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1	U.S.: President Roosevelt orders Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, to take over all closed coal mines and calls on the miners to return to work. Mr. Ickes wires mine operators and managers to take charge of the mines as government employees, and to fly the American flag over all mines.	Aleutians: Kiska raided by 13 formations of Allied planes comprising 14 B-25's and about 70 fighters; hits scored on North Head batteries and on or near radar installations and submarine base, causing fires and explosions; 1 P-38 missing and 4 other planes damaged by AA fire. One B-24 returning from Attu bombs Kiska runway. Five B-24's raid Attu Village, Holtz Bay, and Chicagof Harbor.	France: Nazaire bombed by 29 B-17's, from force of 54 over target, but heavy clouds obscure results; AA fire and fighter opposition moderate over target, but increase on return flight; 7 B-17's missing, 1 from dive bombing attack by Axis fighter; 18 Axis planes destroyed, 6 probably destroyed, and 8 damaged. Twenty B-24's escorted by Spitfires make diversionary flight along coast near Brest without incident. North Sea: British light naval forces sink an enemy auxiliary vessel and set 2 others on fire near Terschelling; 3 British craft damaged. At night, Dover batteries fire on enemy convoy east-bound from Boulogne, probably sinking 1 escort vessel. England: Dover-Folkestone-Deal area shelled at night for about 3 hours; slight damage and casualties inflicted.	Russia: Nazis claim repulse of Russian attacks against Kuban bridgehead. Moscow reports slight gains S of Orel.	Sicily: Messina ferry slip bombed by 21 B-24's; hits scored on port, power station, ferry terminal area, and RR yards; heavy fighter opposition encountered and 2 ME-109's damaged. Italy: Twenty-five B-24's dispatched to bomb Reggio di Calabria are forced to return because target is obscured by clouds; 1 bomber explodes.
2	U.S.: John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, announces a two-week truce, beginning May 4, in the coal strike while the UMW and Mr. Ickes attempt to work out new wage contracts.	Aleutian Is.: Total of 6 B-25's, 8 P-38's, and 6 P-40's, in 3 attacks on Kiska, score hits on North and South Head, on gun positions at Gertrude Cove, and in radar area; at Gertrude Cove fires and small explosions result and a building is destroyed; 1 B-25 damaged by heavy AA fire.	Holland-France: IJmuiden steel works raided by 24 escorted Bostons and Venturas and RR workshops at Thionville, by 6 Mosquitos. Six FW-190's destroyed by Spitfires over Flushing; 4 Spitfires missing.	Russia: Soviets report that Germans have discontinued their offensive in Novorossisk area; Germans claim repulse of Russian attacks in Kuban sector. Moscow reports rcn and patrol activities in Chuguyev and Volkhov areas.	Italy: Force of 30 B-24's, dispatched to attack Reggio di Calabria, is unable to locate target because of cloud coverage and returns. Mediterranean: Six DD's, making a sweep S of Marétime, are attacked by enemy aircraft; 1 shot down.

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Enemy resistance N of Jef-na road in Djebel Chouaf area stiffens; S of the road, Djebel el Ajred occupied by enemy. Axis attack on Hill 609 repulsed, with heavy losses for enemy. In Pont du Fahs area, French troops recapture a hill taken by enemy early in day and resist all further attempts by Axis forces to seize it. Small attack in coastal area repulsed by 8th Army units; artillery exchanges on both sides reported.</p> <p>Allied planes bomb buildings and jetties at Kelibia and Sidi Douad, inflicting some damage, and score several near misses on beached DD; of 4 ME-109's encountered, 1 damaged. Force of Bostons successfully attacks enemy positions in Sidi Abdullah sector. Twelve Spitfires, on shipping rcn in Gulf of Tunis, intercept 23 Axis aircraft; 8 of these destroyed and 3 damaged.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> British convoy N of Benghazi attacked by 12 HE-111's and JU-88's; SS Erinpura (British cargo ship, 5,143 tons) and SS British Trust (British tanker, 8,466 tons) sunk at 32-40 N, 19-53 E; 5 of the attacking planes shot down.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> Allied convoy attacked by Axis SS's and following ships sunk at 07-50 N, 14-14 W: SS City of Singapore (British cargo ship, 6,555 tons), SS Clan MacPherson (British cargo ship, 6,940 tons), and SS Mokambo (British cargo ship, 4,996 tons). Farther west, an independent ship, SS Adelfotis (Greek cargo ship, 5,838 tons), is presumed sunk at 03-32 S, 21-33 W.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Patrolling activity in Mayu Hills maintained.</p> <p>RAF planes, in 57 sorties, inflict severe damage on Japanese concentrations at Tinha, start large fires at Taungup, attack shipping on Irrawaddy waddy R., set a shed on fire at Pyafo, strafe buildings at Bitsayan, and probably sink a steamer at Myebon. Nine B-24's attack shipping and docks at Rangoon; buildings and warehouses damaged; 3 planes sink a boat in mid-stream off Sule Pagoda wharves; Pagoda Point air-drome attacked. Allied formation attacked by 5 Zeros after the bombing; 1 B-24 shot down and 1 Zero probably destroyed.</p> <p>Buthedaung attacked by 8-12 enemy planes; motor ferry sunk; minor damage inflicted in target area. Bawli Bazaar bridge unsuccessfully attacked by 6 enemy planes.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Lingling bombed by 24 Japanese planes, 6 of which are shot down.</p>	<p><u>New Britian:</u> C. Gloucester runway bombed by B-17.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> B-17 attacks Reiss Pt., 30 mi. SE of Saidor, and 7 RAAF A-20's bomb and strafe Green Hill area in vicinity of Mubo.</p> <p>Two B-24's sight and attack 5,000 ton vessel in Manokwari Harbor, SW Dutch New Guinea; direct hit and near miss leave vessel settling in water. Same B-24's drop incendiaries on Nabire. Timika, SW Dutch New Guinea, bombed by single RAAF Hudson.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> B-24 on rcn is intercepted over Bima airdrome (Soembawa I.) by 6-8 Zeros, of which 3 are shot down; B-24 sustains some damage. Toeal and Langgoer in Kei Is. attacked by RAAF Hudson.</p>	1
<p><u>Tunisia:</u> S of Medjerda R., our artillery and aircraft attack 40 Axis tanks and 100 MT near Djebel el Asoud with unobserved results. Along 8th Army front, a moderate amount of shelling and small arms fire is carried on.</p> <p>Bad weather hampers bombing operations. Axis tank concentrations in Massicault area attacked by 12 A-20's, which cause 4 explosions, and by 12 Spitbombers. Enemy concentrations W of Tebourba bombed by 18 Hurricane bombers with escort of 23 Spitfires; several fires started. Twelve Spitbombers escorted by 24 Spitfires score near misses on beached DD in Gulf of</p>	<p><u>India:</u> About 40 Japanese bombers attack Dohazari airdrome; 2 Blenheims destroyed on the ground and 3 damaged; 14 Hurricanes intercept, destroying 1 of the enemy planes, probably destroying another, and damaging a 3d.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> Patrols occupy area 5 mi. N of Sumprabum, reporting it deserted.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Munda airfield, New Georgia I., is target for 6 2,000-lb. bombs dropped by 6 TBF's with escort of 16 F4F's; bombs fall on runway and revetments.</p> <p><u>New Britian:</u> B-17 on rcn over Gas-mata intercepted by 7 enemy fighters, 2 of which are damaged.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Single B-17 bombs waterfront at Emschafen, and 5 RAAF A-20's strafe Green Hill in Mubo area.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Three RAAF Beaufighters attack Penfoel airdrome at Koepang, Timor, destroying 4 enemy planes on the ground by strafing; barracks and personnel also strafed. Same target is</p>	2

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3	<p><u>Bulgaria:</u> Col. Atanas Pantev, Chief of Bulgarian State Police and a member of the extreme pro-German group, murdered in Sofia.</p> <p><u>Norway:</u> Two members of Premier Vidkun Quisling's state police are discovered stabbed to death in Oslo.</p>	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Kiska bombed 9 times by total of 6 B-24's, 11 B-25's, 20 P-38's, and 24 P-40's; hits scored on main camp, in radar area on runway, and on gun positions at North Head and Gertrude Cove; 3 fires started in main camp area and heavy smoke observed on North Head; AA fire damages 6 of our bombers and 1 fighter.</p>	<p><u>Holland:</u> Targets in Holland attacked by force of 12 Venturas and 6 Bostons escorted by fighters; bursts observed on power station at IJmuiden. Five enemy fighters destroyed during the day; 11 Allied bombers and 2 fighters missing.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Germans claim repulse of Soviet attacks in Kuban area; Soviets report failure of minor enemy attack S of Balakleya.</p>	<p><u>Mediterranean:</u> Albacores torp. and set on fire a 1,000-ton enemy ship in Sicilian Channel.</p>
4	<p><u>India:</u> All-India Trade Union Congress at Nagpur rejects a resolution urging Gandhi's unconditional release.</p>	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Force of 5 B-24's and 8 P-38's bombs and strafes Holtz Bay and Chicago Harbor, Attu, scoring hits on or</p>	<p><u>Belgium:</u> Sixty-five B-17's raid Ford and General Motors plants at Antwerp, dropping about 160 tons of HE bombs with good</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Moscow announces fierce fighting in area NE of Novorossisk and claims that serious losses are inflicted on the enemy.</p>	<p><u>Italy:</u> Twenty-eight B-24's, dispatched to attack Reggio di Calabria, are forced to return because of clouds over target;</p>



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		<p>(Cont'd) near gun positions and in main camp area at Chicagof. West Atlantic: SS Panam (Panamanian tanker, 7,277 tons), straggler from a south-bound coastal convoy from New York, torp. and sunk at 34-19 N, 76-23 W</p>	<p>(Cont'd) results; bombs are well concentrated and both plants receive direct hits; slight AA fire and 20-30 enemy planes encountered; RAF Spitfires and P-47's furnish fighter protection; 11 enemy fighters destroyed and 2 damaged; 3 Allied fighters missing. Eleven B-24's and 19 B-17's supported by P-47's carry out diversionary sweep toward the coast without incident. Germany: About 600 RAF planes dispatched at night to raid Dortmund; 780 tons of HE and 671 tons of incendiaries dropped, including 222 2-ton and 73 1-ton bombs; attack is well concentrated and highly successful; numerous large explosions and fires result; heavy AA fire and many searchlights encountered; 1 enemy plane destroyed; 30 RAF planes missing; 8 others crash. France-Holland: Abbeville RR center raided by escorted Venturas and power station at The Hague by Mosquitos.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) Krimskaya, farthest E point on the only RR between Novorossisk and Tamanskaya, captured by Red Army forces. Artillery exchanges W of Rostov reported.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) 9 drop bombs in target area; intercepting enemy fighters heavily damage 1 Allied plane. Twenty-two B-24's dispatched to same target; 15 drop bombs, scoring hits on building; 7 attack Taranto, scoring hits near fuel facilities and in harbor. Aegean Sea: RAF fighter planes attack several small Axis boats N of Crete; 1 vessel abandoned and others damaged.</p>
5	<p>Russia: Premier Stalin states, in a letter for the British press, that his government wishes to see a strong Poland after the war and to establish friendly relations with such government, or to form an alliance for mutual assistance against their common enemy, Germany. Hungary: Rome</p>	<p>Aleutian Is.: Kiska raided 6 times by total of 6 B-24's, 10 B-25's, and 32 P-40's; hits scored in vicinity of radar revetments, runway, AA positions, submarine base, and along beach; many fires started on the beach. Four attacks on Attu are made by total of 8 B-24's, 7 B-25's, and 16 P-38's, which</p>	<p>English Channel: RAF Spitfires and Typhoons attack Axis shipping off Dieppe and Cherbourg, damaging 6 vessels and setting a 7th on fire; damaged vessels include a 2,500-ton merchantman and 2 escorts.</p>	<p>Russia: Moscow announces penetration of enemy lines in Kuban on 15 mi. front and capture of Krasny, Chernomorsky, Zaporozhsky, Vesely, Sadovoi, Blagodarny, Melekhovsky, Nizhne Grechesky, Verkhne Adagum, and Neberdjaisk; Germans report lessening of Soviet attacks in this sector. Nazis claim repulse of strong</p>	<p>Italy: Reggio di Calabria bombed by 6 RAF Liberators, which cause fires and explosions.</p>

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>units in area around Djebel el Asoud; attack repulsed and the feature reported occupied by Allied forces. Smaller assault SE of Pont du Fahs also repulsed; enemy artillery activity in this sector increasing.</p> <p>Enemy concentrations E of Massicault and NW of Tebourba attacked twice, once by 12 Hurribombers and once by 12 Spitbombers. Total of 33 light and medium bombers carry out 2 raids on Zaghouan with unobserved results. Fighter bombers attack jetties at Menzel Temime, starting a good fire. During night, Kelibia dock and warehouse also attacked and fires started. Thirty-six P-40's, on shipping rcn, encounter 15 enemy planes and, in combat, destroy 3. Night of 4/5, roads at Bir Meherga (N of Pont du Fahs) bombed by 28 Wellingtons, which start 3 fires.</p> <p>Enemy aircraft carry out offensive sorties against our ground forces in Mateur area.</p> <p>Tunisia: Enemy salients of Djebel Cheniti and Djebel Achkel cleared up and Axis counterattacks repulsed by U.S. troops. High ground W of Oued Tine occupied without opposition, but enemy still entrenched S of here, in Djebel Lanserine area. Allied forces pushing toward Tebourba seize Djebel Bou Aoukaz, after heavy attack with artillery and air support. French encounter heavily mined area W and SW of Pont du Fahs.</p> <p>With return of good weather, air operations are greatly intensified. Tunis harbor and RR yards bombed by 26 B-17's; many large fires started; 15 bombers damaged by AA fire. Twenty-seven B-17's bomb La Goulette,</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>B-25's; hits scored on machine shops and main shed result in explosions. RR yards at Alon and Pakokku also bombed. Buildings and ground installations at Toungoo airdrome and tracks and rolling stock in RR yards severely damaged by U.S. B-24's.</p> <p><u>Indo-China:</u> Haiphong bombed by 18 B-25's with P-40 escort; cement plant and dock installations attacked; ammunition dump and warehouses hit, resulting in explosions and fires; coal yards, refinery, and dock installations also damaged. Escort planes strafe target area.</p> <p>Hainan I.: Eighteen B-24's escorted by P-40's bomb Samah, on S tip of island; shipping, dock installations, and naval fuel storage damaged; hits scored on barracks and runways at airdrome, starting a very large fire.</p> <p>India: Dohazari airdrome attacked by 24 Japanese bombers, which inflict little damage.</p> <p>Burma: Patrolling continues on W side of Mayu Ridge; fighting is resumed in E Mayu Hills; enemy occupies Let-pangyaing, 3 mi. NW of Seimynbya. Along road W of Butheung, British units are fighting to drive enemy from area N and S of road</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>results, and on return, attack Rekata, starting a fire.</p> <p>New Britain: Single B-24's on rcn strafe enemy barges off Lolobau I. and off Gaveiva village in Kimbe Bay, setting 1 of the latter group on fire; Gaveiva village also attacked.</p> <p>New Guinea: Japanese positions at Bobdubi (3 mi. SW of Salamaua) under pressure from Allied troops.</p> <p>Six B-24's attack enemy shipping at Wewak; medium AK left listing and smoking as result of 2 hits and several near misses; 8 Zeros and 1 floatplane intercept; 1 of the Zeros damaged.</p> <p>Another force of 6 B-24's raids Babo, Dutch New Guinea, destroying a grounded plane and setting barracks and buildings on fire; 6 hostile floatplanes intercept the returning force over Aroe Is.; 1 shot down and another probably destroyed.</p> <p>Kei Is.: Hudson on rcn attacks enemy luggers and barges off Kei Is.</p> <p>New Hanover: B-24 on rcn sights and strafes enemy AK off coast.</p> <p>New Britain: Gasmata and C. Gloucester bombed by single B-24; fires result at former.</p> <p>New Guinea: Allied troops capture Bobdubi, forcing the enemy to withdraw toward Salamaua.</p> <p>Timika bombed by 1 RAAF Hudson.</p> <p>Kei Is.: Six B-25's bomb Toeal; 2 large fires result.</p> <p>South Pacific: SS Fingal (Norwegian cargo ship, 2,137 tons) sunk by SS at 30-35 S; 153-30 E.</p>	<p>5</p>

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	<p>(Cont'd) reports that the Hungarian Government has refused Hitler's request to raise more troops.</p> <p>Yugoslavia: Heinrich Himmler, head of the German Gestapo, arrives in Zagreb and is received by Premier Ante Pavelitch.</p> <p>Germany: The Berlin radio announces that a curfew had been imposed in Sofia for 2 days from May 3 while a search is made for the murderers of Col. Pantev.</p> <p>U.S.: General Enrique Panaranda del Castillo, President of Bolivia, arrives in Washington for a visit, and signs the United Nations Pact.</p>	<p>(Cont'd) bomb and strafe installations at Holtz Bay and Chicago Harbor; AA batteries silenced and a floatplane in Chicago Harbor destroyed by strafing.</p> <p>North Atlantic: Large concentration of U-boats attacks west-bound Allied convoy, sinking the following vessels at approximately 54-00 N, 45-00 W: SS North Britain (British cargo ship, 4,635 tons); SS Harperley (British cargo ship, 4,583 tons); SS West Maximus (U.S. cargo ship, 5,561 tons); SS Wentworth (British cargo ship, 5,212 tons); SS Bristol City (British cargo ship, 2,864 tons); SS Harbury (British cargo ship, 5,081 tons); SS Dolius (British cargo ship, 5,507 tons); SS Selvistan (British cargo ship, 5,136 tons); SS Gharinda (British cargo ship, 5,306 tons); SS Bonde (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,570 tons). Two other vessels from the convoy are overdue and presumed sunk: SS West Madaket (U.S. cargo ship, 5,565 tons) and SS Lorient (British cargo ship, 4,737 tons).</p>		<p>(Cont'd) Russian attacks S of Lake Ilmen.</p>	
6	.....	<p>Aleutian Is.: Five attacks on Kiska are carried out by total of 36 P-40's, which score hits in main camp area, among buildings at Little Kiska, and on gun emplacement at Gertrude Cove.</p> <p>Attu is target for 6 attacks by total</p>	<p>North Sea: Three enemy AA ships damaged N of Texel during attack by RAF Mustangs.</p>	<p>Russia: Fierce fighting in Kuban continues; Russians report repulse of 5 severe enemy counterattacks aimed particularly at recapture of Neberdjaisk and Adagum; Germans claim repulse of Soviet attacks</p>	<p>Sicily: Marsala heavily bombed by 21 B-17's escorted by 20 P-38's; hits and near misses scored on 6 Siebel ferries and on 2 merchant ships, 1 of which probably is sunk and other set on fire. Hits also scored on 2</p>



