tons); SS Fausang (British cargo ship, 2,256 tons); SS Haraldsvang (Norwegian cargo ship, 3,112 tons); SS Hinsang (British cargo ship, 4,644 tons); SS Kathleen Moller (British cargo ship,</p>	<p><u>P.I.</u>: Baguio declared an open city as enemy advances inland from Lingayen Gulf. Fighting in N is desultory but very heavy in SE.</p> <p>Enemy steadily lands reinforcements from his fleets of transports at Lingayen and Antimonan. Air activity is on large scale.</p> <p>Japanese transport reported sunk at Davao, Mindanao.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.</u>: Enemy planes heavily attack Singkawang, Borneo, rendering airfield unserviceable.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p>25</p>

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26	.. .. .	.. .. .	<p><u>England:</u> Two ME-109's strafe village near Hastings. SS Cormead (British cargo ship, 2,848 tons) sunk by mine at 52-24 N, 02-13 E.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Germans report repulse of Soviet attacks in Donets sector. Red Army troops S of Moscow announce gains, claiming occupation of Narotominsk, on Moscow-Kiev RR; enemy reported rushing defense preparations along Dnieper-Smolensk line. Berlin asserts that another Russian attempt to break through Leningrad encirclement failed, and reports heavy air attacks on entire eastern front and raid on Murmansk RR.</p>	<p><u>Malta:</u> Enemy planes twice raid island. Second attack results in destruction on Luqa airdrome of 6 of our planes and damage to 5 more; 1 enemy plane probably destroyed by AA fire.</p>
27	.. .. .	.. .. .	<p><u>Germany:</u> Dusseldorf attacked by 132 RAF planes; hits scored on RR yard, bridge, and dock area.</p> <p><u>France:</u> Small raids by Allied planes over Boulogne and Brest start fires in dock area.</p> <p><u>Norway:</u> Three Blenheims make low-level attack on Herdla airdrome; hits scored on many</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Russian forces driving forward in Kursk area claim occupation of Tim. Other units, N of this district, capture Novosil, just E of Orel. Red Army troops in central sector report occupation of Likhvin, S of Kaluga. Nazis report sinking of 4 enemy transports, totalling 7,000 tons, by air attack in Kerch Strait, and</p>	.. .. .

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	(Cont'd) 1,487 tons); SS Marion (Panamian cargo ship, 1,185 tons); SS Shinhwa (British cargo ship, 1,460 tons); SS Shun Chih (British cargo ship, 1,881 tons); SS Yat Shing (British cargo ship, 2,284 tons); SS Ethel Moller (British cargo ship, 912 tons); SS Ger- trude Moller (British cargo ship, 92 tons); SS Hsin Fuhle (British car- go ship, 184 tons); SS Patricia Moller (British cargo ship, 390 tons).				
<p><u>Libya:</u> British continue mopping up operations in E Cyrenaica. Blenheim bombers with fighter escort bomb MT W of Jedabaya. Malta-based Blenheims attack 2 merchant ships in Zuara harbor, sinking one. Wellington bombers attack Tripoli, dropping 15 tons of HE on harbor.</p> <p>SS Warszawa (Polish cargo ship, 2,487 tons) sunk by SS at 32-10 N, 24-32 E.</p>	<p><u>Malaya:</u> Japanese artillery bombards British defenses at Ipoh. Enemy planes heavily attack British forces.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> Enemy planes again bomb Rangoon.</p>	<p><u>P.I.:</u> General MacArthur declares Manila an open city. In N, enemy uses considerable heavy artillery fire. Fighting in SE continues; enemy pressure in area is increasing. Five U.S. tanks destroyed by Japanese in morning during counterattack. Japanese planes continue heavy air attacks on Luzon.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Fleet of Japanese ships, consisting of cruiser, 1 DD, several barges, 4 transports, sighted off Kuching.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> Prime Minister Churchill addresses Congress and says Allies should be able to assume the offensive in 1943.</p>	26
<p><u>Libya:</u> British harassing enemy main force in Jedabaya area. Blenheims bomb Axis positions within Bardia, reporting extensive damage to military equipment. Tomahawks machine-gun motor column between El Aghelia and Jedabaya, damaging 50 MT; 4 of our planes damaged</p>	<p><u>Malaya:</u> Japanese attempt to cross Perak R. at Ipoh but British artillery and machine gun fire forces them back. British withdraw garrison from Kuala Kangsar and move it S to Ipoh; Japanese then cross river at Kuala Kangsar.</p> <p>Japanese planes attack Port Swettenham on W coast; AA fire</p>	<p><u>P.I.:</u> Heavy fighting continues in SE and in Lingayen Gulf area. Enemy planes attack Manila, starting fires in residential sections and causing many casualties.</p> <p>Dutch planes bomb Davao on Mindanao, with unknown results. Six PBV's dispatched to attack enemy shipping at Jolo in Sulu Archipelago, are</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	27

