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1945 July	NORTH AND LATIN AMERICAN THEATERS	EUROPEAN THEATER		
		Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
1	<u>West Atlantic:</u> SS Tutoya (Brazilian cargo ship, 1,125 tons) sunk by SS at 24-40 S, 47-05 W.	...	<u>Russia:</u> Enemy reports frustration of Soviet attacks in Kuban and in Dorogobuzh area; Russians claim repulse of minor Nazi attack on one sector of Kalinin front. Soviet aircraft make night attacks on ports on Kerch and Taman peninsulas and Senaya, on the Sea of Azov; fires and explosions result, and several German ships are reported sunk.	<u>Sicily:</u> Escorted Spitfires attack Biscari airdrome successfully. Thirty-one Wellingtons make night raid on Palermo; bursts observed on RR sidings and near oil tanks. RAF Halifaxes bomb Catania RR yards during night; bombs burst on sidings and in industrial area, starting 4 small fires. <u>Sardinia:</u> Cagliari bombed, night of 1/2, by 20 Wellingtons.
2	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Kiska attacked 6 times by total of 12 B-24's, 22 B-25's, and 3 P-34's, which drop almost 60 tons of bombs on main camp, Gertrude Cove, and North Head; hits observed on targets; 4 planes damaged by AA fire, but all return. Four P-38's reconnoitering Segula I. encounter AA fire from 2 gun positions; areas where fire originated	<u>France-Low Countries:</u> Spitfires, Typhoons, and Mustangs attack RR installations, barges, and other targets in N France and the Low Countries; oil storage cistern destroyed and 4 locomotives damaged; power stations attacked by Bostons.	<u>Russia:</u> Moscow reports unsuccessful German attack on Soviet positions W of Rostov, and occupation by Red Army forces of a strategic height on Kalinin front. Enemy announces shelling of objectives in Leningrad with good results.	<u>Sicily:</u> Twelve escorted B-25's, dispatched to bomb Sciacca, are unable to locate target and drop bombs on Castelvetro airdrome, damaging warehouse and fuel yard. About 20 enemy aircraft attempt to intercept; 1 shot down, 1 probably, and 1 damaged. Trapani bombed during night by 12 Wellingtons. <u>Sardinia:</u> Twenty Wellingtons make night raid on Olbia, causing fires in RR yards and explosions in an area of military stores; arsenal believed hit; of Axis planes attempting to intercept, 1 is destroyed and 1 damaged. <u>Italy:</u> Over 80 U.S. heavy bombers make daylight raid on 3 airfields in SE Italy: at Grottaglie, hangars and dispersal areas hit and enemy aircraft destroyed; fires started among hangars and in dispersal area at Lecce and

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	Burma: Despite monsoon weather, Allied planes continue to attack river and rail communications. Six B-24's bomb RR yards at Thanbyu-zayat, damaging warehouses, buildings, and tracks. River shipping at Mandalay is target for 8 B-25's, which score several near misses on ships; intense AA fire over Mandalay damages 2 B-25's. Eight B-25's bomb RR installations at Kawlin and Kyungon; hits scored on warehouses and rolling stock at Kawlin and on tracks at Kyungon. RAF attacks Promettaungup road, towns on Akyab I., and shipping along the Arakan coast and Irrawaddy R.	Solomon Is.: U.S. Marine raiders capture Viru Harbor, New Georgia I., by evening, after hard fighting; 79 Japanese trying to escape across river are drowned; only a few Japanese remain in hills. Preceding the occupation of Viru, 17 SBD's carry out morning attack on enemy gun positions in this area. Ground operations on Rendova I. proceeding satisfactorily. Allied fighters intercept force of enemy planes over Rendova during the morning, shooting down 22 of them; 8 of our planes lost. Another formation of hostile planes ineffectively attacks Rendova about noon. Force of 15 SBD's bombs AA positions at Lambeti in Munda area, starting fires. Vila is target for 18 TBF's and 11 SBD's, which bomb AA positions, camp area, and dumps. New Britain: Lakunai, Vunakanau, and Rapopo airdromes bombed before dawn by total of 13 B-24's; many small fires started at Lakunai, the chief target; other results unobserved. New Guinea: Allied troops in the Nassau Bay area are consolidating their positions along the S arm of the Bitoi R. mouth. Japanese positions NW of Komiatum attacked by Allied ground parties and 14 Japanese killed. Duali (N of Nassau Bay) bombed and strafed by 6 A-20's. In the Salamaua area, 2 flights of B-25's, totalling 17, bomb Logui and enemy personnel and supplies at Kela Pt., causing fires and explosions at the latter. Lae area strafed by 11 A-20's. Tanimbar Is.: Airdrome on Selaru I. strafed by 6 RAAF A-20's, which also sink a small enemy vessel off shore.	Finland: A Finnish-American society, organized in Helsinki to promote good relations between the 2 nations, meets for the first time. Society membership is limited to anti-Nazi, Finnish citizens. North Africa: French Committee of National Liberation, meeting in Algiers, completes the organization of a permanent military committee, confirms the supreme powers of General Georges Catroux in Algeria, and creates a Conseil Supérieur de Contentieux, similar to U.S. Supreme Court. French West Africa: Pierre Charles Cournarie, Governor of the Cameroons, is named by National Committee of Liberation as Governor General of French West Africa, succeeding Pierre Boisson.	1