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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>scoring hits and near misses on large merchant ship and on several small boats; large fires and explosions follow. Bursts also observed in barracks, oil storage and loading areas, and near power house. Galaat el Andelless landing ground (N of Tunis) bombed by 12 B-26's. Protville landing ground bombed first by 18 B-25's with escort of 22 P-40's, which destroy about 25 aircraft of 75-100 parked on field; second raid made by 24 Hurricane bombers and Spitbombers with Spitfire escort. Enemy troop concentrations and strongholds on E slopes of Djebel Bou Aoukaz attacked by 6 missions of A-20's, DB-7's, and B-25's; 1 explosion and 2 fires observed; 21 planes damaged by AA fire. P-40's attack Nabeul harbor, scoring hits and near misses on shore and road bridge and on medium-sized ship; hits and near misses on another ship start fires. Night of 5/6, Bisleys and Leos attack El Aouina, La Sebal, and Ariana airbases; many fires started at each.</p> <p><u>Mediterranean:</u> Large merchant vessel off Cape San Vito explodes and disappears as result of attack by 27 B-17's escorted by 21 P-38's. Six B-25's with P-38 escort attack enemy convoy of 3 ships W of Marettimo I.; 1 sunk, 1 damaged, and 1 left in flames. P-40's score hits on 1 large ship and sink a small one in Gulf of Tunis. Kittyhawks sink 1 small ship and destroy 1 enemy plane. Eighteen B-26's escorted by 11 P-38's score 3 direct hits on beached ship off Cape Zebib. Six B-25's escorted by 17 P-38's, on anti-shipping sweep, encounter 6 SM-82's with strong fighter protection; 6 SM-82's and 3 fighters destroyed.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Holmbury (British cargo ship, 4,556 tons) presumed sunk by SS near coast of Liberia.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Eight B-25's bomb Myingyan RR yards; tracks and sheds damaged and turntable destroyed. RR yards at Pyinmana and Prome heavily bombed by B-24's; several big fires started at first target, and large explosion caused at Prome. Prome also attacked by Wellingtons, which, during night, start fires in target area. Eight B-25's, raiding Alon, set 2 warehouses on fire.</p>		
<p><u>Tunisia:</u> American units in Mateur sector force enemy toward Bizerta; forces advancing E of Oued Tine meet stiff resistance, especially in Djebel Makna sector. Djebel Lanserine occupied by British units during night. British troops launch strong attack NE from Medjes el Bab and in afternoon enter Massicault and advance slightly NE. French attack toward Zaghouan and progress, despite severe opposition.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Japanese offer determined resistance to British attempt to drive them out of road area W of Buthe-daung; fighting continues in Letpang-gang sector. Nantun mines attacked twice by U.S. heavy bombers.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Munda heavily bombed and strafed during the morning by force of 19 SBD's, 18 TBF's, and 40 fighters; numerous fires and explosions result; 1 TBF shot down and 1 F4F missing. Vella Lavella thoroughly strafed by 8 P-38's and 8 F4U's. In the afternoon, an Allied search plane shoots down an enemy floatplane over SW New Georgia I. Two B-24's make night harassing attacks on Kahili, Fauro I., and Ballale I., hitting searchlight area at the first.</p>	6

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		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>of 14 B-24's, 13 B-25's, and 12 P-38's; hits scored in vicinity of gun positions at Holtz Bay and Chicagof Harbor and on or near runway. Two P-38's bomb sod hut at Rat I. and strafe the area.</p>		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>against their positions in Kuban and in Lake Ilmen sector.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>medium-sized ships at center of N docks. One P-38 is missing. Night of 6/7, Malta-based planes attack Marsala, starting several fires. Twenty-eight B-17's with escort of 23 P-38's bomb Trapani, damaging docks, refueling units, naval base, RR yards, and oil storage unit; entire area left in flames. About 15 enemy planes intercepted; 1 destroyed, 1 probably, and 1 damaged. During night, Trapani again attacked, by RAF Wellingtons.</p> <p><u>Favignana I.:</u> Docks and shipping in harbor attacked by 36 B-25's escorted by 35 P-38's, which score near misses on 2 merchant vessels and hits on dock installations; 1 escort plane missing.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Two missions, of 26 B-24's and 25 B-24's, respectively, attack Reggio di Calabria; hits scored on 2 merchant ships, of which 1 explodes; fires started. Heavy, intense AA fire damages several Allied aircraft; of intercepting enemy planes, 1 is destroyed and 1 damaged.</p>
7	<p>Poland: Personnel of the Polish Embassy have left Moscow for Ashkhabad because of the break in diplomatic relations over the reported murder of 10,000 Polish.</p>	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Six P-40's set out to attack Kiska, but are forced to jettison their bombs when unfavorable weather prevents them from locating target.</p>	<p><u>English Channel:</u> Six RAF Spitfires attack a large enemy vessel off Ushant, damaging it.</p> <p><u>England:</u> During the day and night of 7/8, 17 enemy planes fly over East Anglia, SW</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Fighting continues in Kuban area. Soviets report occupation of a village W of Rostov, artillery exchanges on Volkhov front, and slight gains SW of Velikye Luki where Red Army</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Trapani and Marsala bombed by RAF Wellingtons as diversion for mine-laying missions by Malta-based aircraft.</p> <p><u>Marettimo I.:</u> Wellingtons also attack this island.</p>

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Allies operate greatest aerial offensive of African campaign in support of ground forces, constantly attacking enemy troops and shipping. Sixty A-20's and 20 DB-7's attack Axis at Bordj Frendj; 48 P-40's attack enemy concentrations near Mohammedia; 22 light bombers attack Djebel Achour; light and medium bombers attack troops N of Massicault; these raids inflict severe damage on Axis forces, destroying equipment, personnel, and aircraft. Missions over enemy forward areas carried out by 139 Spitfires, which destroy 10 enemy planes and damage 3.</p> <p>Light and medium bombers attack Furna, starting 22 fires. Traffic on Cheylus and Mohammedia roads attacked by 72 P-40's with good results. Hurri-bombers, Spitfires, A-20's, DB-7's, and B-25's constantly attack enemy at St. Cyprien, Massicault, Djedeida, and Djebel Achour.</p> <p>Mediterranean: Nineteen B-26's with P-38 escort attack 4 Siebel ferries and 4 escort ships SW of Marettimo; 3 sunk and near misses scored on rest on rest. Escort planes attack convoy of 7 Siebel ferries and 7 small boats; 3 ferries and 4 boats sunk. Three hits and several near misses scored on a beached ship off Cape Zebib by force of 31 B-26's escorted by 21 P-38's; of intercepting enemy aircraft, 1 destroyed; 1 of our planes lost and 2 missing. Force of 15 B-25's with escort of 35 P-38's attacks Axis convoy W of Marettimo, blowing up 1 Siebel ferry and scoring near misses on 2 others. Escort then strafes airdrome near Ras el Djebel, destroying 2 enemy planes on ground. Twelve P-40's damage a beached ship E of Cape Fortass and 12 others attack a naval vessel near Cape Zebib, leaving it in flames. RAF planes attack 2 Italian DD's off Tunis; 1 blown up and other set on fire.</p> <p>South Atlantic: SS Samuel Jordan Kirkwood (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons) sunk by SS at 15-00 S, 07-00 W.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> In N sector, U.S. troops press forward; capturing Ferryville, they move SE and encounter strong opposition just S of Lake Bizerta. Other forces advance toward Bizerta, which they enter in the late afternoon. Enemy troops E and SE of Mateur and E of Oued Tine offer determined resistance all day. U.S. infantry units capture high ground W of Chougui. British armored forces on Medies el</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>7 B-24's, in morning raid, score hits and near misses on concentration and flotation plants; 5 B-24's, in second attack, cause large explosion and 2 fires at smelter plant, and damage RR tracks and adjacent small buildings. Myohaung RR junction bombed by 8 B-25's, which score hits on warehouses, tracks, and yards, and start a large fire. Seven B-25's score hits on tracks and retaining walls at Sedaw; limited visibility restricts further observation of results. P-40's strafe wagons at Kamaing and enemy positions at Wawag; large fire started at latter.</p> <p>Burma: Japanese troops force British to withdraw from Buthedaung to new positions about 7 mi. NW. Bawli Bazaar attacked by 4 Japanese bombers with escort of 12 fighters; damage unknown.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>New Guinea: Mopping up of isolated enemy pockets in Bobdubi area in progress. Allied patrol near Duali meets heavy enemy mortar and MG fire. Large hostile party N of Komiatum successfully ambushed.</p> <p>In support of ground operations in Mubo area, 3 A-20's bomb and strafe enemy positions on Green Hill. B-24 bombs airdrome at Madang, and 2 others attack Finschafen.</p> <p>Babo, Dutch New Guinea, attacked during early morning by 5 RAAF Catalinas; fires visible for 70 mi. started in building and runway areas; grounded planes strafed. Five B-24's effectively raid Manokwari, causing 3 heavy explosions and 5 large fires; NW part of town severely damaged.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Fires started on Dilli airdrome, Timor, by 3 attacking B-25's. Six Beaufighters raid Taberfane, Aroe Is., destroying 9 beached floatplanes and a lugger; 1 Beaufighter missing. Toeal, Kei Is., attacked by planes which raided Manokwari, Dutch New Guinea.</p> <p>New Guinea: During morning, Allied troops unsuccessfully attack Green Hill in Mubo area. Patrol skirmishes occur in Bobdubi and Markham R. areas. Three RAAF A-20's, in support of attacking ground forces, bomb and strafe enemy positions on Green Hill. Madang bombed by 6 B-24's and 7 B-17's; explosions and large fires result in dispersal area and among fuel dumps. Single B-17 raids Finschafen.</p>	<p>7</p>

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	(Cont'd) soldiers near Smolensk.		(Cont'd) England, and S Wales; 4 of the ene- my planes destroy- ed. East Atlantic: SS Laconikos (Greek cargo ship, 3,803 tons) sunk by SS at 41-40 N, 18-13 W.	(Cont'd) troops occupy seve- ral inhabited locali- ties.	(Cont'd) Favignana I.: Island bombed by force of Wellings- tons.
8	...	...	England: Six GAF planes fly over SE England during early morning, 3 of them reaching the Greater London area; 2 destroyed and another probably destroyed by Spit- fires.	Russia: Germans report violent hand- to-hand fighting in Kuban and repulse of Soviet attacks. Berlin announces local engagements on central Donets, S of Orel, and W of Velikye Luki. So- viets announce se- vere air attacks on Bryansk, Poltava, Kirovo, Belgorod, Zmiev, Putivi, Dorogobuzh, and Uspensk.	Pantelleria I.: B-25's make 33 sorties against in- stallations on is- land; many fires started; building hit; 3 aircraft de- stroyed on ground. Light and fighter bombers attack Pantelleria landing ground, scoring hits on buildings, fuel storage, han- gars, and aircraft; many fires started in target area. Sicily: Malta- based fighter

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Bab-Tunis road advance, occupying La Mornaghia and St. Cyprien. In afternoon, they reach Le Bardo entrance to Tunis and enter the city. Sixth Armd. Div. halts at La Mohammedia preparatory to moving SE down the coast road.</p> <p>French troops capture Pont du Fahs and move NE. In coastal sector, New Zealand troops continue advance toward Saouaf, encountering stiff Axis opposition; progress hampered by most extensive minefields yet encountered. Enemy increases mortar and artillery fire in this area.</p> <p>Allied planes continue to pound Axis troops and equipment; road junction near Lake Bizerta and trucks on Tunis-Bizerta road attacked by total of 48 A-20's; 14 fires started at latter; 8 Allied aircraft damaged by AA fire. El Aouina airdrome and road to Tunis just S of Djebel Ressayas bombed by 48 P-40's which score hits on planes, hangars, and MT; 4 enemy aircraft destroyed on ground. Twelve B-25's start 2 fires in raid on enemy trucks near Djebel Amar. U.S. planes bomb Kelibia with good results. Following break-through of First Army, light, medium, and fighter bombers exert constant pressure on enemy withdrawing along roads in Tunis area. During night, Wellingtons attack Soliman, Grombalia, and Kelibia; large fires started, and violent explosion caused at Kelibia.</p> <p>P-40's raid docks and shipping at Tunis; several small boats strafed, 1 yacht sunk, and 2 tugs set on fire. Medium, light, and fighter bombers concentrate on enemy troops and shipping in Tunis area, destroying 1 ship and setting another on fire; many small craft believed sunk or damaged.</p> <p>Tunisia: Allied troops clearing up enemy in Tunis and Bizerta areas; patrols reach La Goulette. Troops in Protville pocket surrender; enemy resistance is disorganized and he abandons entire Marsa Peninsula. Tebourba and Djedeida occupied and enemy cleared from area S of Medjerda R. as far as Djebel Amar. Axis troops fight stubbornly at Hammam Lif to hold open the line of retreat to Cape Bon Peninsula; British armored units reach Creteville where confused fighting takes place.</p> <p>Farther S, armored forces push forward to Ain el Asker; enemy troops make fighting withdrawal from Depienne-Pont du Fahs line. French units advance, encountering heavy</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Nine B-25's bomb RR bridge over Mu R.; 3 hits scored on bridge and 2 on W approach. Toungoo RR yards heavily bombed by B-24's, which damage buildings, tracks, and rolling stock, and start several fires. Six hits scored on Myitnge bridge and hits and near misses on approaches by mission of 8 B-25's. Six P-40's. Six P-40's, attacking enemy positions at Hkangpu (N of Myitkyina), start 2 large fires.</p> <p>China: Kanchow attacked by 2 waves of enemy bombers; damage unknown.</p> <p>Indian Ocean: SS Berakit (Dutch cargo ship, 6,608 tons) presumed sunk by SS at 03-40 N, 75-20 E.</p> <p>Burma: British troops complete withdrawal from Buthedaung and establish themselves W of Mayu Ridge from Hinhaya area N to Ngakyedahk.</p> <p>Seven B-24's bomb Mahlwagon roundhouse and yards, scoring 15 hits on roundhouse and 35 in yards; much damage inflicted; 1 of 2 intercepting planes destroyed; very intense, accurate AA</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>N.E.I. Penton airdrome at Koepang, Timor, is target for 5 Dutch B-25's, which start fires in barracks and radio station areas. Two enemy fighters intercept force of 5 RAAF Hudsons near Dobo, Aroe Is., destroying 1 of the Hudsons.</p> <p>Solomon Is.: Force of 19 SBD's covered by 8 P-40's attacks enemy shipping near Gizo I., hitting an enemy DD at Gizo anchorage with a half-ton bomb and scoring near misses on 2 other DD's, 1 off Shelter I. and another off Apanga I. In cooperation with air forces, PT-boats attack Japanese shipping in Ferguson Passage, inflicting some damage on enemy vessels. Japanese losses during entire operation are: 3 DD's badly damaged, 1 of which is probably sunk and another beached, and a 4th DD slightly damaged. Three TBF's and 32 F4U's bomb and strafe Munda.</p> <p>New Britain: Four B-17's bomb retreatment area at Vunakanau airdrome, Rabaul. Other B-17's, operating singly, attack coastal area S of C. Gazelle.</p>	8

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					(Cont'd) bombers attack Porto Empedocle; hits scored on in- dustrial buildings and RR and near power station and barracks. Sardinia: Night of 8/9, Villacidro, Elmas, Decimoman- nu, and Monserrato airdromes bombed by force of Well- ingtons; fires started in target areas.
9	Netherlands: Netherlands Press Service reports in London that most of the Netherlands has been under martial law since May 1, under a decree issued by Arthur Seyss- Inquart, Nazi High Commissioner. Russia: The Russian Govern- ment agrees to suggestion of the Union of Polish Patriots in the U.S.S.R. for forma- tion of a Polish division to fight	. . . . .	France: RAF Mustangs operate against RR and other targets in N France.	Russia: Red Army in Kuban continues its attacks, which Nazis attempt to check with counter- attacks. Soviets re- port local fighting S of Balakleya and repulse of enemy counterattacks in Lisichansk area: fighting is increas- ing along middle and upper Donets.	Pantelleria I.: Island again pound- ed by Allied planes over 120 Bostons, Baltimores, and B-25's damage runways, MT, bridge, and jetty, causing large fires and explosions. Sicily: Palermo attacked in heav- iest raid to date in this theater; 124 B-17's, 54 B-26's, 36 B-25's, and 154 P-38's bomb docks, industrial, and commercial areas of town, dropping 500 tons of bombs