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			(Cont'd) buildings and run-ways. Gun posi-tions near Stadland and shipping off Egersund also at-tacked. Seven Hampdens success-fully lay smoke screen off Vaagso I. to aid naval mis-sion. SS J B Paddon (British cargo ship, 570 tons) sunk by aircraft at 53-55 N, 00-16 E.	(Cont'd) claim direct hits by dive bombers on power station N of Kandalaksha. Mos-cow announces sink-ing of 3 enemy transports in Barents Sea.	
28	.. .. .	.. .. .	<u>Germany:</u> Eighty-six planes drop 77 tons of HE and over 6,000 incendiaries at Wilhelmshaven, starting fires in center of town, near main RR station, and across docks. RAF raiding Huls scores direct hits, causing fires and a large explosion. Emden also bombed; bursts observed in waterfront area.	<u>Russia:</u> Soviets claim gains in attacks on SW front, although enemy re-ports repulse of these in strong counterattack. Ger-mans claim repulse of Russian attacks on central and northern sectors, and report severe air attacks on ship-ping in Kerch Strait.	<u>Greece:</u> Three Wellingtons attack Salamis naval base and oil installations at Piraeus with un-observed results. <u>Crete:</u> Eight Well-ingtons bomb air-dromes at Suda Bay and Heraklion, where runway is hit.
29	.. .. .	SS Jitra (British cargo ship, 122 tons) sunk by enemy action at 05-17 N, 115-14 W.	<u>England:</u> About 55 enemy aircraft operate, chiefly over NE England; 1 enemy bomber destroyed; 2 prob-ably destroyed.	<u>Russia:</u> Soviets report advances on several sectors of the front. Nazis an-nounce renewed air attacks against ship-ping in Kerch Strait, reporting sinking of 1 transport and dam-aging of 6 other transports and num-erous smaller vessels.	<u>Malta:</u> Axis planes twice attack airfield at Luqa and 2 British naval units off coast of Malta. One German fighter, probably a second, destroyed; 3 Hurricanes lost, 2 Blenheims dam-aged on ground.



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(Cont'd) by AA fire.	(Cont'd) destroys 1 enemy plane. <u>Thailand</u> : Six Blenheims bomb Sungei Patani; 15 enemy planes reported destroyed. <u>Burma</u> : Japanese forces succeed in landing at Bokypin, despite British counterattacks. <u>Tambelan I.</u> : Japanese land on island, located between Sarawak and Singapore.	(Cont'd) intercepted by Japanese fighters; 4 of our planes shot down. <u>N.E.I.</u> : Nine Japanese planes bomb Tarakan, Borneo. SS Ethel Edwards (U.S. cargo ship, 395 tons) sunk by aircraft at 14-31 N, 121-07 E.			
<u>Libya</u> : Tank units engage enemy armored forces in El Haseiat area in effort to cut Axis lines between Jedabaya and El Agheila; 22 enemy tanks destroyed, 20 damaged, and 14 of ours lost. Blenheims carry out 120 offensive sorties against Bardia. Four Wellingtons make night raid on Tripoli. SS Volo (British cargo ship, 1,587 tons) sunk by SS in Mediterranean.	<u>Malaya</u> : Japanese again launch attacks against Ipoh but all are repulsed, British withdrawing only from most advanced positions. Force of enemy troops appears at mouth of Perak R., near Telok, compelling British to withdraw from Ipoh in evening and march S. Enemy planes attack Port Swettenham; other groups bomb Kuantan. <u>Thailand</u> : Four British Blenheims bomb Patani air-drome. <u>Burma</u> : Japanese withdraw from Bokypin, leaving British in possession.	<u>P.I.</u> : Intensity of fighting in N decreases but enemy pressure in SE is heavy. About 60 Japanese planes bomb Manila, severely damaging Pasig R. installations and shipping and piers in harbor; SS Kaiping (British cargo ship, 2,563 tons), SS Yu Sang (British cargo ship, 3,357 tons), and SS Hai Kwang (British cargo ship, 905 tons) sunk; AA fire from Bataan destroys 3 enemy bombers. <u>N.E.I.</u> : Bau and Kuching occupied by Japanese.	SS Seistan (British cargo ship, 2,455 tons) sunk by aircraft in Pacific.	<u>England</u> : British Foreign Office announces that Foreign Minister Anthony Eden and Premier Stalin have been conferring in Moscow since mid-December on questions relating to the conduct of the war.	28
<u>Libya</u> : Four squadrons of Blenheims twice successfully attack enemy positions and landing ground at Jedabaya. One hundred motor vehicles 20 mi. S of Jedabaya bombed by 3 squadrons of Blenheims. Bardia also attacked.	<u>Malaya</u> : British withdrawal S of Ipoh continues; fighting is still in progress along Perak R. crossings. Bridge at Kuala Dipang demolished by British. Enemy aircraft bomb and machine-gun Luang. Singapore heavily bombed 3 times during night by about 30 Japanese planes.	<u>P.I.</u> : Ground fighting on all fronts decreases. Force of 60 enemy planes bombs Ft. Mills, on Corregidor, and Manila Bay for 3 hours, inflicting many casualties; SS Capillo (U.S. cargo ship, 5,135 tons) sunk; 4 Japanese planes destroyed. SS Subok (British cargo ship, 148 tons) sunk at 05-17 N, 115-15 E.	SS Henry Keswick (British cargo ship, 671 tons) sunk in Pacific.	<u>U.S.</u> : Members of Japanese Embassy staff and special envoy, Saburo Kurusu, sent to Hot Springs, Va.	29