East Atlantic: SS Empire Kohinoor (British cargo ship, 5,225 tons) sunk by SS at 06-20 N, 16-30 W.	Burma: Syriam oil refinery S of Rangoon is target for 6 B-24's, which score hits on the tank farm; single enemy fighter which intercepts is possibly damaged. For the 2d successive day, 6 B-24's bomb RR yards at Thanbyu-zayat, causing further damage to buildings and probably damaging tracks and warehouse. Nine B-25's raid warehouses, barracks, and buildings at	Solomon Is.: Ground situation at Rendova I. remains unchanged; an additional Japanese is killed. During the morning, 18 hostile bombers escorted by Zeros bomb Rendova, damaging fuel and ration dumps and causing some casualties. Total of 50 enemy fighters, in 2 groups, are over Rendova during the afternoon; 7 intercepting F4U's destroy 6; 3 F4U's lost. Allied units land on Sasavalle I., about 7 mi. E of Munda, while others land on New Georgia mainland at Zanana, about 7 1/2 mi. E of Munda. Four B-25's covered by F4U's attack and sink a small camouflaged enemy AK in Bairoko Anchorage, N of Munda. Allied DD's bombard Japanese positions in the Wickham area. New Britain: Eleven B-17's heavily bomb Vunakanau and Rapopo airdromes before dawn, starting many fires and	French Antilles: It is announced that Vice Admiral John H. Hoover, commandant of the Tenth Naval District, will confer with Admiral Georges Robert, high commissioner of the French Antilles, regarding Vichy authority there. Poland-Russia: At a press conference in Cairo, General Wladislaw Sikorski, Premier of the Polish Government-in-exile,	2

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	(Cont'd) strafed. Allied ground party lands on Rat I. for rcn; no opposition observed by 2 P-40's covering the operation. West Atlantic: SS Bloody Marsh (U.S. tanker, 10,200 tons) sunk by SS at 31-33 N, 78-57 W.			(Cont'd) many parked aircraft believed hit; target area at San Pancrazio is observed well covered with bursts. Large formations of enemy planes oppose attacks; of these, 12 shot down and 2 damaged for loss of 2 Allied bombers.
3	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Attacks on Kiska limited to 1 mission by 6 B-24's, which drop 18 tons of bombs in main camp area; overcast prevents observation of results. West Atlantic: SS Elihu B. Washburne (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons) sunk by SS at 24-05 S, 45-25 W.	<u>Germany:</u> Cologne is target for 653 RAF bombers which drop 1,808 tons of bombs, night of 3/4; attack believed to be successful; moderate to strong AA fire encountered over target and 30 planes fail to return. Objectives at Hamburg and Duisburg attacked by total of 8 RAF planes.	<u>Russia:</u> Ground activity along entire front confined to patrol engagements, and to artillery and small arms fire. Night of 3/4, Luftwaffe heavily bombs Yelets and Valuiki, Soviet supply bases NE and SE of Kursk. Soviet planes carry out severe night attacks on Temryuk and Kerch, particularly against Nazi warships and barges in harbor off former; large fires and explosions observed, and several ships reported sunk by direct hits.	<u>Sicily:</u> Thirty-six B-25's bomb Comiso airdrome, damaging workshops and hangars; dispersal area covered with bombs. Milo airdrome attacked by 24 Bostons and Baltimores with P-40 escort; N and W dispersal areas covered with bombs; 3 Axis planes destroyed; 4 Baltimores missing. Escorted Bostons attack Sciacca airdrome, causing large fire and explosion; 12-15 ME-109's intercept before the bombing; 1 destroyed; 6 Bostons damaged. Thirty-five Mustangs attack RR near Marsala; tanker and schooner 3 mi. S strafed and left smoking. Night of 3/4, 52 Wellingtons bomb Trapani with good results. Catania RR yards bombed during night by 9 RAF heavy bombers; results unobserved because of dense ground haze. Malta-based fighter bombers with Spitfire escort make daylight raid on Biscari airdrome, damaging buildings and dispersal areas. <u>Sardinia:</u> Chilivani airdrome installations damaged as result of heavy attack by 38 escorted B-17's. Thirty-six B-25's and 32 B-26's with escort of 64 P-38's bomb Milis airdrome, thoroughly covering target area and starting many fires; 2 bombers fail to return. Alghero airdrome bombed by 36 escorted B-25's, which damage buildings and start several fires; of 10-12 enemy planes attempting to intercept, 5 are shot down. Forty-eight B-26's with strong fighter escort of P-40's and P-38's attack Capoterra airdrome, causing fires and explosions. P-40's and P-38's strafe radar installations at Pula and Alghero, inflicting considerable damage.