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<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>opposition at Moghrane, and occupy Zaghouan; enemy cleared from W slopes of Djebel Zaghouan and as far E as Medine. Axis artillery fire on S front increases.</p> <p>Kelibia bombarded by 3 British DD's during night.</p> <p>Allied planes carry out constant, heavy-scale attacks on Axis landing grounds and on MT on roads in Cape Bon Peninsula. Force of Hurribombers and Spitbombers attacks enemy troops, emplacements, trucks, and landing grounds in Protville area with good results; hits also scored on large merchant ship, 4 Siebel ferries, a barge, and a motor launch. Spitfires, in 14 missions over Cape Bon and Tunis areas, strafe roads, emplacements, trucks, tanks, and ships; 17 trucks destroyed and many damaged; 12 aircraft destroyed on ground and 8 damaged. Eighteen B-25's with escort of 19 P-40's attack RR and highways near Korba with good results. Docks near Thonara damaged by 12 bomb-carrying P-40's escorted by 13 P-40 fighters. Six B-26's with P-38 escort bomb small merchant ship, which is believed sunk. Escort scores near misses on trawler SW of Maretimo. RAF planes, attacking shipping off Cape Bon, sink 1 ship and damage 2.</p> <p>Force of fighter bombers and Baltimores attacks shipping, sinking 1 motor vessel and damaging 3; of enemy planes encountered, 8 destroyed and 3 damaged.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Kanbe (British cargo ship, 6,244 tons) presumed sunk by SS off Liberian coast.</p> <p><u>Tunisia:</u> General Klauser unconditionally surrenders to 1st U.S. Armd. Div. all German forces between Lake Bizerta and Porto Farino. Axis troops still hold high ground S of Hammam Lif and desperate fighting continues. Creteville abandoned by enemy and occupied by British forces; armored units, with heavy artillery support break through Axis defense in afternoon and reach area SE of Potinville. Resistance in Cheylus area stiffens; enemy artillery checks advance of French forces. Axis holds positions on S front, opposing Eighth Army with heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire.</p> <p>Allied planes pound enemy targets on Cape Bon Peninsula and shipping in surrounding waters. Nine JU-52's near Menzel Temime attacked; 1 destroyed and 3 damaged. Boats,</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>fire damages 5 Allied bombers. Natkayaing siding bombed by B-25's, which damage tracks and locomotives. Six B-25's, in raid on Kyaukse RR yards, start fires in station and a warehouse. Three spans of Lollaw bridge destroyed by P-40's; Nanyaseik and Kamaing strafed by 2 P-40's on rcn, with unknown results; Sinthe bridge unsuccessfully attacked by 6 B-24's.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Force of 10 B-25's, 18 B-24's, and 24 P-40's, from Kweilin and Kunming, attacks Tien Ho and White Cloud air bases at Canton: buildings and hangars demolished, runways cratered, and grounded aircraft destroyed; about 30 enemy planes attack formation after the bombing; 16 of these destroyed and 5 probably.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> Yamethin RR yards bombed by 6 B-25's; hits scored on engine sheds, buildings, and rolling stock, resulting in a large explosion and several fires. Seven B-25's attack barracks at Maymyo, setting several buildings on fire. Fires started at Kamaing as result of raid by P-40's; another flight unable to reach primary target of Kamaing, bombs truck repair depot near Maingkwan; several fires</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>barges off coast of New Britain, Ubili area, and beached supply ship 11 mi. SW of Ubili.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Force of 9 B-25's, 8 Beaufighters, and 16 P-38's attacks enemy shipping in Madang harbor, leaving a small loaded troop transport and a small AK burning and sinking; about 13 enemy fighters intercept, 1 of which is shot down and 2 damaged; another enemy fighter destroyed on the ground. On return flight, same planes bomb and strafe villages in vicinity of Madang and Saidor.</p> <p><u>Timika, Dutch New Guinea,</u> bombed by 2 RAAF Hudsons.</p> <p><u>Kei Is.:</u> Langgoer Airfield bombed by 3 RAAF Hudsons.</p>	
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9 C'd	(Cont'd) with the Red Army.				<p>(Cont'd) with excellent re- sults: ship at dock explodes, fires start in center of city and in RR yards, other hits cause fires and ex- plosions in docks area and army hqs; of about 40 enemy aircraft encounter- ed, 16 are destroy- ed and 7 damaged; very heavy AA fire damages 54 Allied planes. Palermo again attacked, during night, by 24 Wellingtons, which score hits near RR yard and docks; over 4,000 lbs. of bombs also dropped on Milo airdrome with unobserved re- sults. Forty-four B-24's carry out successful raid on Messina, scoring hits on ferry slip, locomotive round- house, RR track, and harbor targets; 1 ship left smoking and large explosion observed at ferry slip; 1 enemy plane destroyed and 7 damaged. RAF heavy bombers at- tack same target, night of 9/10.</p> <p>Malta-based fighter bombers make daylight raid on Licata, scoring hits on RR bridge and among RR in- stallations. Bomb- ers from Malta, night of 9/10, at- tack Marsala RR station and Gela airdrome; fires started at both places.</p> <p><u>Aegean Sea:</u> Allied planes attack Axis merchant ship, starting fire.</p>



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10	<p>North Africa: General Giraud's note of April 27 to General de Gaulle is made public; it proposes the formation of a council of department heads and governors with a small executive committee headed by themselves, and provides for a provisional government to be set up under the Treveneuc Law of 1872 when France is freed.</p>	<p>North Atlantic: Allied convoy, east-bound to the British Isles, attacked by U-boats at approximately 42-00 N, 36-00 W and the following vessels sunk: SS Grado (Norwegian cargo ship, 3,082 tons); SS Antigone (British cargo ship, 4,545 tons).</p>	<p>... ..</p>	<p>Russia: Soviets continue pressure on Nazis troops in Kuban sector, and report repulse of an enemy counter-attack. Local engagements reported S of Balakleya and in Sievsk area. Moscow announces heavy air raids on RR junctions and stations at Kiev, Bryansk, Orel, Zmiev, and Uspensk and on traffic and communications throughout Nazi-held territory.</p>	<p>Pantelleria I.: During morning, 124 sorties carried out by light and medium bombers against Pantelleria landing ground, in 3d day of concentrated pounding; hits scored on buildings and gas dump; bombs burst on bridge, jetty, and MT, resulting in large fires. About 100 bombers, largely B-25's, attack island during afternoon; hits scored on barracks, docks, and artillery installations, resulting in large fires.</p> <p>Sicily: Milo airdrome bombed by 45 B-17's escorted by 23 P-38's, which destroy 8-12 aircraft on ground; large fires and explosions caused; 1 escort plane destroyed and 2 bombers damaged by AA fire. Forty-six B-17's with escort of 47 P-38's start many fires in raid on Borizzo airdrome; of about 20 enemy aircraft encountered, 2 destroyed, 2 probably and 1 damaged. Malta-based planes attack Biscari airdrome, scoring hits on airdrome and in dispersal areas. British naval planes attack Porto Empedocle, scoring hits near power station. Malta-based bombers make night raid on Marsala; bursts near RR station and along RR tracks result in fires.</p>

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Soliman captured by 26th Armd. Brig. which pushes 20 mi. NE of the town. Units farther S occupy Grombalia and advance toward Hammamet in drive to cut off Cape Bon Peninsula. Enemy positions at Hammamet and Nabeul abandoned. Contact made with French left flank in Cheylus area; French are established on a general line from slopes of Zaghouan to Cheylus, and make slow progress against strong enemy resistance in this sector. Axis counter-attack S of Zaghouan repulsed.</p> <p>Allied aircraft continue to hammer enemy positions and personnel. P-40's carry out 56 sorties over Cape Bon area, attacking MT; another group of 16 P-40's damages roads, jetties, and MT in same area. Four Spitfires successfully attack MT near Aissa; 26 Hurribombers damage MT near Kef Rorab, on Gulf of Tunis.</p> <p>British DD sinks small fishing vessel and 3 small coastal boats.</p> <p><u>Algeria:</u> Axis aircraft bomb Djidjelli, causing some casualties and damage to roads and signal communications.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Ground activity on Arakan front confined to patrolling.</p> <p>Pyawbe RR junction bombed by 9 B-25's; track and warehouses damaged. Eight B-25's, in raid on Ywataung, demolish engine sheds and damage tracks, sidings, and rolling stock; large explosion results. P-40's attack Kwidu, leaving entire town ablaze; 2 fires started at Seniku; 10 buildings destroyed and fires started at Nanyaseik. Eight P-40's, on strafing mission, destroy 4 locomotives, 3 river boats, several RR cars, 5 trucks, and many troops throughout battle area. RAF aircraft make night raid on Prome RR station and sidings; 3 fires started, of which 1 is visible for 50 mi.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> During the morning, formation of 18 SBD's and 18 TBF's escorted by 18 fighters, failing to locate enemy shipping in Blackett Strait, attacks Munda, bombing gun emplacements, runway, and revetments; at least 3 hits believed scored on gun emplacements. During the afternoon, 6 SED's and 6 TBF's covered by 21 F4U's, searching for enemy shipping off W coast of Kolombangara without success, bomb Vangavanga, SW Kolombangara.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> C. Gloucester airdrome bombed by 7 B-25's. B-24 attacks Japanese barges on S shore of Kimbe Bay.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Enemy barge hideouts in Labu Lagoon, SW Lae, attacked by 6 A-20's. Single B-24's attack Salamaua and roads in Finschafen area; several large buildings near runway at Salamaua destroyed.</p> <p>Milne Bay ineffectively raided by 2 enemy planes.</p> <p><u>Aroe Is.:</u> Two RAAF Beaufighters strafe and sink 2 motor boats off the Aroe Is.</p> <p><u>Tanimbar Is.:</u> Saumlakki bombed by single RAAF Hudson.</p>	10

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11	U.S.: Prime Minister Churchill arrives in Washington, accompanied by Field Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell, Lord Leathers, War Transport Minister, and Averill Harriman, U.S. lend-lease expediter.	<p>Aleutians: Allied troops, covered by naval surface force, land at Massacre Bay and at W arm of Holtz Bay, Attu. Main landings are effected at 1530 W, following landing of scouting parties at Blind Cove on N side of W arm of Holtz Bay.</p> <p>Two B-24's bomb Chicago Harbor, but dense fog over Attu prevents other air missions from locating target. Total of 11 B-25's and 7 B-24's, returning from Attu, bomb Kiska; results for the most part unobserved, but hits noted on runway and in main camp.</p>	<p>France: RAF fighters attack shipping off Calais and rolling stock in Normandy.</p> <p>England: Eighteen FW-190's raid Great Yarmouth during daylight, damaging property and inflicting some casualties; 2 of the attacking planes destroyed, another damaged.</p> <p>At night, 6 Axis planes are over the E coast of England.</p>	<p>Russia: Red Army forces attack in Kuban on smaller scale. Russians claim repulse of 3 enemy attacks in Lisichansk area and slight gains on Kalinin front. Enemy shells Soviet positions on Lenin-grad front.</p>	<p>Pantelleria I.: Force of 20 P-40's attacks Pantelleria harbor, starting fires on docks. Medium and light bombers attack landing craft and E-boats in harbor, scoring hits and near misses; fires and large explosions caused; 1 enemy plane destroyed.</p> <p>Sicily: Marsala severely damaged in raid by 100 B-17's, 54 B-26's, and 36 B-25's escorted by over 100 P-38's; 435 tons of bombs dropped; hits scored on warehouses, docks, RR yards, hangar and repair shops at seaplane base, and in city; smoke visible from Tunisian coast. Enemy aircraft attempt interception; 15 destroyed, 3 probably and 2 damaged. Same target attacked at night by 22 Wellingtons, which score hits in harbor area and start a large fire.</p> <p>Force of 48 B-24's bombs Catania harbor; ammunition ship blown up, tanker and another ship set on fire; mole destroyed and whole docks area left in flames; 2 enemy planes destroyed for loss of 1 Allied plane.</p> <p>Malta-based bombers attack Porto Empedocle; bursts observed near power house and RR station; fires started.</p>

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> British armored forces push up coast from Hammamet to Nabeul and Beni Aichoun; other units drive S to Bou Fichta, forcing Axis troops to abandon it. Enemy resistance S of Bou Fichta continues, halting advance of Eighth Army by anti-tank screen and preventing junction of First and Eighth Armies. Infantry patrols make circuit of Cape Bon Peninsula, encountering little enemy opposition although small pockets in hills W of Grombalia continue to resist. French forces continue pressure on enemy in Zaghuan area; all Axis troops between Zaghuan and Saouaf surrender unconditionally to French commanders.</p> <p>Total of 130 light and medium bombers attacks Korba bridge, Kelibia area, Menzel Temime and El Haouaria landing grounds, inflicting considerable damage. Four missions by P-40's, 64 sorties, damage MT, docks, jetties, and buildings in battle area; enemy installations also damaged in 2 raids by 9 B-25's each. Light and medium bombers make 2 raids on gun positions S of St. Marie du Zit, while A-20's carry out 4 missions on enemy concentrations between Zaghuan and St. Marie du Zit.</p> <p><u>Algeria:</u> Force of about 12 JU-88's operates in Djidjelli area; 3 destroyed.</p> <p><u>Indian Ocean:</u> SS Tinhaw (British cargo ship, 5,232 tons) sunk by SS at 25-15 S, 33-30 E.</p> <p><u>South Atlantic:</u> SS Nailsea Meadow (British cargo ship, 4,962 tons) sunk by SS at 32-05 S, 29-10 E.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> British troops withdraw from Maungdaw, establishing new positions about 3 mi. N. Total of 13 B-24's make 2 attacks on Syriam oil refineries, inflicting severe damage on installations; 4 very large fires caused. Nine B-25's bomb Nyaungbinwun RR yards, damaging rolling stock; sidings at Legyi also attacked, and 10 hits scored on tracks. Tracks and rolling stock damaged at Shwebo as result of raid by 7 B-25's; fires started in 2 warehouses. Kangaung airfield in central Burma severely damaged in night attack by 6 Wellingtons. Taung-up bridge attacked by 6 P-40's, which damage huts and buildings, and start 2 fires.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.</u> During the early morning, 3 B-17's bomb Kaititi and 2 others raid Shortland; fires result from 1st attack, but results of 2d unobserved. Later in the morning, 13 SBD's, 1 TBF, and 8 P-40's covered by 16 F4U's attack Rekata Bay, bombing AA positions and strafing the area; 1 floatplane set on fire.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> In a coordinated attack on Rabaul airdromes, 2 B-24's bomb Kokopo and 6 B-17's raid Vunakanau; at the latter, large fires visible for 80 mi. and 6 small fires, possibly burning aircraft, result. Single B-17's raid building area at Arawe and runway at C. Gloucester.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Seven A-20's attack enemy barge hideouts in Labu Lagoon. Nine enemy bombers attack Merauke, causing some damage.</p> <p><u>N.E.I. Timor:</u> Dilli and Koepang attacked at night by 2 and 3 Dutch B-25's, respectively; bombs in target area at Dilli cause fires; at Koepang, runway and radio station are bombed with unreported results.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> One of 3 enemy floatplanes unsuccessfully attacks Allied convoy off C. Wessel; an intercepting Beau-fighter shoots down 1 of the floatplanes.</p>	11

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12	<p><b>Bulgaria:</b> Pitched battles in Sofia between the troops and police, on one side, and members of the "patriotic front", on the other, are reported from Berne.</p> <p><b>Uruguay:</b> Uruguayan Government suspends relations with Vichy.</p> <p><b>U.S.:</b> President Benes of Czechoslovakia confers with President Roosevelt in Washington.</p> <p>President Roosevelt nominates Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Jr., as Ambassador to the Czechoslovakian Government in London.</p>	<p><b>Aleutian Is.:</b> After enemy positions have been neutralized by naval bombardment, U.S. troops on Attu advance inland from landing points, despite stubborn enemy resistance and continued heavy fog.</p> <p>Ten B-24's, 12 B-25's, and 24 P-38's participate in 7 attacks on Attu, during which many hits are scored on or near AA battery on W arm of Holtz Bay, in area SE of runway, and near targets at point between Holtz Bay and Chicagof Harbor; area also strafed; heavy AA fire damages 5 of our planes and 1 P-38 is shot down. F4F's also attack Attu, destroying 4 barges in Chicagof Harbor.</p>	<p><b>Germany:</b> About 570 RAF planes attack Duisburg at night, dropping 1,462 tons of bombs with very good results; 35 RAF planes missing.</p> <p><b>England:</b> Two groups of FW-190's, totalling 25 planes, attack Lowestoft during daylight, causing property damage and casualties.</p> <p><b>North Sea:</b> A 2,500-ton enemy vessel is torp. and probably sunk off Norway by RAF Hampdens.</p> <p><b>East Atlantic:</b> Axis SS's attack stragglers from an east-bound Allied convoy with the following results: SS Fort Concord (British cargo ship, 7,138 tons) sunk at 45-15 N, 27-20 W; SS Brand (Norwegian cargo ship, 4,819 tons) presumed sunk at 47-08 N, 24-13 W; SS Sandanger (Norwegian tanker, 9,432 tons) sunk at 46-00 N, 21-00 W.</p>	<p><b>Russia:</b> Soviets report intensive shelling of Nazi bridgehead and lively fighting in Lisichansk area. Artillery exchanges W of Rostov reported.</p>	<p><b>Italy:</b> Twenty-one Wellingtons make night raid on Naples; several fires started but heavy smoke screen prevents accurate observation of results.</p> <p><b>Aegean Sea:</b> RAF long-range fighters sink small enemy vessel and damage 5 others off coast of Greece. Direct hits scored on quay buildings on Syros I.</p>
13	...	<p><b>Aleutian Is.:</b> Little change occurs in troop positions on Attu, due to adverse weather and enemy resistance. Allied surface force neutralizes enemy batteries at Holtz Bay, enabling our artillery to move up from the beach and open fire. Force of about 150 Japanese lands behind our line on Holtz Bay; 9 F4F's strafe the barges loaded with troops and Japanese ashore.</p> <p>Two B-24's bomb Attu, scoring many hits on gun</p>	<p><b>France:</b> Force of 88 B-17's supported by RAF Spitfires raids Avions Potez factory at Meaulte with excellent results, completely covering the target with about 219 tons of bombs; photographs show factory buildings extensively damaged; slight AA fire and 20-30 fighters encountered; 3 B-17's and 5 Spitfires lost; bombers destroy 11 enemy fighters, probably destroy 3, damage 1; fighters destroy 12 enemy planes, probably 1,</p>	<p><b>Russia:</b> Russians report shelling enemy in Kuban; Nazis claim repulse of Soviet attacks in this area. Artillery exchanges W of Rostov reported; both sides report shart engagements in Lisichansk sector.</p>	<p><b>Pantelleria I.:</b> British cruiser and 2 DD's bombard harbor at Pantelleria in early morning; 20 broadsides fired into target area; shore batteries ineffectively attempt retaliation.</p> <p><b>Sicily:</b> Augusta bombed by total of 53 B-24's; hits scored on 20 motor vessels and among seaplanes, and near misses on liner; moles, oil storage tanks and coal yards damaged; large fires started throughout target area. Six RAF</p>