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30	...	...	<p><u>France:</u> Sixteen Halifaxes escorted by 9 squadrons of fighters attack warships at Brest; intense and accurate AA fire encountered; 3 of our bombers missing. Enemy planes intercept; 7 ME-109's destroyed and 7 probably. Six planes of coastal command attack docks at La Pallice; hits reported on moles and possibly on tanker.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Moscow announces that on December 29 and 30, Soviet Caucasian troops, in conjunction with Black Sea fleet, land on Crimean Peninsula and occupy Kerch and Theodosia. Enemy claims sinking of Soviet DD in Black Sea. Red Army forces, pushing W from Likhvin, report capture of Kozelsk. Berlin announces smashing Soviet attacks on Murmansk front during preceding week.</p>	<p><u>Malta:</u> Takali and Luqa airdromes and a dockyard bombed by enemy planes; 2 bombers destroyed by Hurricanes. Twenty-three enemy planes demolish a number of houses on the island.</p> <p><u>Greece:</u> Ten Wellingtons bomb Salamis, hitting submarine base and munition factory. Other Wellingtons bomb Piraeus, starting a fire among oil cisterns and causing explosions at a chemical factory. Large fire started at Megara seaplane base.</p> <p><u>Crete:</u> RAF planes bomb airfields at Candia and Maleme.</p>
31	...	...	<p><u>SS Cardita</u> (British tanker, 8,237 tons) sunk by SS at 59-18 N, 12-50 W.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Germans report seizure of several Soviet defensive positions at Sevastopol. Russian forces on central front advance and capture Kaluga. Enemy announces severe dive bombing attacks on Russians on central front and report shelling military installations at Leningrad.</p>	<p><u>Crete:</u> Admiralty announces that a British SS shelled and sank 5 enemy schooners at Suda Bay and Methoni.</p> <p><u>Malta:</u> Axis planes raid Malta three times: 6 planes in first attack, 9 in second, and 46 in third. Takali airdrome attacked; no damage reported; 1 ME-109 shot down.</p>

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<p><u>Libya:</u> Forty Axis tanks and 58 British tanks battle 15 mi. SE of Jedabaya; heavy tank casualties suffered by both sides. British mobile units force northward withdrawal of Axis troops in El Haseiat area. Two Blenheim squadrons bomb 30 tanks and 200 MT SE of Jedabaya, causing considerable damage. Enemy positions at Bardia effectively attacked by 4 squadrons of Blenheims.</p>	<p><u>Malaya:</u> Enemy units contact British at Sahura-Kampar. British engage small Japanese force, which advanced from Trengganu, near Kuantan.</p> <p>Enemy planes attack Singapore.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> About 2,000 fresh Siamese troops take up position E of Moulmein.</p> <p>SS Miramar (Swedish cargo ship, 1,555 tons) sunk at 10-20 N, 107-05 E.</p>	<p><u>P.I.:</u> Heavy enemy pressure is developing on E flank in northern sector; fighting continues on S front. Enemy planes attack our forces throughout Luzon.</p>	<p><u>Hawaii:</u> Enemy SS fires 8 rounds on Hilo, damaging wharf shed.</p> <p><u>Ocean L.:</u> Island bombed by Japanese planes; only slight damage results.</p>	<p><u>India:</u> Mohandas K. Gandhi resigns as leader of All-India National Congress on grounds that the working committee of the party has abandoned his principles of civil disobedience and non-violence.</p>	30
<p><u>Libya:</u> Blenheims score hits on 2 tanks and several MT in attack on motor column SE of Jedabaya. Bombing operations over Bardia continue.</p>	<p><u>Malaya:</u> Enemy planes carry out scattered raids during night and heavily bombard South Johore Naval Base, inflicting severe damage.</p> <p>Over 30 Japanese planes raid Singapore twice during night. Port Swettenham also attacked.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Enemy moving from Milo R. attacks Changsha.</p>	<p><u>P.I.:</u> Our troops in S Luzon make contact with those in San Fernando area, forestalling a separation by enemy infiltration from the E. Free city of Manila left uncovered. Last U.S. SS departs from Manila Bay; the navy, with the exception of a few small craft, has been compelled to abandon the Philippines.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Japanese reported landing in N Borneo at Labuan.</p>	<p><u>Hawaii:</u> Kahalui harbor, Maui, attacked by unseen naval vessel; no damage results. A few rounds of fire from unseen naval vessel set a cane-field on Kauai on fire.</p> <p>SS Pan Alexander (U.S. cargo ship, 8,135 tons) sunk by aircraft in Pacific.</p> <p>SS Ruth Alexander (U.S. cargo ship, 8,135 tons) sunk by enemy action in Pacific.</p>	<p><u>Venezuela:</u> Venezuela breaks off diplomatic relations with the Axis.</p>	31