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Axis troops on Enfidaville front offer determined resistance throughout day, launching counter-attacks against Eighth Army forces; 26th Armd Brig. advances 3 mi. S of Bou Fichta. Force of 54 Bostons, Baltimores, and B-25's pounds enemy gun positions S of Bou Fichta, after which Eighth Army launches heavy artillery attack; Axis troops ask for terms. General Von Arnim, Axis commander-in-chief in Tunisia, captured on Cape Bon Peninsula in afternoon.</p> <p><u>Algeria:</u> Algiers bombed by 7 JU-88's, sinking SS Dorset Coast (British cargo ship, 646 tons) in harbor; 5 enemy planes destroyed.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Patrols report enemy advance in Kawnan area, 6 mi. N of Sumprabum. Five B-24's, attacking Bassein, cause heavy destruction along river front and much damage in town area. Mandalay RR yards bombed by 9 B-25's; fires started; shed and rolling stock destroyed. Five P-40's attack Kamaing, destroying 5 buildings believed to be supply dumps and a truck depot. Sinthe bridge damaged by B-24's; Nsopzup bridge and area damaged by P-40's; Myitnge bridge unsuccessfully attacked by B-25's. Six P-40's attack Kawnan and Sumprabum, starting several fires.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.</u> During the early morning, 2 B-17's bomb Ballale and 1 bombs Kahili; a large fire is started at the former and several fires, probably from burning aircraft, at Kahili. Later in the morning, 12 TBF's, and 12 SBD's covered by 24 fighters raid Munda, bombing AA positions, runway, and revetment areas. At night, Allied surface units successfully bombard Vila and Munda simultaneously.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Single B-17's bomb airdromes at Gasmata and C. Gloucester; the latter is also bombed by 1 RAAF Catalina.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Forward units of our troops occupy enemy-held positions on Bobdubi Ridge. Japanese party N of Komiatum ambushed by Allied forces. Seven B-25's bomb and strafe airdrome and nearby installations at Finschafen, destroying several buildings. Salamaua bombed by 1 B-24.</p> <p><u>Tanimbar Is.:</u> Four B-24's bomb Saumlakki; 5 large fires started.</p>	12
<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Final enemy resistance ends and Tunisian campaign is concluded as General Messe accepts terms of unconditional surrender to Eighth Army.</p> <p><u>Algeria:</u> During night, 30-35 enemy bombers attack Algiers; no damage inflicted as bombs fall N of city; 6 Axis planes destroyed.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> British forces set up on line running from Bawli Bazaar (near Indian border) SW along Naaf R. to Nhila and then to Bardeit. Thazi RR yards bombed by 9 B-25's, which damage cars, tracks, and adjacent buildings; 10 Japanese planes attempt to intercept; 2 destroyed, 2 probably, and 2 damaged. Dispersal areas and revetments at Shwebo airfield damaged in raid by 9 B-25's. RAF Blenheims and</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Single B-24's make simultaneous harassing attacks on Kahili and Ballale during early morning. Early in the afternoon, Allied fighters intercept 25 Zeros over the Russell Is., shooting down 17 of them and probably destroying 2 others; 5 U.S. fighters lost.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Two B-17's bomb Vunakanau airdrome and another raids Lakunai airdrome, Rabaul, before dawn. Total of 13 B-25's and 8 Beaufighters, in 2 attacks, bomb and strafe Gasmata airdrome and bivouac areas, destroying 2 enemy bombers and 1 fighter on the ground and hitting barges and AA positions. Single B-17's on rcn attack airdromes at Gasmata and C. Gloucester and barges off N coast of New Britain.</p> <p><u>Admiralty Is.:</u> Lorengau airdrome bombed by B-24 on rcn.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> In Mubo area, enemy units withdraw from Lababia Ridge.</p>	13

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13 C'd		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>positions on W arm of Holtz Bay, on point between E and W arms, and on tip of point between Holtz Bay and Chicago Harbor. Eight P-40's bomb Little Kiska, scoring 3 hits among installations, and 4 B-24's, rerouted from Attu because offweather, attack main camp at Kiska with unobserved results.</p> <p>Caribbean: Enemy U-boats attacks Allied convoy off N coast of Cuba, sinking the SS Mambi (Cuban tanker, 1,983 tons) and the SS Nickeliner (U.S. tanker, 2,249 tons) at 21-25 N, 76-40 W.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>damage 12.</p> <p>In coordination with Meaulte raid, 31 B-17's protected by P-47's drop about 73 tons of bombs on St. Omer airfield with good results; slight AA fire, but no fighter opposition, encountered.</p> <p>During the day, RAF Mitchells raid Boulogne, Bostons attack Cherbourg, and Typhoons raid Abbeville; fighters escort the bombers.</p> <p>Germany: At night, RAF dispatches about 440 planes to Bochum; bombs dropped include 64 2-ton and 129 1-ton bombs; attack well concentrated on center of town; 24 RAF planes missing, another crashes.</p> <p>Nine mosquitos raid Berlin at night, dropping 7 tons of bombs; 1 missing.</p> <p>Czechoslovakia: More than 150 RAF planes make night raid on Skoda works at Pilsen; 9 British planes missing.</p> <p>England: During the night, 16 GAF planes are over East Anglia, inflicting considerable damage and some casualties at Chelmsford; 1 crash lands.</p>		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Liberators bomb Messina ferry terminal; fires and bomb bursts observed in target area.</p> <p>Sardinia: Strong force of 1-7 B-17's, 60 B-25's, 36 B-26's escorted by over 200 P-38's bombs Cagliari, dropping 443 tons of bombs; RR yards dock facilities, U-boat base, naval berths gas and chemical works, and oil tanks damaged and many large fires started; 1 ship blown up and several set on fire. Enemy planes oppose attack; 9 destroyed, 6 probably, and 5 damaged; 18 B-17's damaged by AA fire. Same tar-attacked during night by 23 Wellingtons, which score hits near barracks, at GSC works, naval arsenal, and dock area.</p> <p>Italy: Night of 13/14, factory and RR trains near Taranto attacked by Mosquitos.</p>



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	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Vengeances make heavy attacks on enemy installations in Maungdaw area. Dock and RR installations at Martaban severely damaged by B-24's; large explosions observed. Considerable damage also inflicted on electric power station at Moulmein.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Four B-17's make night raid on Wewak, causing explosion and fires, possibly from burning aircraft. Boram airdrome bombed at night by 3 B-24's; several large fires and 2 explosions result. Single rcn B-24's raid Finschafen airdrome, a wreck off Lae, and village near Madang.</p> <p>Two enemy bombers ineffectively raid Port Moresby airdrome at night. An unsuccessful night attack on Dobodura airfield is made by 3 enemy bombers. In Dutch New Guinea, 3 enemy planes bomb and strafe Mappi, 100 mi. NW of Merauke.</p>	13 C'd

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14	<p><u>Aleutian Is:</u> U.S. troops on Attu, supported by surface vessels, attack enemy positions on W arm of Holtz Bay and make limited advance to the NW. Troop positions at Massacre Bay remain unchanged, our forces being about 4,000 yards inland. Enemy resistance consists of machine gun fire and sniping. Weather continues to hamper air operations. One B-24 bombs point between Holtz Bay and Chicagof Harbor with unobserved results. Main camp at Kiska attacked by 3 B-25's. From the day's operations a B-24 on supply mission and 4 F4F's are missing.</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> Unescorted force of 108 B-17's and 17 B-24's raids Germania Werke submarine building yard at Kiel, dropping about 294 tons of HE and incendiaries; photographs reveal bombing well concentrated on target; intense fighter opposition and moderate to intense AA fire encountered; 5 B-24's and 3 B-17's destroyed, 1 B-24 crashes; enemy plane losses are 52 destroyed, 24 probably, 23 damaged.</p> <p><u>Belgium:</u> Thirty-eight B-17's protected by P-47's effectively raid Ford factory at Antwerp; 91 1/2 tons of bombs dropped accurately on target; light AA fire and 30-40 enemy fighters oppose attack; 1 B-17 lost, another damaged, 3 P-47's missing; 4 GAF fighters destroyed, 5 probably destroyed, 3 damaged.</p> <p>Courtrai airdrome raided by 34 B-17's escorted by RAF Spitfires; about 75 tons of bombs dropped; hits scored on hangars, dispersal areas, and barracks; moderate AA fire and fighter opposition experienced; 2 B-17's shot down.</p> <p><u>Holland:</u> In the first operation of U.S. medium bombers in this theater, 11 B-26's make low-level daylight raid on IJmuiden power station at Velsen, dropping 11 tons</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviet troops in Kuban engage in artillery duels with enemy. In Donets area, patrol engagements and rcn in force continue; sharp fighting reported near Lisichansk where enemy launches strong but unsuccessful attack.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Malta-based fighter bombers attack Comiso; bursts observed in center of airdrome. Palermo bombed, night of 14/15, by 20 Wellingtons, which start fires in dock and industrial areas.</p> <p><u>Sardinia:</u> Olbia bombed by 54 B-25's escorted by 87 P-38's, which score hits on 6 ships, 3 of which are reported sunk and the others seriously damaged; large fires and explosions caused. Fourteen P-38's attack RR tunnel SW of Sassari, intersection at Sassari, and barracks at Alghero; 12 aircraft on ground and 4 seaplanes in water destroyed at latter. Fourteen P-38's attacking Porto Torres and Alghero score hits on a ship. Factory at Abba Santa damaged in raid by P-38's.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Civitavecchia bombed by 46 B-17's which score hits on several ships in harbor, on fuel storage facilities, and on ammunition dump which is seen to explode. Malta-based Mosquitos attack Gallipoli, damaging ship beside quay and RR yards, rolling stock, and buildings.</p>

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<p>Algeria: Bone attacked by 16 JU-88's, which damage 2 ships in harbor; 2 enemy planes destroyed.</p>	<p>Burma: Myingyan and Nyaungwinbun RR yards bombed by total of 14 B-25's; tracks, warehouses, and rolling stock at former damaged; fires started N of latter target. Seven B-24's set 2 buildings on fire in raid on Japanese Hq at Myitkyina. Promé bombed by 9 B-24's, which score hits on boat, docks, yard, and buildings N of jetty; large fire visible for 40 mi. started.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Six B-17's raid Kahili and Ballale before dawn, scoring 2 hits on each strip. Four TBF's, accompanied by 2 flare planes, attack Japanese shipping at Tonolei Harbor at night; 2 hits on an AK cause it to explode. At about the same time, 3 B-17's attack Kahili and 2 raid Ballale, causing fires and explosions at each. Four Japanese bombers carry out night raid on Guadalcanal, setting an ammunition dump on fire; intercepting P-38's destroy 1 and probably another.</p> <p>New Britain: In a coordinated attack on Gasmata, 13 B-25's and 10 Beaufighters bomb and thoroughly strafe the airdrome nearby installations, and waterfront, destroying jetty and buildings and silencing AA positions. Gasmata I. strafed by B-17, which also bombs buildings at Ubili and dump area at C. Gloucester. B-24 on rcn bombs Unea I. (Witu Is.). At night, Vunakanau airdrome, Rabaul, is attacked by 4 B-24's followed by 6 B-17's; explosions and fires result in runway and revetment areas.</p> <p>New Guinea: Patrol clashes in mountains SW of Bobdubi increase.</p> <p>B-24 on rcn bombs bridge over Kumul R. (NE coast), scoring near misses. Another raids building area at Finschhafen.</p> <p>Twenty enemy bombers escorted by 25 fighters bomb Oro Bay and Port Harvey, destroying a bitumen dump and a gasoline barge; 43 intercepting Allied fighters destroy 9 enemy fighters and 7 bombers, probably destroy another fighter and 5 bombers; 1 Allied fighter shot down and another crash lands. Enemy bomber on rcn is shot down in Buna area shortly before the raid on Oro Bay. Enemy bombers drop 8 bombs on Morobe at night.</p> <p>In Dutch New Guinea, single B-24 raids Timika airdrome.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Timor: Penfoei and Dilli airdromes bombed by 2 Dutch B-25's each; fire started at the former.</p> <p>Coral Sea: SS Centaur (Australian hospital ship, 3,222 tons) torp and sunk at 20-17S, 154-05 E.</p>	<p>Italy: Mussolini names 4 marshals, Enrico Caviglia, Rodolfo Graziani, Ugo Cavallero, and Emilio de Bono, to assume the defense of Italy. Calabria, Sicily, and Sardinia are declared "zones of operation"; all unnecessary civilians are ordered removed.</p>	<p>14</p>

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	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>of HE bombs; many hits scored on target and nearby RR; intense AA fire, but no fighter opposition encountered; 1 B-26 crashes, another damaged by AA fire.</p> <p>English Channel: Four British PT-boats sink 2 enemy convoy escorts.</p> <p>15 Aleutian Is: No appreciable change reported in troop dispositions on Attu. In the Holtz Bay area, Japanese forces are concentrated on ridge between two streams which flow into Holtz Bay, while Allied troops have established a line from point about 800 yards from mouth of the N stream to point about 1,700 yards W of the beach. By 1830 W, our northern force on W arm of Holtz Bay reaches N side of the S stream. In the Massacre Bay area, Allied troops are making progress in clearing the mouth of the Massacre Bay-Holtz Bay pass. Weather continues to restrict air operations at Attu. Six P-38's and 1 B-24 score hits on targets on E arm of Holtz Bay and on point between Holtz Bay and Chicagof Harbor, and thoroughly strafe the area. Northern arm of Sarana Bay bombed by naval Kingfishers.</p>	<p>Germany: Force of 59 B-17's bombs harbor installations at Emden with good results; 137 tons of bombs dropped through break in clouds; fighter and AA opposition slight; 1 B-17 shot down. Simultaneously with Emden raid, 73 B-17's attempt to bomb Wilhelmshaven, but find target obscured by clouds; as an alternate target, Helgoland I. receives 183 1/2 tons of bombs accurately dropped on port, airfield, barracks, town, and other objectives; over 100 enemy fighters and considerable gunfire encountered; 5 B-17's lost. During the above raids, 43 enemy fighters are destroyed, 23 probably destroyed, and 31 damaged. Three RAF planes dispatched to raid Berlin at night. France: Six Mitchells, 12 Bostons, and 8 Typhoons, escorted by fighters, attack airfields at Caen and Poix. England: At night 40 GAF planes are over East Anglia and 7 others raid</p>	<p>Russia: Nazis claim slight gains against Soviet positions in Kuban sector; Soviets report minor raids in Rostov, Izyum, and Lisichansk areas. Germans announce heavy artillery shelling of Russian positions S of Lake Ladoga and of RR targets and industrial plants in Leningrad.</p>	<p>Sicily: Trapani attacked during night by 16 Wellingtons; fires started near RR station and barracks; heavy explosion, believed to be result of hit on gas works, observed; 3 Wellingtons missing. Italy: Malta-based aircraft attack trucks and station buildings near Metaponto.</p>

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<p><u>Algeria:</u> Bone attacked by enemy aircraft during night; only minor damage and no casualties result.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Maroussio (Greek cargo ship, 4,669 tons) sunk by SS 300 mi. SW of S of Freetown.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Levies intercept a flank- ing movement by enemy troops 6 mi. W of Sumprabum. Lashio bombed by 7 B-24's; possible hits scored on bar- racks, power station and market, where large explosion and fire results; in- accurate, meager AA fire encountered. B-24's make suc- cessful attack on Tavoy industrial area, damaging buildings of a tin company. Sedaw and Alon bombed by B-25's; 6 B-25's attack Naba RR bridge, but bombs fall S of target, hitting RR tracks. RAF planes make 73 sorties against Myingyan, Meiktila, and Kangaung; 4 grounded planes probably destroyed at latter.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Kunming attacked by 36 Japanese twin- engine heavy bom- bers with escort of 40 Zeros; our fighters attack en- emy planes, shoot- ing down 15 and probably de- stroying 10 more.</p>	<p><u>Wake I.:</u> Navy comq. reports raid on Wake I. by force of B-24's; results un- observed due to bad weather; 22 Zeros intercept, of which 2 are destroyed and another probably destroyed.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Seven TBF's bomb enemy shipping in Tonolei Harbor during the night; direct hits scored on a 3,000-ton AK, causing explosion and fires on it. Kahili airdrome also attacked at night, by 2 B-17's followed by 2 B-24's, while single B-24's raid Ballale and Munda.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Gasmata airdrome raided by 5 B-25's, and the building area by 1 B-24. Single B-17's attack dump area at C. Gloucester and enemy barges in Kimbe Bay. Four flights of allied planes, totalling 6 B-17's, 14 B-25's, and 8 RAAF Beaufighters, set out to at- tack Japanese convoy off S coast of New Britian, but are unable to locate the vessels; the Beaufighters strafe an SS 60 mi. S of Gasmata; 1 of 2 enemy fighters attempting to intercept the B- 17's is shot down. 7 of the B-25's en- counter 2 enemy bombers and 10 fighters 40 mi. NE of C. Ward Hunt and destroy 1 enemy fighter. Five enemy fighters attack Allied rcn plane near Talasea; 2 enemy fighters shot down and another damaged. Six B-24's make night attack on Vunakanau airdrome, Rabaul.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Ten A-20's attack Lae, strafing grounded enemy aircraft and installations; several fires started. Single RAAF Catalina bombs Simbang Village near Finschafen.</p> <p>Allied positions SW of Bobdubi heavily attacked in early morning by 9 enemy bombers and 15 fighters, followed by 45 dive bombers. Force of 20 hostile bom- bers and 14 fighters bombs Wau area about the same time. No damage re- ported from either raid. Enemy planes twice raid Port Moresby in the evening: 2 flights of 2 bombers each attack, hit- ting the runway and damaging a ground- ed plane; intercepting Allied fighter destroys 1 of the first group and AA fire, 1 of the second.</p>	<p><u>Tunisia:</u> General Giraud deposes Sidi Moucef Pasha as Bey of Tunis and puts in his place Sidi Lamine Bey.</p> <p><u>Germany:</u> The Mohne Dam, which carries electric power to the Ruhr industries, and the Eder Dam, which operates several power stations and controls water in the Weser and Fulda Rivers, are vitally necessary to the industrial system of W Germany, connect- ing the Ruhr with Berlin, the Baltic, and N Germany. The water supply for the canal system will be ruinously de- creased, severely crippling the trans- portation of all kinds of heavy in- dustrial products and rendering use- less long stretches of the Ems- Dortmund and Elbe- Oder Canals.</p>	<p>15</p>

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		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Sunderland; 1 destroyed, 2 damaged. Another enemy plane is destroyed over England during daylight.</p> <p>North Atlantic: SS Irish Oak (British cargo ship, 5,589 tons) sunk by SS at 48-03 N, 27-56 W.</p>		
16	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> In the Holtz Bay area, Attu, Allied troops have reduced the W arm of the bay and are now fighting along ridge between the E and W arms. U.S. troops at Massacre Bay continue to clear valleys between Massacre Bay and E arm of Holtz Bay and to advance slowly toward the pass. Ground operations supported by naval bombardment of enemy positions.</p> <p>Japanese installations at E arm of Holtz Bay and at Chicagof Harbor successfully bombed and strafed, in 2 attacks, by total of 12 P-38's and 2 B-24's; 2 fighters damaged by AA fire. Three flights of F4F's are active in support of ground operations in Holtz Bay area. Six B-25's, failing to locate Attu targets, bomb main camp and submarine base at Kiska on return trip.</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> In a highly successful night operation, 19 RAF Lancasters escorted by Mosquitos drop 9,000-lb. mines on Mohne, Eder, and Sorpe Dams, breaching the first 2 and damaging the crown of the last; flood waters from the Mohne Dam spread as far as Dortmund and from the Eder Dam, as far as Kassel; severe damage results throughout the Ruhr, where electric and transportation systems are completely disrupted; 8 British planes missing from the operation.</p> <p><u>France:</u> RAF medium bombers escorted by fighters make daylight raids on 2 airfields in NW France.</p> <p><u>England:</u> Four groups of enemy planes, totalling about 17, operate over SE coast, 6 of them penetrating the London area at night; 3 destroyed, 1 probably destroyed.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Nazi counterattacks in Kuban area continue and appear to have stopped the Red Army in its drive toward Novorossisk. Germans report repulse of Soviet attacks S of Sukhinichi. Moscow announces bombing of Bryansk, Kremenchug, and Dnepropetrovsk by Soviet Air Force; fires and explosions started at Bryansk.</p>	<p><u>Italy:</u> Twenty-one Wellingtons make night raid on seaplane base at Lido di Roma; many bursts observed among aircraft, and hangar left in flames. Malta-based fighters attack shipping and communications in S and W Italy.</p>

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		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Nabire, Dutch New Guinea, bombed by 3 B-24's; large oil fire started and bivouac and dump areas damaged; 1 of 3 enemy fighters attempting to intercept the returning planes over Langgoer, Kei Is., is shot down.</p>		
<p>Algeria: Twelve JU-88's attack Bone at night; 4 enemy planes destroyed.</p>	<p>Burma: Small detachments of British troops raid jetty area at Maungdaw, night of 16/17; enemy forces resist vigorously.</p> <p>RR installations throughout Burma heavily bombed; 9 B-25's destroy track and rolling stock at Zigon and cause fires and explosions in warehouses and storage areas; 9 more B-25's damage rolling stock at Moksgyon, cause explosions and fires at Wetlet, and damage 2 buildings at Magyizauk. Six B-25's make bombing sweep on RR's from Shwebo to Ywataung, starting fires in yards at Wetlet.</p>	<p>New Ireland: Kavieng airdrome bombed by 1 B-24.</p> <p>New Britain: Airdromes at Gasmata and C. Gloucester attacked by single B-17's.</p> <p>New Guinea: RAAF Catalina bombs Finschafen area during early morning, and B-24 attacks Kumul R. Bridge near Madang. Total of 7 B-25's, in 2 attacks, bomb and strafe Lae airdrome, starting large fires, 1 in hangar area; 1 B-25 missing.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Kendari airdrome, Celebes, is target for 6 B-24's, which cause explosions and fires in dispersal areas.</p>	<p>... ..</p>	<p>16</p>

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17	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> U.S. positions along ridge between E and W arms of Holtz Bay, Attu, hold, despite strong Japanese counterattack, and further Allied attacks clear all of Holtz Bay, forcing the enemy to withdraw from E arm toward Chicagof. Our southern forces are making progress toward Holtz Bay-Massacre Bay Pass.</p> <p>Weather prohibits all air operations.</p> <p><u>North Atlantic:</u> U-boat attacks west-bound Allied convoy, sinking the SS Aymeric (British cargo ship, 5,196 tons) at 59-05 N, 41-05 W.</p>	<p><u>France:</u> Eighty B-17's drop approximately 200 tons of bombs on Axis submarine base at Keroman, securing many hits in target area; moderate AA fire and strong fighter opposition encountered; 4 B-17's missing; 27 enemy fighters destroyed, 6 probably destroyed, 16 damaged. At the same time 38 B-17's raid Lorient, dropping over 90 tons of bombs on power station, which is severely damaged; moderate gunfire, but strong fighter opposition is met until withdrawal, when Allied fighters support the bombers; 2 B-17's lost; 20 enemy planes destroyed, 2 probably destroyed, 13 damaged.</p> <p><u>First USAAF</u> raid on Bordeaux is made by 34 B-24's, which drop 171 tons of bombs, severely damaging docks and shipping installations; little opposition from guns and fighters is met; 1 B-24 missing; 1 enemy fighter probably destroyed.</p> <p><u>Holland:</u> Five B-26's dispatched to bomb power house at Ijmuiden and a similar force to attack power house at Haarlem; details of the raids unreported.</p> <p><u>England:</u> During the night, 4 flights of Axis planes, totalling 38, raid points in SE and SW England, including London and Cardiff; considerable damage and some</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviets claim repulse of strong enemy attack NE of Novorossisk, and report artillery exchanges W of Rostov and in Lisichansk area. Nazis report successful attacks near Velikye Luki.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> RAF planes from Malta score hits on tank landing craft filled with troops at Augusta, starting a fire. Porto Empedocles attacked during night by naval aircraft, scoring hits on power station, RR, and buildings; fires started at first objective.</p> <p><u>Sardinia:</u> Night of 17/18, Alghero bombed by 16 Wellingtons; bursts observed in town and port areas; many fires started.</p>



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<p>Algeria: About 25 Axis bombers make night attack on Djidjelli, inflicting considerable damage on harbor buildings and causing a number of casualties; Allied planes shoot down 2 of the attacking aircraft and AA fire destroys 2 more.</p> <p>South Atlantic: SS Northmoor (British cargo ship 4,392 tons) sunk by SS at 28-27 S, 32-34 E.</p>	<p>Burma: Renewed patrol activity reported on Arakan front.</p> <p>Monywa RR yards bombed by 9 B-25's, which damage tracks, rolling stock, and buildings. RAF bombers make successful attack on Japanese radio installations near Akyab. Night of 17/18, Wellingtons bomb Kangaung airfield, scoring hits on runways and hangars; several fires started.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: Thirteen SBD's, 4 P-39's, and 16 F4F's, bomb and strafe AA positions and bivouac areas at Rekata Bay.</p> <p>New Britain: Six B-25's bomb Gasmata airdrome, causing explosions in supply dump and dispersal areas. Other attacks on Gasmata are made by 2 B-17's and 1 RAAF Catalina, operating singly; 1 enemy bomber destroyed on the ground. Single Allied rcn bombers raid C. Gloucester airfield.</p> <p>New Guinea: Single B-17 makes night attack on dock area at Finschafen and Lae airdrome.</p> <p>Wau receives its 9th enemy raid; 200 bombs dropped by force of 22 bombers escorted by 21 fighters; slight damage results.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Force of 3 RAAF Hudsons and 2 Dutch B-25's bombs building area of Barique, 30 mi. SE of Dilli, Timor. Other attacks on Timor are made by single Dutch B-25's, which bomb Penfoef and Dilli airdromes; fires result at the former. Six RAAF Beaufighters strafe airdrome at Langgoer, Kei Is., destroying 3 enemy fighters on the ground.</p>	<p>U.S.: John L. Lewis announces the extension to May 31 of the truce in the coal miners' strike.</p>	<p>17</p>

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		casualties inflicted at the latter, where 2 and possibly 3 of the attackers are shot down.		
		North Sea: Escorted Beaufighters attack enemy convoy off Dutch coast, torpedoing 2 large ships, damaging a smaller vessel, and setting 3 escorts on fire. Axis convoy is attacked off Frisian Is. by Hampdens, 2 of which are missing; 2 ships believed damaged.		
18	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> U.S. troops have reached high ridge on E side of E arm of Holtz Bay, Attu, and are patrolling towards Chicagof. Massacre Bay landing force, proceeding toward E arm of Holtz Bay, clears the pass during the afternoon, thus establishing contact between the northern and southern landing forces. Japanese appear to be concentrating in Chicagof area to make a last stand.</p> <p>Six B-24's, prevented by weather from attacking Attu, bomb Kiska, starting large fire in Gertrude Cove camp area; beached vessel believed set on fire. Two P-40's on patrol strafe barges in Kiska area; strong AA fire slightly damages 1 of the P-40's.</p>	<p><u>France:</u> Airfields at Abbeville and Poix attacked by 12 Bostons and 8 Typhoons, respectively; 5 Typhoons missing.</p> <p><u>England:</u> London attacked at night by 12 GAF planes, 1 of which is shot down.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Nazis claim slight gains in Kuban. Soviets report heavy artillery barrage in Lisichansk area and rcn activity around Sievsk. Berlin announces successful air attack on military objectives near Leningrad.</p>	<p><u>Pantelleria I.:</u> Harbor and airfield attacked by 42 B-26's and 42 B-25's with escort of 88 P-38's, which score hits on docks, jetties, shore installations, a Siebel ferry, and coastal guns; parked aircraft and barracks also damaged and fires started.</p> <p><u>Sicily:</u> Thirty-eight B-17's escorted by 24 P-38's bomb Trapani, scoring hits among 6 ships in harbor, 1 of which explodes; bursts observed in town, harbor, dock area, and RR yards; about 50 Axis planes intercept, 6 of which are destroyed. Malta-based planes attack factories, RR installations, and communications in Sicily, setting locomotives near Caltanissetta on fire.</p>

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<p><u>Mediterranean:</u> Convoy east-bound from Gibraltar attacked by Axis SS's at 36-35 N, 01-01 E: 1 ship is damaged but makes port; SS Empire Eve (British cargo ship, 5,979 tons) sunk.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Prome RR yards bombed by 7 B-24's; warehouse, tracks, and buildings in town destroyed; 1 large fire, visible for 40 mi., started W of target. Installations of Burma Oil Co. at Chauk severely damaged as result of raid by 8 B-25's; oil tanks hit and fires started; 1 of 2 intercepting Zeros shot down. Buildings damaged and fires started at Minbu by 2 waves of B-24's; inaccurate, meager AA fire encountered. Total of 16 B-24's bomb Thayetmyo; many fires, believed to be oil, result. Five B-25's make unsuccessful attack on Lanywa. RAF bombers attack enemy supply concentration near Taungup and warehouses at Satyogya. Wellingtons make night raid on Taungup, starting several fires.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Six hostile bombers make ineffective night raid on Allied positions in Russell Is. and on Guadalcanal.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Two B-24's bomb Vunakanau airdrome, Rabaul, but haze obscures results. Early morning attack on Gasmata airdrome is made by 6 Beauforts, which bomb runway, dump, and dispersal areas and strafe the camp. Single B-17's also bomb Gasmata; 1 of the rcn planes strafes targets along the coast. B-24 on rcn bombs buildings at Lorengau, Admiralty Is., C. Gloucester airfield, and buildings at Arawe; 2 enemy floatplanes attacked over New Hanover I., 1 of which is damaged. At night, Catalina bombs dispersal areas at C. Gloucester.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Force of 25 enemy fighters bombs and strafes Wau airfield in morning, damaging a grounded plane. In the evening, 9 hostile bombers carry out 10th raid on Oro Bay, without causing damage; AA fire destroys 1 enemy plane.</p> <p><u>South Pacific:</u> SS H.M. Storey (U.S. tanker, 10,763 tons) sunk by SS at approximately 17-20 S, 173-30 E.</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> United Nations Food Conference opens in Hot Springs, Virginia, with representatives from 45 nations attending.</p> <p><u>Chile:</u> Chilean government severs diplomatic and consular relations with Vichy, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Rumania.</p> <p><u>Bolivia:</u> Government of Bolivia issues a decree establishing censorship of all communications, national and international.</p>	<p>18</p>

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<p>19 Aleutian Is.: Two U.S. rifle companies from the southern landing force on Attu set out at midnight 18/19 to seize Massacre Bay-Sarana Bay ridge and by 0605 W are in position to advance down the ridge. MG fire temporarily checks our advance on the right, but by 1510 W the E shoulder of Sarana Pass is cleared of the enemy, except for isolated groups above the fog line. Other Allied units, attacking from E to W, are mopping up these groups. On the left, U.S. troops advancing on W side of pass gain limited artillery observation into Sarana area. By 2240 W, the Massacre-Sarana Pass is in Allied hands. Advance units of the northern landing force, advancing slowly along E and W ridges and Chicagof Valley, have reached point 2,500 yards from Chicagof Harbor.</p> <p>Total of 11 B-25's and 6 B-24's, in 3 attacks, bomb enemy positions on ridge N of Sarana Bay and installations near Chicagof Harbor.</p> <p><u>West Atlantic:</u> SS Angelus (Canadian cargo ship, 390 tons) sunk by SS at 38-27 N, 63-47 W.</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> Submarine building yards at Kiel again heavily attacked by USAAF: about 100 unescorted B-17's drop approximately 230 tons of bombs with fair results; moderate gunfire and fighter opposition encountered; 6 B-17's missing; 48 enemy planes destroyed, 7 probably, 21 damaged.</p> <p>Fifty-five other B-17's bomb naval installations at Flensburg, using about 134 tons of bombs; bursts result on installations and entire target is later enveloped in smoke; moderate AA fire and a few fighters oppose the attack; 12 enemy planes destroyed, 4 probably, 14 damaged.</p> <p>Six RAF planes dispatched to raid Berlin at night.</p> <p><u>England:</u> During the night, 10 GAF planes are over SE England, 3 or 4 penetrating to London; 1 lands at Manston and is believed lost.</p> <p><u>Russia:</u> Fighting near Novorossisk appears to be on a larger scale, with both sides reporting attacks and counterthrusts. Soviets report rcn raids in force W of Rostov and in Izyum sector.</p> <p><u>Sicily:</u> Milo airdrome bombed by 24 B-17's with escort of 36 P-38's; field well covered and many fires started; about 50 enemy planes attack Allied formations; 10 Axis aircraft destroyed, 7 probably, and 4 damaged; 4 P-38's missing.</p> <p><u>Sardinia:</u> Twenty-four B-24's escorted by 25 P-38's bomb Milis airdrome, scoring hits on buildings and aircraft; 6-8 fires started; 1 ME-109 destroyed. Villacidro airdrome attacked by 23 B-25's with escort of 23 P-38's; area containing about 50 parked aircraft well covered with bombs; bursts observed in barracks area and fuel dump; enemy aircraft 3 times attack Allied planes, and 6 of these destroyed. Monserrato and Elmas airdromes, Cagliari harbor, and town of Quarto attacked by 43 B-26's heavily escorted by P-40's; results obscured by weather; of intercepting aircraft, 11 destroyed. Night of 19/20, 9 Wellingtons bomb Villacidro airdrome and 10, Decimomannu airdrome; both landing grounds covered with hits and many fires started.</p>

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<p>Algeria: Oran and Arzeu harbors attacked by 12 Axis planes; 1 ship and electric transformer station seriously damaged at latter; 2 enemy planes shot down.</p>	<p>Burma: Magwe attacked twice by total of 17 B-24's; hits scored on buildings and installations; large fires started in jetty and dock area; 1 large explosion observed. Four B-25's damage workshops and buildings at Singu; 10 B-25's cause 2 large fires at Lanywa. Pyaye oil installations and Thayetmyo pipe line terminus are targets for mission of 8 B-24's; all bombs hit in target area and start huge fires. Several fires started in oil fields at Padaukkan by force of 5 B-24's.</p> <p>RAF planes make 118 sorties against small river craft, ground installations, and troops throughout battle area.</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: During the night, 8 enemy planes bomb Guadalcanal, causing light damage and some casualties; intercepting P-38's destroy 2 of the attacking bombers.</p> <p>New Britain: Single B-17 attacks Gasmata in the morning, bombing AA positions; 3 B-24's bomb the airdrome in the afternoon; a 3d attack is made by 1 B-24, which bombs the runway. B-17 on rcn raids supply dump area at C. Gloucester.</p> <p>New Guinea: Four enemy bombers attack runway at Milne Bay, dropping 10 bombs; only slight damage results. Twelve hostile planes strafe Douglas Harbor (S of C. Ward Hunt), destroying small Allied vessel and slightly damaging another. Dobodura airdrome twice raided in the evening by single enemy planes; damage is slight. In Port Moresby area, enemy planes drop 6 bombs near Rorona at night.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Timor: Six RAAF Beaufighters strafe Penfoei airdrome at Koepang from low altitude, destroying 2 bombers and damaging another bomber and 1 fighter on the ground; 3 Beaufighters lost. Same target is attacked shortly afterwards by 6 B-24's; fires started among buildings; 8 enemy fighters attempt to intercept, 3 of which are shot down and 2 others probably destroyed.</p>	<p>U.S.: Prime Minister Churchill addresses a joint session of Congress and promises that Great Britain will fight against Japan until Japan is destroyed.</p> <p>President Benes makes a speech in New York, reiterating that the Czechoslovakian and Polish governments should seek a post-war Central European confederation with the approval of Russia.</p> <p>OPA bans pleasure driving in 12 eastern states, beginning May 20, because of gasoline shortage.</p>	<p>19</p>

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20.	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> On Attu, Japanese hold elevation at mouth of Chicagof-Sarana Pass, while Allied forces are on high ground overlooking the pass, their right flank clearing high ground at the entrance to the pass and their left moving down the ridge toward the pass. Northern landing force continues to patrol toward Chicagof. Enemy is establishing positions in Chicagof Valley, Chicagof Harbor, and on N side of Lake Nicholas.</p> <p>Kiska twice attacked by total of 16 P-40's; 1st mission scores hits on beach S of submarine base and in main camp and strafes barges; 2d group bombs through complete overcast.</p>	<p><u>Russian Russians</u> report repulse of strong enemy attacks NE of Novorossisk and near Izyum and artillery exchanges in Lisichansk and Volkhov sectors.</p>	<p><u>Pantelleria I.:</u> Nine P-40's strafe gun emplacements near airdrome. Five P-38's bomb dock area with unobserved results.</p> <p><u>Sicily:</u> Malta-based fighter bombers attack Comiso, starting a fire within the airdrome area. RAF heavy bombers make night raid on Messina, scoring hits near ferry berths and in RR yards.</p> <p><u>Sardinia:</u> Villacidro airdrome bombed by 24 B-25's with escort of 23 P-38's; area containing many parked aircraft well covered with bombs, and 3 planes destroyed; 10-12 enemy planes intercepted; 7 of these destroyed, 1 probably, and 3 damaged. Twenty-three B-26's escorted by 32 P-40's attack Decimomannu airdrome, scoring hits throughout target area and on dispersed aircraft; of 16 intercepting Axis planes, 6 destroyed and 2 damaged. Formation of 7 ME-323's encountered; all shot down. Both airdromes attacked during night by Wellingtons; 3 aircraft, buildings, and oil drums at Decimomannu set on fire; many fires started at Villacidro but results not accurately observed.</p> <p>Alghero airdrome bombed by 24 B-25's escorted by 19 P-38's; bursts observed on shelters, hangars, runway, and among 20-30 grounded planes. Escort strafes 2 seaplanes in Porto Conte harbor. Twelve P-38's bomb docks in Gulf of Aranci, and score hits on RR and highway bridges near Perfugas; 10 P-38's attack dam and barracks at Sassari, strafe trucks and barracks at Bonnanaro, and trains at Chilivani; 14 others bomb Macomer RR junction, causing fire and large explosion. Milis airdrome, and barracks and administration buildings bombed and strafed; hangers set on fire and 12 parked aircraft destroyed.</p> <p>Italy: Grosseto airdrome bombed by 54 B-17's; target area and 35 grounded planes covered with bursts, and many fires started. Reggio di Calabria attacked, night of 20/21, by RAF heavy bombers; several fires started.</p>	

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<p><u>Algeria:</u> Djidjelli attacked twice, by 4 and 12 Axis bombers, respectively; only minor damage reported.</p> <p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Benakat (Dutch tanker 4,763 tons) sunk by SS at 06-05S, 12-56W.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> British announce completion of a 3-month mission in central Burma by British, Burman, Indian, and Gurkha troops which harassed enemy supplies and communications around the banks of the Irrawaddy R., and put out of action the Mandalay-Myitkyina RR.</p> <p>Seven B-24's, attacking RR warehouses at Promé, damage buildings and start 2 large fires. Fires started in workshop area at Yenangyaung by 6 B-24's; moderate, accurate AA fire encountered.</p> <p>Myingyan factory section bombed by 9 B-25's, which score many hits; several large fires started in factory buildings; heavy damage and large fires at Monywa are result of raid by another group of B-25's. Five B-24's destroy ginning mill at Allanmyo and damage several buildings; 5 B-24's damage a cement plant at Thayetmyo and start 2 large fires.</p>	<p><u>New Hebrides:</u> It is reported that a small enemy party has landed on W. coast of Malekula I.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Three B-24's make night harassing raids on Kahili-Ballale area, hitting runway and a searchlight position at Kahili.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Vunakanau airdrome, Rabaul, attacked during early morning by 6 B-24's and 7 B-17's, respectively; 2 large and other small fires started in dispersal areas and a searchlight destroyed; intense AA fire encountered by both flights; 1 of the B-24's is missing. Total of 4 B-17's, in 2 flights bomb dispersal areas at Gasmata, starting 1 fire and causing an explosion, possibly from an ammunition dump. During the night, 8 Beauforts bomb and strafe Gasmata runway and camp, starting fires; a 9th Beaufort is missing. Single B-24's attacks buildings and new runway at C. Gloucester, and an RAAF Catalina bombs the airdrome at night, starting a large fuel fire.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Force of 170 Japanese observed by Allied patrols in vicinity of Drong (10 mi. WNW of Salamaua); ensuing clashes at point about 8 mi. W of Salamaua result in withdrawal of Allied patrols during the evening, but enemy suffers 50-60 casualties, while Allied losses are light.</p> <p>Japanese positions along the Francisco R. (inland from Salamaua) bombed and strafed by 6 A-20's. One of 3 B-25's searching coastal area from Lae to Madang strafes barges S of Finschafen, causing an explosion; the 3, on return trip, raid Salamaua area. Ten enemy barges off Alexishafen attacked during evening by 3 B-25's; 5 left sinking and others forced to beach; 3 other barges destroyed off C. Cretin (S of Finschafen). Four B-25's on rcn strafe trails in vicinity of Nusen Village (28 mi. NW of Finschafen), and 1 RAAF Catalina strafes Finschafen at night. Nine enemy fighters intercept 2 B-24's searching Wau area; 2 enemy fighters shot down, 1 probably destroyed, and 2 damaged.</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> Secretary of War Stimson states in Washington that Axis prisoners from Tunisia will be interned in camps in the U.S. and will be used for agricultural work and other types of labor.</p>	20

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21	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Units of the southern force on Attu move through Chicagof-Massacre Sarana Pass and attack toward Chicagof. Main effort is on the left, where our troops advance 2,000 yards. During the afternoon, strong enemy position at highest point in Sarana-Chicagof Pass, after holding out for 48 hours falls to U.S. forces. Northern force attacks strong enemy positions half way up the Holtz-Chicagof Pass.</p> <p>Three flights of planes, consisting of 6 P-38's and 1 B-24 each, make low-level bombing and strafing attacks on enemy positions in Chicagof area, destroying all of Chicagof Village except the church and 1 other building and setting a fuel or ammunition dump on fire. Two other missions, totalling 6 B-24's and 6 B-25's, bomb main camp at Kiska after weather prevents them from attacking Attu; hits believed scored in submarine base area.</p>	<p>Germany: USAAF continues heavy attacks on Axis ports, bombing Emden and Wilhelmshaven. Forty-five B-17's drop about 111 tons of bombs on shipyards at Emden; results believed fairly good, although visibility is restricted by haze; moderate AA fire and strong fighter opposition met; GAF losses are 31 planes destroyed, 6 probably, 6 damaged; 5 B-17's lost.</p> <p>Ten minutes after the Emden raid 78 B-17's attack Wilhelmshaven, dropping approximately 193 tons of bombs; heavy smoke screen and haze hamper observation but results believed good; strong AA fire and fighter opposition encountered; 47 enemy planes destroyed, 5 probably destroyed, 17 damaged; 7 B-17's missing.</p> <p>At night, 4 RAF planes dispatched to attack Berlin.</p> <p>England: Total of 11 enemy planes, in 2 flights, attack Dover and London during the night; 1 shot down.</p> <p>English Channel: British planes attack Axis shipping off Cherbourg during the night, seriously damaging a 3,000-ton vessel and sinking 2 armed trawlers.</p>	<p>Russia: Fighting NE of Novorossisk decreases; artillery exchanges reported. Russians announce concentrated shelling of enemy positions at Sievsk and artillery exchanges on Volkhov and Kalinin fronts.</p>	<p>Pantelleria I.: Seventeen P-40's, bomb and strafe Pantelleria airdrome and village NNW of Valenza, destroying a gun position; bombs dropped among quays and in town of Pantelleria.</p> <p>Malta: Enemy aircraft attack Malta for first time since December; about 36 planes, FW-190's, ME-109's, and bombers, take part; Malta-based fighters intercept formation, shooting down 2 Axis planes and damaging several; 4 Allied planes destroyed on ground at Halfar airdrome.</p> <p>Sicily: Castelvetro airdrome bombed by 44 B-17's with escort of 35 P-38's, which score hits on hangars, repair shops, and dispersal areas, destroying 3 ME-323's on the ground; 3 fires started and gun battery hit. About 25 enemy planes attack Allied aircraft; 7 Axis fighters shot down. Forty-one B-17's escorted by 39 P-38's bomb Sciacca airdrome, damaging hangar and causing 2 fires and 1 explosion. RAF medium bombers make night raid on Messina, damaging ferry control buildings, RR station and yards; fires started among oil tanks and near power station. Seventeen Wellingtons attack Castelvetro, Sciacca, Milo, and Borizzo airdromes during night; hangars and buildings hit and many fires started.</p> <p>Sardinia: Seven grounded aircraft set on fire at Decimomannu airdrome as result of heavy raid by 46 B-26's escorted by 39 P-40's; of 19 Axis planes opposing attack, 4 are destroyed and 2 damaged, for loss of 2 Allied bombers. Villacidro airdrome bombed by 48 B-25's with escort of 45 P-38's; 3 parked aircraft explode and 3 others are set on fire; power plant near Iglesias set on fire and train strafed. Attack opposed by 15-20 Axis planes, 6 of which are destroyed, 1 probably, and 4 damaged.</p> <p>Italy: San Giovanni harbor attacked by 21 B-24's, which score hits on ferry slip and breakwater; burst observed near large merchant ship. Twenty-nine B-24's attack Reggio di Calabria, causing serious damage to ferry slip, RR terminal, and area N of town. Ten of intercepting enemy planes shot down.</p> <p>Greece: RAF bombers attack harbor at Melos I.; bursts observed near fuel tanks and jetties.</p>

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<p>... ..</p>	<p><u>India:</u> Six RAF Hurricanes engage a group of Japanese fighters near Cox's Bazaar, destroying 1 and damaging another.</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> Chauk workshops almost entirely destroyed by force of 9 B-25's; 25 Japanese planes engage Allied formation and, in ensuing combat, 5 are destroyed, 3 probably, and 6 damaged; 1 B-25 shot down.</p>	<p><u>New Britain:</u> Four B-17's bomb Vunakanau and Rapopo airdromes, Rabual, before dawn, starting fires and causing explosions; 2 other B-17's which set out to attack Rabaul are missing. Attack on Gasmata by 6 B-24's results in fires in fuel dump area; 15 enemy fighters attempt to intercept, of which 3 are shot down and another probably destroyed. Gasmata also attacked in the afternoon by 1 B-17 and at night by 1 RAAF Catalina.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> In support of ground operations, 4 Beaufighters strafe enemy-occupied villages W of Salamaua. Twelve P-38's over Salamaua are attacked by 15-20 enemy fighters; 6 enemy planes destroyed, 5 probably destroyed, and 2 damaged; P-38's return safely. Buildings at Finschafen bombed by B-24 on rcn.</p> <p>Nabire airdrome, Dutch New Guinea, bombed by 3 B-24's; explosions result in stores area.</p> <p><u>Tanimbar Is.:</u> Saumlakki attacked by 3 Dutch B-25's; 1 B-25 shot down by intense AA fire.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> At night, 3 enemy planes over Exmouth Gulf drop 9 bombs which fall in the water.</p>	<p>... ..</p>	<p>21</p>

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22	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> At 0730 W, our southern forces on Attu cross Sarana Valley and 3 companies gain foothold on nose at right of entrance to Sarana-Chicagof Pass. Mopping up of the position in progress. Japanese are withdrawing to a position about 3,000 yards S of Chicagof Harbor. Northern forces continue to advance slowly in Holtz-Chicagof Pass area.</p> <p>Force of 12-15 twin-engined enemy planes ineffectively attack 2 U.S. naval vessels with torpedoes and strafing; AA fire destroys 1 of the attacking planes.</p> <p>No air missions flown because of bad weather.</p>	<p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Alpera (British cargo ship, 1,777 tons) presumed sunk by aircraft 15 mi. WSW of C. Vincent.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Nazis claim repulse of Russian attacks N of Lisichansk and SW of Sukhinichi, after heavy fighting at close quarters. Moscow announces heavy enemy air attack on Kursk; some damage and casualties reported; destruction of 44 enemy planes claimed.</p>	<p><u>Sicily:</u> Borizzo airdrome bombed by 23 B-17's with escort of 36 P-38's; area covered with bombs and many fires started; 50 axis planes intercept, 6 of which are destroyed, 2 probably, and 2 damaged. Force of 37 P-38's carries out diversionary raid, damaging 3 enemy planes for loss of 1 P-38. Malta-based fighter bombers make daylight raids on Gela and Ponte Olivo; bursts observed on airdrome and near buildings; 1 enemy plane destroyed and 2 damaged. Night of 22/23, intruder planes from Malta attack wireless station and camp at Melilli, starting at Pozzallo. Large building at San Cataldo explodes and bursts into flames as result of attack by Malta-based aircraft.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> RAF heavy bombers attack San Giovanni, night of 22/23; bursts observed on RR sidings near ferry berths.</p>

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	<p>India: Chittagong airdrome bombed by 20 Army 99's and 11 Oscars, which destroy 2 grounded aircraft and damage 7; telegraphic communications broken down, runways cratered, and a few casualties inflicted; formation intercepted by 19 Hurricanes, which destroy 7 Japanese planes, 2 probably, and damage 6 for loss of 2 Hurricanes.</p> <p>Burma: Kanbalu engine sheds bombed by 11 B-25's sheds and RR cars destroyed; 1 fire believed to be oil, started. Another mission of B-25's attacks Kanbalu, destroying warehouses and RR cars and damaging station and tracks. RAF planes make 57 sorties against enemy positions and transportation in Arakan area. Night of 22/23, single B-24's bomb Akyab, Taungup, Rangoon, and Kyangin with unknown results; other single bombers start fires at Prome RR yards.</p> <p>Bay of Bengal: Two B-24's, on shipping sweep, damage and probably destroy enemy ship at 14-57 N, 96-30 E.</p>	<p>New Britain: Gasmata airdrome and Arawe bombed by single B-17 during afternoon.</p> <p>New Guinea: Six B-24's attack Kaimana, bombing town and shipping in the harbor; 500-ton enemy vessel destroyed and fires started in wharf area; returning force strafes launches off the Kei Is., sinking 2 of them.</p> <p>Eight enemy planes bomb Kainantu (88 mi. WNW of Lae) at noon; slight damage results.</p>	<p>Russia: The Presidium of the Executive Committee of the Third International publishes a decree for its own dissolution and calls on the branches of the Comintern to cease their duties under present regulations and concentrate on the defeat of German fascism and its associates.</p> <p>U.S.: Nearly 40,000 CIO United Workers Rubber Union members strike in Akron, O., as protest against a decision of the NWLB, giving them an increase of 3¢ an hour instead of the 8¢ they had requested.</p> <p>Office of Defense Transportation decrees a 40% cut in truck, bus, and taxi mileage in 13 eastern states, and curtails delivery of flowers, liquor, and soft drinks, estimating that 20,000 barrels of gasoline will be saved daily.</p>	22

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23	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> On Attu, U.S. troops have completed mopping up of enemy forces in Sarana Valley and on nose of ridge between Chicagof and Sarana Valley. Advance elements of our forces are within 1,000 yards of Lake Cories in Chicagof Valley. Other Allied units make gains along ridges E and W of Chicagof Valley. Our northern troops continue to fight for the Holtz Bay-Chicagof Pass. Ground operations are still supported by our naval vessels.</p> <p>Sixteen Japanese twin-engined bombers attempt to attack our positions on Attu, but are intercepted by 6 P-38's which force them to jettison their bombs; 5 enemy bombers definitely shot down and 7 others probably destroyed; 1 P-38 destroyed.</p>	<p><u>Germany:</u> In the heaviest raid of the war, 724 RAF planes drop 2,042 tons of bombs on Dortmund in a night attack; 11 4-ton and 313 2-ton bombs included in the load; attack is highly successful with the bombs well concentrated on target; fires spread over a very large area; 38 British planes missing; 1 JU-88 destroyed.</p> <p><u>Belgium:</u> Coke ovens at Zeebrugge are target for daylight attack by escorted Venturas.</p> <p><u>England:</u> Total of 29 GAF planes attack Bournemouth, Hastings, and Bexhill during the day, damaging homes and shops at the first; 5 enemy planes destroyed. At night, about 20 Axis planes operate over Tyne-Tees area, causing considerable residential damage at Sunderland; 2 destroyed, 1 damaged.</p> <p><u>English Channel:</u> Escorted Whirlwinds attack enemy shipping off the Channel Is., damaging a 1,000-ton vessel and an armed trawler. At night, Albacores sink 2 E-boats and possibly a 3d.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Russians report severe bombing, night of 23/24, of RR junctions and stations of Roslavl (on Smolensk-Bryansk RR), Yelnya and Spask-Demyansk; large explosions observed at first target, among trains and ammunition dumps.</p>	<p><u>Pantelleria I.:</u> Total of 73 B-25's and B-26's escorted by 28 P-40's bomb Pantelleria; hits scored on a merchant ship and several small boats; airdrome covered with bombs; huts and gun emplacements damaged. During night, island again attacked, by 22 Wellingtons; fires started in harbor.</p> <p><u>Lampedusa I.:</u> Malta-based fighters attack island; bursts observed on airdrome.</p> <p><u>Sicily:</u> RAF medium bombers make night raid on Messina, scoring hits on RR yards and on buildings near oil storage; 7 fires started.</p> <p><u>Sardinia:</u> Carloforte harbor attacked by 25 P-38's; bombs dropped in town and on docks; 3 small boats sunk. Twelve P-38's attack Iglesias mine works, scoring hits in target area.</p>
24	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u> U.S. troops capture enemy strongpoint on W side of Chicagof Valley, Attu, during morning. Hostile forces have been cleared from both sides of Chicagof Valley to point 400 yards from Lake Cories. Main Japanese</p>	<p>... ..</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Soviets announce severe enemy air attack on Bataisk, reporting damage to residential areas and civilian population and claiming that 13 bombers were shot down. Soviet patrol and strong rcn raids reported S of Izyum and in Lisichansk</p>	<p><u>Pantelleria I.:</u> Airdromes attacked by 11 P-38's, which cover target area with bombs. P-40's, attacking same target, score hits on hangars and buildings.</p> <p><u>Sicily:</u> Malta-based aircraft attack Catania, dropping 11 tons of explosive on RR sidings.</p> <p><u>Sardinia:</u> La Maddalena heavily bombed by 50 B-17's, which score hits and near misses on 2 motor vessels, and set naval base on fire. Fifty escorted</p>

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<p><u>Algeria:</u> Djidjelli attacked, night of 23/24, by enemy bombers; water and electric supply temporarily cut off and telephone lines damaged.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> RAF Blenheims attack Yeu, starting fires among buildings and rolling stock; other formations attack targets on Akyab I.</p>	<p><u>New Hebrides:</u> Single enemy plane attacks Espiritu Santo at night, but bombs fall into the sea.</p> <p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Five B-24's bomb Kahili and Ballale, scoring hits on both runways. Same force attacks 1 of 3 enemy AK's sighted in Ballale area, with unobserved results. Force of 14 B-17's and an unreported number of B-24's heavily raids Kahili and shoreline from Buin to Tonolei during the night. Total of 10 B-17's, dispersed because of weather, bomb Kahili, Shortland Harbor area, Ballale, Munda, and Rekata, causing bursts on all targets. Three Japanese planes unsuccessfully raid Guadalcanal at night.</p> <p><u>New Ireland-New Britain:</u> Kavieng airdrome attacked before dawn by 4 B-17's and 1 B-24, which score near miss on a medium AK in the harbor; 1 of the returning B-17's bombs Ubili. Another B-17 bombs Ubili and strafes Arawe, and an RAAF Catalina makes low-level bombing attack on old runway area at C. Gloucester. Gasmata airdrome bombed at dawn by 1 B-24 and in the afternoon, by 4 others; 10 enemy fighters intercept the 2d attack, of which 2 are shot down.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Enemy installations in Salamaua area bombed and strafed in coordinated attack by 4 RAAF Beaufighters and 5 RAAF A-20's. Finschafen bombed at noon by 1 B-24 and at night by 1 RAAF Catalina.</p> <p>Enemy planes raid airdrome at Mt. Hagen (108 mi. WSW of Madang), causing slight damage.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Timor: Dilli and Penfoei airdromes attacked at night by 2 Dutch B-25's each; large explosion and fires result at the former.</p> <p><u>South Pacific:</u> SS Stanvac Manila (Panamanian tanker, 10,169 tons) sunk by SS at 23-45 S, 166-30 E.</p> <p>U.S. PT tender, Niagara, torp. E of C. Surville, San Cristobal I., and subsequently abandoned.</p>	<p><u>Egypt:</u> Egyptian Chamber of Deputies votes confidence in Premier Mustafa Nahas Pasha at the conclusion of a 5-day debate on charges that he had used his position to obtain personal benefits.</p>	23
<p><u>Algeria:</u> Night of 24/25, Bone attacked twice by total of 21 Axis aircraft; some damage and casualties inflicted; Beaufighter intercepts, destroying 3 and damaging 1.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Japanese attack stockades W of Kalemmyo.</p> <p>Monsoon season is beginning and weather conditions greatly hamper operations. Formations of B-25's dispatched to attack Maymyo and Thazi are forced to return without locating targets.</p>	<p><u>New Britain:</u> Total of 6 B-17's and 5 B-24's, in coordinated attacks on Rabaul, raid Vunakanau, Rapopo, and Lakunai airdromes and Sulphur Creek seaplane base during early morning, causing large fires, 2 of which are visible for 100 mi; 3 aircraft observed burning; 1 B-17 and 1 B-24 crash on return flight. In the afternoon, 7 B-25's attack Gasmata airdrome. RAAF Catalina on rcn attacks C. Gloucester airdrome and enemy positions in Gasmata area during the night.</p>	<p><u>North Africa:</u> Fighting French Hq in London announces that General de Gaulle has accepted General Giraud's proposal for a council and will depart shortly for Algiers.</p> <p>U.S.: Secretary Stimson states that</p>	24

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	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>force is concentrated in Chicagof Harbor area; fish-hook-shaped ridge S of the harbor is occupied in force. Elements of our northern troops have effected a junction with left flank of our southern forces and are advancing along ridge W of Chicagof Valley against enemy position on Fishhook Ridge.</p> <p>Allied ground forces are effectively supported by aerial attacks on enemy positions S of Chicagof Harbor in vicinity of Fishhook Ridge: total of 7 B-24's, 7 B-25's, and 4 P-38's, in 5 attacks, bomb and strafe Japanese strongpoints W of Lake Cories and Lake Canirca, starting large fires.</p>		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>sector.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>B-17's bomb Olbia; 1 ship is blown up, 2d set on fire, 3d hit, and near misses scored on a 4th; harbor installations, warehouses, and ammunition dump damaged; large explosion and fires caused. Olbia-Venafiorta airfield bombed by 36 B-25's with escort of 24 P-38's; about 35 grounded planes believed destroyed or seriously damaged; buildings left burning. Four of intercepting planes shot down and 8 damaged. Olbia bombed during night by 16 Wellingtons, which start 7 large fires, and cause explosion followed by another large fire; 1 ship blown up, 2 left burning.</p> <p>Twenty-four B-26's escorted by 25 P-38's, in heavy raid on Alghero air-drome, damage hangars and set fuel dump on fire; of 5 enemy planes opposing attack, 3 are shot down; 10 seaplanes strafed at Porto Conte, of which 2 are left burning. P-38's and P-40's, attacking Carloforte harbor, sink 4 small boats and leave 1 motor vessel ablaze. Four P-38's score direct hit on bridge at Arbatax and strafe tugboat SE of Cape Carbonara setting it on fire. Macomer RR tunnel attacked unsuccessfully by P-38's; several enemy aircraft engaged in combat and 3 destroyed. Igelsias zinc works bombed by 11 P-38's, which damage factory buildings and RR, cause explosions in barracks, and start fire at transformer station. Eight P-38's strafe seaplanes at Porto Conte, setting 4 planes on fire.</p> <p>Italy: Seventeen B-24's attack Reggio di Calabria; direct hits scored on ferry terminal, large fire and explosion caused in RR yards, and tanker in harbor set on fire. San Giovanni bombed by 25 B-24's, which damage ferry terminal, RR tracks, and small shipping.</p>
25	<p>Aleutian Is.: At 1045 W, U.S. troops on Attu launch a coordinated attack, under difficult weather conditions and above the fog line, along ridge W of Chicagof Valley and by 2100 W our southern troops have penetrated enemy defenses on Fishhook Ridge. Japanese, entrenched for a last stand, resist strongly.</p> <p>Hostile positions in Chicagof area bombed and</p>	<p>Germany:</p> <p>Duesseldorf heavily raided at night by about 750 RAF planes, which drop 1,959 tons of bombs; 2 large explosions and fairly wide-spread fires result; details of damage unobserved because of heavy clouds; 27 British planes missing; 4 enemy fighters destroyed.</p> <p>France: Abbeville airfield raided during daylight by 5 escorted Mitchells, 2 Mitchells and 2 Spitfires missing.</p>	<p>...</p>	<p>Pantelleria I.: Targets on island bombed throughout day by total of 33 P-40's, which drop 13,240 lbs. of bombs; large fires started in town and harbor; small boats damaged; hits scored on docks and airdrome. Six B-25's with Spitfire escort bomb island also, with unobserved results.</p> <p>Sicily: Messina heavily bombed by 89 B-17's which, in 4 missions, drop over 252 tons of bombs; ferry slips, RR yards, goods sheds, and warehouse hit; fires and explosions result; of intercepting enemy aircraft, 13 destroyed, 4 probably, 4 damaged; 1 Allied bomber lost and 20 damaged. Over 40 B-24's bomb same target, damaging ferry slips and RR yards, and causing many fires NW and W of town.</p> <p>Porto Empedocle heavily raided by 34 escorted B-26's, which score hits on</p>

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<p><u>Algeria:</u> Djidjelli unsucces- fully attacked in early morning by Axis bombers.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Fighting continues W of Kalemyo and enemy occupies a stockade. Twelve B-25's dis- patched to Mandalay are unable to attack because of bad weather; 1 drops bombs on Monywa RR yards, scoring hits on warehouses, tracks, and RR station. Kamaing and village 3 mi. W attacked by 6 P- 40's; many buildings destroyed and sev- eral fires started.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Force of 12 SBD's, 1 TBF and 8 F4F's covered by 24 more F4F's bombs and strafes Rekata; ex- plosions result from hits on ammuni- tion dump; large fires started. Ringi Cove, Kolombangara I., attacked by 19 SBD's and 20 F4F's, which bomb and strafe wharves and barge anchorages. <u>New Britain:</u> Camouflaged barges on S shore of Kimbe Bay and fuel dumps at C. Gloucester bombed by 1 B-17. <u>New Guinea:</u> One B-24 bombs Madang and another raids enemy villages in Finschafen area. Emergency landing ground at Chimbu (24 mi. SW of Madang) strafed by 6 twin-engined enemy planes.</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> U.S. dele- gation to food con- ference proposes the establishment of a United Nations interim com- mission to deal with food and agri- culture problems until a permanent, international body is formed. Each government would appoint 1 repre- sentative. <u>Poland:</u> Arrange- ments are made for Australian Legation in Kuibyshev to rep-</p>	25

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26	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u></p> <p>U.S. troops on Attu continue slow advance, over rugged terrain, on enemy positions on Fishhook Ridge, and in the course of hard hand-to-hand fighting, make several important gains. Japanese pocket between northern and southern Allied forces is eliminated, and northern troops gain foothold on Fishhook Ridge during late afternoon. Our troops continue assault to gain high peaks of the ridge.</p> <p>In support of ground operations, 6 air missions, comprising 9 B-24's, 11 B-25's, and 12 P-38's, bomb and strafe enemy installations in the Chicagof area; 3 Allied planes damaged by strong AA fire. Kiska is attacked 3 times by total of 9 B-25's and 16 P-40's; main camp, runway, North Head, and Gertrude Cove</p>	<p>...</p>	<p>Russia: Nazis announce new Soviet drive in Kuban and claim to have repulsed strong attacks with counterattacks, but acknowledge a minor penetration of their defense. Patrol and rcn activities take place on remainder of front.</p>	<p><u>Pantelleria I.:</u> Twenty-two P-40's attack island, strafing troops and gun emplacements; 2 trucks destroyed. Twelve P-40's make another attack, dropping 6,000 lbs. of bombs with unobserved results.</p> <p><u>Sicily:</u> Comiso airdrome heavily bombed by 45 B-17's, which cover target area with bombs; explosions and fires on field observed; 40-50 enemy planes attack Allied formation which shoots down 3 Axis aircraft and damages 3; 7 B-17's damaged by AA fire. Twenty-four B-26's with escort of 23 P-38's attack Biscari but bombing inaccurate. Ponte Olivio airdrome bombed by 24 escorted B-25's; runway and revetments hit; fires started in center of field.</p> <p><u>Sardinia:</u> Porto Ponte Romano attacked by 14 P-40's; hits scored on quay and near misses on 2 motor vessels; entire harbor area well covered. Tirso dam successfully bombed by 25 P-38's; hits scored on upper and lower dams and on power station; trucks, guns, boats, and military buildings strafed. Twelve P-38's attack shipping in Gulf of Aranci, destroying 1 seaplane on the water, and setting 3 oil tanks and a small boat on fire; large transport left burning as result of direct hit and several near misses. Villacidro airdrome bombed by 12 P-38's; bombs dropped among parked aircraft and hangars.</p> <p><u>Aegean Sea:</u> RAF light bombers attack Axis shipping; 2 small ships sunk, 2 damaged, and another left burning.</p>



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	<p>... ..</p> <p><u>Burma:</u> British counterattack unsuccessfully against Japanese positions at stockade. Maungdaw road strafed by 7 Oscars.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Enemy columns advance W along bank of the Yangtze R., Changyang has been captured by 1 force, and another has reached Yuyangkuan, 40 mi. SW of Chihkiang.</p>	<p><u>New Britain:</u> Enemy village near Arawe strafed by 1 B-17.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Japanese positions at Observation Hill (3 mi. NW of Mubo) bombed and strafed by 4 RAAF Beau- fighters. During the morning, Madang is twice attacked by total of 4 B-24's and 5 B-25's; bombs dropped on dispersal areas, a radio station, and an Hq building and the town and airdrome strafed; returning B-25's strafe villages in Saidor area. Eight RAAF Beaufight- ers strafe an island S of Madang.</p> <p>Total of about 30 enemy planes raid Allied coastal positions during the morning, bombing Morobe, Mambare, and Douglas harbors; damage is slight.</p> <p><u>Kei Is.:</u> One Dutch B-25 bombs Lang- goer airdrome, causing explosions and fires; weather prevents 3 others from locating target.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>resent Polish in- terests in Russia.</p> <p><u>U.S.:</u> Russia approves U.S. proposal at the food conference, her first formal collaboration in post-war plans of the United Nations.</p> <p>Edwin Barclay, President of Liberia, arrives in Washington for a visit.</p> <p>President Roosevelt, at the request of the NWLB, orders 52,000 rubber workers on strike at Akron O., to re- turn to work by noon next day.</p> <p><u>Japan:</u> The Tokyo radio announces the appointment of Goto, formerly Home Minister, as Minister of State without portfolio.</p>	<p>26</p>

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	<p>28 Aleutian Is.: On Attu, Allied troops are engaged in clearing enemy from E and N faces of SE tip of Fishhook Ridge, where Japanese are resisting strongly with automatic weapons.</p> <p>Because of bad weather, no air attacks are made.</p>	<p>Belgium: Twelve escorted Venturas raid coke ovens at Zeebrugge; 1 Ventura and 1 Spitfire lost.</p> <p><u>English Channel</u>: British Albacores and light surface forces attack enemy shipping at night, destroying 6 R-boats, damaging 3 others, and setting 2 trawlers on fire.</p>	<p>Russia: Nazis report severe Soviet attacks, with tank and air support in Kuban area, and claim repulse of these. Russians claim, and Germans deny, gains in Lisichansk sector.</p>	<p><u>Pantelleria I.</u>: P-40's, in raid over island, score hits in the city and on RR.</p> <p>Night of 28/29, small scout party lands at Punta della Ficarra; sentry gives alarm and party withdraws successfully, having found no evidence of German troops.</p> <p>Sicily: Sciacca and Borizzo airdromes attacked by B-25's with P-38 escort; many grounded planes at latter destroyed and 2 fires started; 30-50 Axis planes intercept and, in the ensuing combat, 11 are destroyed, 6 probably, and 5 damaged. Twenty-three more enemy aircraft attack the Allied escort planes over Favignana; 4 destroyed and 1 damaged; only 1 P-38 missing.</p> <p>Twenty-four B-26's with P-38 escort bomb Castelvetro airdrome; entire field well covered, bombs bursting</p>

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<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Sousse attacked during night by 7 Axis planes which inflict minor damage on docks area and cause a few casualties.</p> <p><u>Indian Ocean:</u> SS <i>Sicilia</i> (Swedish cargo ship, 1,633 tons) sunk by SS at 24-31 S, 35-12 E.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> British forces again attack Japanese at stockade W of Kalembo and succeed in capturing a hill position.</p> <p>RAF bombers attack Akyab I., bombs burst in target area. Hurricanes machine-gun a bridge and Japanese positions S of Buthedaung.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Japanese column in Tungting Lake region continues advance and reaches points 15 mi. W of Changyang 10 mi. N of it, and 10 mi. NW of Yuyangkuan.</p>	<p><u>New Guinea:</u> In a coordinated attack on Lae area by 6 RAAF Beaufighters, 9 B-24's, and 15 B-25's, the airdrome, building area, Labu Lagoon, and wrecked vessel at Malahang are bombed and strafed; 2 grounded planes receive direct hits and explosions and fires result over the area; 1 Beaufighter lost to intense AA fire. B-24 strafes coastal areas at Saidor and Finschafen and bombs buildings at the latter.</p> <p>Morobe Harbor bombed during morning by 6 enemy aircraft.</p> <p>RAAF Hudson on rcn attacks Timika, Dutch New Guinea.</p> <p><u>Kei Is.:</u> Three RAAF Hudsons and a Dutch B-25 raid Langgoer.</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> Strike among rubber workers in Ohio ends.</p> <p><u>Belgium:</u> Germans order all public establishments closed at 11:00 p.m. and forbid the Belgians to appear in the streets between 11:30 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.</p>	27
<p><u>Algeria:</u> Ten Axis bombers operate over Bone; no damage reported.</p> <p><u>South Atlantic:</u> Convoy attacked by Axis SS's at 35-15 S, 21-10 E: SS <i>Agwimonte</i> (U.S. cargo ship, 6,679 tons) and SS <i>Storaas</i> (Norwegian tanker, 7,886 tons) sunk.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Fighting W of Kalembo continues.</p> <p>RAF aircraft make 38 sorties against enemy in Chin Hills, Heho airdrome, and Mandalay RR yards; large fires started at last target.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Yochow RR yards dive-bombed and strafed by 9 and 7 P-40's, respectively; yards, roundhouse, and warehouses damaged; small amount of AA fire encountered.</p> <p>Chinese planes attack Ichang and Changyang.</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Munda bombed by total of 12 TBF's, 8 P-40's, and 8 P-39's; hits scored on runway and in revetment area, causing fires and explosions; intense AA fire seriously damages 2 TBF's and they are forced to land in the water.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> B-24 on rcn bombs Talasea and destroys jetty on Garua I., Witu Is. At night, RAAF Catalina strafes C. Gloucester airdrome.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Japanese airdromes at Boram, Dagua, and Wewak attacked before dawn by total of 6 B-17's and 4 B-24's; 7 searchlights possibly destroyed and 16 fires started. Single B-24 bombs Sangar Village, 55 mi. SE of Wewak. In Salamaua area, 1 RAAF A-20 bombs Kela Pt.; weather prevents 5 others from reaching the target.</p> <p><u>Australia:</u> Eight enemy bombers escorted by 6 fighters raid Millingimbi</p>	<p><u>U.S.:</u> President Roosevelt in an executive order names James F. Byrnes director of Office of War Mobilization which is to coordinate the work of war agencies and eliminate interdepartmental friction; his powers will exceed and take precedence over those of Donald Nelson's, who will serve on Byrnes' advisory committee.</p>	28

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				(Cont'd) among aircraft and repair shops; about 15 ME-109's attempt interception. Milo airdrome heavily attacked by 23 B-26's escorted by 43 P-40's; dispersal area covered with bombs, a large plane set on fire, and a train blown up; of 17 attacking Axis aircraft, 3 destroyed. Castelvetro, Borizzo, and Trapani docks bombed, night of 28/29, by Wellingtons; results unobserved. Italy: Foggia bombed in 2 waves by total of 39 B-24's; hits scored on parked aircraft, destroying 3 and damaging 10; hangars damaged; large fires started. Leghorn sustains severe damage in raid by 92 B-17's; 2 large and several small explosions caused at shipbuilding yards, 2 medium-sized ships damaged, oil refinery, RR yards, and docks hit; of 12 intercepting Axis planes, 1 destroyed, 2 damaged; 4 bombers damaged by AA fire.
29	<p>Aleutian Is.: At dawn, Japanese force of about 300 penetrates our right flank in Chicagof Valley during strong counterattack and advances toward Sarana-Massacre Valley, cutting communication wires; U.S. reserves attack the force and kill at least 270 of them, leaving only scattered snipers. Remnants of enemy forces lodged in crevices W of Sarana Pass are being mopped up. Our troops are now in a favorable position and able to fight down hill.</p> <p>Bad weather continues to prevent air operations.</p>	<p>France: Force of 140 B-17's raids submarine installations at St. Nazaire, using 277 tons of bombs; many hits scored on target; intense AA fire and weak fighter opposition encountered; 8 B-17's lost; at least 3 enemy planes shot down, 3 probably, 2 damaged. Seven B-40's accompany the bombers; this is the first reported participation of these planes in air action. P-47's and RAF Spitfires furnish withdrawal support.</p> <p>At about the same time, 55 B-17's raid naval warehouse at Rennes; about 130 tons of bombs dropped, but heavy fighter opposition hampers the accuracy of bombing; AA fire moderate; 6 B-17's destroyed; GAF losses estimated at 14 planes destroyed, 14 probably destroyed, 10 damaged. P-47's fur-</p>	<p>Russia: Germans claim repulse of local Soviet attacks in Kuban. Fighting continues in Lisichansk area; patrol activity N of Chuguyev reported.</p>	<p>Pantelleria L.: Island pounded throughout day by medium bombers and fighters: 19 B-26's, 24 B-25's escorted by 12 P-38's, 12 P-40's, and 12 P-38's carry out many raids; hits scored on piers, in docks area, in town, on gun emplacements and radar station; fires and explosions result. During night, 22 Wellingtons drop about 40 tons of bombs on island; many fires started.</p> <p>Sardinia: Porto Ponte Romano attacked by 8 P-38's; hits scored on docks and dumps result in fires and explosions; 2 bombs damage RR.</p>

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<p>Tunisia: Bizerta attacked during night by small number of Axis planes; no damage reported.</p> <p>Indian Ocean: SS Hopetarn (British cargo ship, 5,231 tons) sunk by SS at 30-50 S, 39-32 E.</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>Enshih airfield bombed by Japanese aircraft in early morning; slight damage and casualties result.</p> <p>India: Chittagong airdrome attacked by 15 Army 99's with escort of 20 Oscars, which destroy 1 grounded plane and damage 2; 20 Hurricanes oppose attack; 4 Japanese planes destroyed, 4 probably, and 3 damaged.</p> <p>Burma: Ground operations on Arakan front confined to patrol activity.</p> <p>Four P-40's bomb and strafe enemy positions in Sumprabum area, destroying several huts and starting 1 fire. Kamaing bombed and strafed by 8 P-40's; many buildings destroyed and 3 fires started. P-40's on offensive rcn strafe Nanyaseik, enemy camp at Shingban, and Maingkwan.</p> <p>China: Chinese troops gain in Ichang area and recapture Yuyangkuan. P-40's dive-bomb and strafe Tengchung and Lungling areas. Nine B-24's bomb Ichang:</p>	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>airdrome in the afternoon, causing only light damage; 4 intercepting Spitfires shoot down 3 enemy bombers and damage others; 2 Spitfires lost.</p> <p>Solomon Is.: B-24 bombs and strafes enemy DD and possible CL off Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville, but scores no hits. At night, Allied search plane unsuccessfully attacks 2 Japanese DD's heading S from Faisi.</p> <p>New Britain: B-17 attacks loaded enemy barges along NW coast, setting 4 on fire. C. Gloucester airdrome strafed at night by RAAF Catalina, which damages 2 enemy planes in dispersal bays.</p> <p>New Guinea: B-24 on rcn is intercepted by 4-9 hostile planes protecting shipping in Hansa Bay; 2 of the enemy planes are destroyed; on return flight, B-24 strafes enemy villages from Saidor to Finschafen. Later, B-24 scores 2 near misses on enemy vessel in Hansa Bay, leaving it smoking. Four B-17's raid Madang, bombing town and dock areas. Another B-17 bombs wharf area at Alexishafen. Two enemy planes bomb Sipoma (20 mi S of Salamaua).</p> <p>In Dutch New Guinea, Nabire and Babo attacked by single B-24's; 3 grounded aircraft severely damaged at the latter. Timika bombed by 2 RAAF Hudsons. Enemy planes bomb Mappi.</p> <p>N.E.I.: Allied planes, operating singly or in pairs, carry out harassing raids on the following enemy-held positions: Namlea airdrome on Boeroe I., Damar I., Rembang airdrome on Lombok I., Waingapoe, Soemba I., Bima, Soembawa I., Penfoei and Dilli airdromes, Timor I.; fires and explosions result at some of the targets; enemy shipping S of Boeroe I. also attacked and a 1,000-ton AK damaged by near misses.</p>	<p>.. .. .</p>	<p>29</p>

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		<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>nish general fighter support and RAF Spitfires, withdrawal support.</p> <p>Submarine installations at La Pallice raided a little later by 34 unescorted B-24's, which drop about 100 tons of bombs with good results; some shipping in harbor believed damaged; AA fire light and no fighters encountered.</p> <p>Airfields at Caen and Maupertius bombed by escorted Venturas and Typhoons.</p> <p>Germany: About 700 RAF planes carry out night raid on Wuppertal; of 1,822 tons of bombs dropped, 9 are 4-ton, 262 2-ton, and 60 1-ton bombs; concentrated bombing results in huge fires; 33 RAF planes missing; 1 GAF fighter destroyed.</p> <p>England: Six enemy planes operate over England at night; 1 destroyed.</p>		
30	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u></p> <p>U.S. troops begin the occupation of Shemya I. in the Semichi Is. without opposition.</p> <p>Allied forces on Attu repulse weak enemy counter-attack on right flank in Sarana Valley at 0530 W. Sarana Pass is cleared of the enemy. During the evening, U.S. troops, advancing in 3 columns (1 from Fishhook Ridge, 1 from crest of E arm of Holtz Bay, 1 down Chicagof Valley),</p>	<p>England: During the day, Torquay raided by 20 enemy planes and Frinton area by 12; considerable damage inflicted at the former; 4 planes of the 1st group destroyed and 2 of the 2d.</p> <p>North Sea: Typhoons set an 800-ton enemy ship on fire off Flushing.</p>	<p>Russia: Berlin announces cessation of Red Army attacks in Kuban, although Soviets report that fighting is continuing. Russians report local engagements in Lisichansk area. RR stations at Gomel and Karachev heavily bombed by Soviet aircraft, night of 30/31; fires and explosions result.</p>	<p><u>Pantelleria I.:</u> Island pounded by 25 B-25's with escort of 14 P-38's, 18 B-26's escorted by 12 P-38's, and 19 bomb-carrying P-38's which drop total of 45 tons of bombs; target areas covered and many fires started. Night of 30/31, Pantelleria inner harbor bombarded by 3 British warships; no serious opposition encountered and no damage suffered by our ships.</p> <p><u>Sardinia:</u> Thirty-six P-38's drop over 17 tons of bombs on Chilivani RR station and yards; buildings, transformer station, and train hit; water tower, station and trains strafed. RR station and factory at Alghero also attacked. Aranci port and RR attacked by 29 P-38's; RR, mole, and many buildings damaged; hits scored on 3 ships; 2 enemy planes attack formation, 1 of which is destroyed.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Foggia bombed by more than 50</p>

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<p><u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Llancarvan (British cargo ship, 4,910 tons) sunk by aircraft at 37-00 N, 08-55 W. SS Flora MacDonald (U.S. cargo ship, 7,177 tons) presumed sunk by SS at 07-15 N, 13-20 W.</p>	<p>Burma: Six P-40's attack Sumprabum, starting 3 fires. Kamaing strafed by 4 P-40's; several fires result. Two P-40's bomb and strafe Taipha Ga and Yupang Ga; 2 large and several small fires started at first and a few small fires at latter. RAF aircraft make 35 sorties against Japanese troops at Kalemio and Buthedaung.</p> <p>China: Japanese advance in center of Tungting line.</p> <p>Airdrome N of Ichang attacked by</p>	<p>Solomon Is.: B-24 attacks enemy AK 11 mi. off Mutupina Pt., Bougainville; no bomb hits scored, but the vessel is thoroughly strafed.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Six RAAF Beauforts set out to attack Gasmata, but only 1 locates and bombs the target.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Four B-17's raid airdromes at Wewak and Boram before dawn, causing fires and explosions in fuel dump and dispersal areas and destroying 3 searchlights; Madang airdrome bombed by 1 of the returning planes. Another B-17 raids Finschafen.</p> <p><u>N.E.I.:</u> Dock area at Kendari, Celebes, bombed by 3 B-24's.</p> <p>UNCLASSIFIED</p>	<p>North Africa: General de Gaulle arrives in Algiers and is met by General Giraud.</p>	30

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	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>reach Chicagof Harbor waterfront, encountering only slight resistance en route. Organized enemy resistance has ceased and small hostile groups are moving toward Cape Khlebnikof.</p> <p>Air missions to Attu find only friendly troops there and do not attack. Total of 7 B-24's, 3 B-25's, and 10 P-40's attack Kiska, hitting runway and beach- ed ship at Gertrude Cove; fires result on the ship and near the runway; 2 of the P-40's, scouting shoreline from Gertrude Cove to Vega Pt., sight and strafe tents and camouflaged trenches; AA fire slightly damages 1 P-40.</p>			<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>B-24's; hangars, barracks, and dispersal areas damaged; many parked aircraft, including some 6-engine planes, destroyed or set on fire. Naples and nearby airfields and a factory bombed by total of 112 B-17's: 101 tons of bombs dropped on Pomigliano aircraft factory where many fires are started; Pomigliano airdrome covered with bombs, many of which burst among dispersed aircraft; Capodichino airdrome, buildings, hangars, and planes damaged; oil storage depot at Naples damaged, resulting in 2 explosions; near misses scored on several ships and direct hit on 1; smoke and fire observed in target area. These attacks opposed by about 50 Axis planes, 10 of which are shot down.</p>
31	<p><u>Aleutian Is.:</u></p> <p>Mopping up operations are in progress on Attu. Only 40-50 Japanese remain in the Khlebnikof area and about 20 believed W of Sarana-Massacre Pass. These areas are being combed.</p> <p>To date, 1,791 Japanese dead counted, of whom 1,041 were killed during and after counterattack of May 29; 4 captured. Allied casualties to date are: 229 killed, 1,125 wounded, 40 missing.</p> <p>Kiska is target for 7 attacks by total of 5 B-24's, 10 B-25's, and 37 P-40's; runway,</p>	<p><u>France-Low Countries:</u> RAF medium bombers escorted by fighters attack Cherbourg, Flushing, and Zeebrugge.</p> <p><u>North Sea:</u> SS Catford (British cargo ship, 1,568 tons) sunk by mine at 53-37 N, 00-42 E.</p>	<p><u>Russia:</u> Both sides report fighting of local character in Kuban, NE of Novorossisk. Ground activity on remainder of front confined to patrol activities.</p>	<p><u>Pantelleria I.:</u> Total of 38 medium bombers with fighter escort and 12 bomb-carrying P-38's drop 75 tons of bombs on defended positions throughout the island; target areas covered with bombs and strafed; large fire started. Wellingtons make night raid on Pantelleria, starting many fires.</p> <p><u>Sicily:</u> Six Liberators and 2 Halifaxes bomb oil stores at Augusta, scoring near hits; fires started around buildings.</p> <p><u>Sardinia:</u> Cagliari bombed by 11 P-38's, which damage pier buildings, small boats, and barracks. Fourteen P-38's attack Santa Catarina power station; direct hits and near misses cause explosion, resulting in fires. Hits scored on 400' motor vessel in Porto Ponte Romano. Twenty-three P-38's, in low-level raid on Guspini, score hits on factory, barracks area, and transformer station; of 8 intercepting aircraft, 1 destroyed, 1 probably, and 2 damaged.</p> <p><u>Italy:</u> Foggia heavily bombed by total of 94 B-17's which, in 3 missions, drop 180 tons of bombs on RR yards and air-</p>



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	<p>(Cont'd)</p> <p>8 P-40's; 1 plane burned, 2 trucks destroyed, and 2 damaged. Trucks moving toward Ichang strafed; fires started in Ichang. Artillery S of Ichang bombed successfully by 7 B-24's. Warehouses set on fire at Tengchung by P-40's and objectives along Burma Road strafed. Rail and water transport in Yochow area damaged by P-40's; 6 P-40's strafe boats on river at Shasi, sinking 1, and strafe and burn 10 aircraft on landing strip at Shasi.</p>			
<p><u>Tunisia:</u> Fifteen Axis planes make unsuccessful raid on Sousse in evening.</p> <p><u>Egypt:</u> It is announced that French squadron of 9 warships immobilized at Alexandria since June, 1940, has joined the Allies. The force consists of 1 BB, 3 CA's, 1 CL, 3 DD's, and 1 SS.</p>	<p><u>Burma:</u> Warehouses, tracks, and rolling stock at Mandalay damaged by force of 9 B-25's; Monywa airdrome bombed with unobserved results; Legyl RR yards unsuccessfully attacked. P-40's strafe Tumbonghka and Manywet, destroying several buildings; Manywet bombed and strafed by another force of P-40's, which starts several fires; same group destroys RR bridge 10 mi. N of Kamaing. Enemy Hq at Sumprabum believed destroyed as result of raid by 6 P-40's. Twelve P-40's, on offensive rcn, destroy locomotives,</p>	<p><u>Solomon Is.:</u> Three B-24's attack Tinputs area and Numa Numa on NE coast of Bougainville, starting large fires at both targets. Same planes attack 2 enemy coastal steamers in vicinity of Tinputs; 1 set on fire and forced to beach.</p> <p><u>New Britain:</u> Gasmata bombed at night by RAAF Catalina.</p> <p><u>New Guinea:</u> Nine B-24's heavily bomb Lae, destroying buildings. Finschafen area is target for 1 B-24. Sixteen enemy fighters attack B-17 on rcn over Finschafen; 5 of the enemy planes shot down and another probably destroyed; B-17 damaged but reaches base.</p> <p>Japanese are reported to have occupied the Wissel Lakes area (45 mi. N. of Timika).</p> <p><u>Kei Is.:</u> Five RAAF Beaufighters strafe Langoer airdrome; 1 enemy bomber destroyed on the ground and a fighter damaged; interception attempted by 2 enemy fighters, of which 1 is shot down.</p>	<p><u>Egypt:</u> Egyptian Council of Ministers approves the establishment of diplomatic relations between Egypt and the Soviet Union, providing that neither country will interfere in the internal affairs of the other and that Russia will guarantee not to indulge in any activity to undermine the present Egyptian governmental system.</p> <p><u>Bulgaria:</u> Sapria Klevkov, pro-Axis member of the Bulgarian Parliament, is shot to death at Kostievo.</p> <p><u>Greece:</u> German safe-conduct for Greek ships work-</p>	31

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1943 May	31 trenches in Vega C'd Bay area, North Head, and Gertrude Cove bombed; Little Kiska and Gertrude Cove strafes; 2 B-24's and 1 photo plane damaged by AA fire.			(Cont'd) drome; fires started in hangar area, administration buildings, and RR yards; many aircraft, including some JU-52's, destroyed on ground. About 39 Axis planes oppose attack, 1 of which is shot down and 1 damaged; 7 ME-109's at- tempt interception near Naples, and 4 ME-210's attack near Capri.

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	<p>(Cont'd) freight cars, and troops in enemy territory. RAF planes make 49 sorties against troop concentrations in Chin Hills.</p> <p><u>China:</u> Nine B-24's with escort of 9 P-40's are dispatched to Kingmer but are unable to attack because of overcast; secondary target, Ichang airdrome, bombed: installations and airport hit, 3 aircraft destroyed on the ground. About 20 Zeros intercept over Kingmen and engage our planes in running fight from there to Ichang; another formation of 20 Zeros attacks over Ichang; total of 23 Zeros destroyed and 8 probably destroyed.</p>		<p>(Cont'd) ing for Switzerland is withdrawn; the ships are ordered to make for the nearest port.</p> <p><u>Hungary:</u> The Regent is reported to have refused Hitler's demand for more troops for the Eastern Front and for transit of German troops and equipment on Hungarian RR's and the Danube, and to have declined to permit Budapest to become German military Hq.</p> <p><u>North Africa:</u> Generals Giraud and De Gaulle set up an executive committee in Algiers as a government until France is freed. Giraud appoints Jean Monnet and General Alphonse-Joseph Georges; De Gaulle selects General Georges Catroux and Rene Massigli; Andre Philips is elected by the other six members.</p>	<p>31 C'd</p>