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	(Cont'd) Chauk, Pyawbwe, and Nyaungu; hits scored on buildings at Chauk and Nyaungu and large fires started among barracks at Pyawbwe; AA fire damages 3 B-25's over Chauk. In a second attack on Chauk, 3 B-25's score direct hits on warehouses. Single B-25 drops 8 300-lb bombs on oil derricks at Yenangyat. RAF operates against river shipping with good results. Burma: Myitnge bridge is twice attacked by total of 15 B-25's; S span destroyed and the rest of the bridge heavily damaged; 3 B-25's sustain slight damage from AA fire. Total of 10 B-24's participate in 2 attacks on Myingyan, dropping 28 tons of bombs; clouds obscure results. Single B-24 drops 3 2,000-lb. bombs on RR yards at Prome; bombs fall in target area.	(Cont'd) extinguishing 5 searchlights. At night, 2 B-24's bomb same targets with unreported results. New Guinea: In the Nassau Bay area, Allied troops clear the enemy from coastal region S of the Bitoi R. Enemy planes make light raids on our positions in this area. Japanese positions at Kela Pt. and the Salamaua-Logui trail bombed by 9 B-25's each, while a single B-24 bombs Salamaua Isthmus. Arafura Sea: RAAF Hudson, escorting an Allied convoy, shoots down an attacking enemy floatplane. Solomon Is.: Shortly after midnight, 2/3, Japanese naval force fires about 100 rounds on Rendova plantation area from vicinity of Renard Cove, without causing any damage; our ships return the fire and the enemy vessels retire through Balfour Channel shortly afterwards. During the afternoon, 10 P-38's intercept force of about 50 enemy aircraft over Rendova; 5 Zeros destroyed for loss of 3 P-38's. Munda twice raided by Allied planes: 12 B-25's escorted by P-38's attack AA positions during the morning, and 19 TBF's and 18 SBD's bomb bivouac area during the afternoon; all planes return, despite intense AA fire encountered by 2d mission. Allied detachment captures Vura (SE Vangunu I.); 300 Japanese killed and remainder put to flight; our losses are light. Eighteen SBD's bomb Wickham area during the morning. New Britain: Total of 13 B-24's carry out early morning raids on Lakunai, Rapopo, and Vunakanau airdromes; 1 large and numerous small fires started. Old runway at C. Gloucester bombed by single B-17. New Guinea: No change reported in ground situation in the Nassau Bay area. Single enemy fighter strafes the region at dawn. During the afternoon, 14 Allied fighters intercept force of 8 enemy bombers escorted by 9 Zeros over Salamaua; 5 enemy planes destroyed and another probably destroyed. Eight Japanese bombers raid a village in the Bena Bena area; no damage reported. N.E.I.: Nine B-24's bomb Kendari, Celebes, at noon, an enemy plane destroyed on runway and barracks and shop area considerably damaged. Pen-	(Cont'd) expresses the belief that diplomatic relations between Poland and Russia will be re-established. French Antilles: 3 Henri-Etienne Hoppenot, Director of Civil Services of the French Military Mission in Washington, is named by Committee of National Liberation to negotiate with Admiral Georges Robert. Vice Admiral Hoover, U.S. envoy, arrives in Martinique.	

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				(Cont'd) <u>Italy:</u> Three Wellingtons make night raid on Lido di Roma seaplane base. <u>Mediterranean:</u> SS Shisrman (Turkish cargo ship, 150 tons) sunk by SS between Izmir and Antalya, Greece.
4	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Complete rcn of Rat I. reveals that Japanese have not been there for at least 6 months. Ground rcn of Semisopochnoi I., 30 mi. N of Amchitka, by small Allied group reveals no evidence of enemy occupation of the island.	<u>France:</u> Total of 277 B-17's make daylight raid on objectives in France: 123 B-17's drop 259 tons of bombs on Gnome-Rhone factory at Le Mans with good results; 71 damage airplane construction plant at Nantes; strong enemy opposition encountered over both targets; total of 52 Axis planes shot down, 15 probably, and 22 damaged; 7 Allied bombers missing. La Pallice bombed by 83 more B-17's which drop 137 tons of explosive with fair results; no enemy aircraft intercept, but moderate to intense AA fire encountered; 1 B-17 destroyed.	<u>Russia:</u> Soviets claim repulse of 2 enemy attacks against a strong Soviet position on Kalinin front. Soviet planes attack 3 RR junctions on supply routes to Orel: at Gomel, trains are damaged and 13 fires started; trains at Unecha are left burning; fires started among tracks and rolling stock at Roslavl.	<u>Sicily:</u> Comiso airdrome bombed by over 50 B-25's, which damage runways and hangars; several fires started and ammunition dump believed hit. Forty-eight B-17's make heavy raid on Catania; starting fires over entire target area; 50-75 enemy planes intercept, destroying 1 Allied bomber and damaging 12; 18 Axis aircraft shot down. Seventy-two B-25's with P-38 escort drop 92 tons of bombs on Gerbini; hits scored in revetment area and among parked aircraft; of enemy fighters engaged in aerial combat, 7 are destroyed, 1 probably, and 8 damaged; 14 bombers damaged by AA fire. Baltimores and Bostons attack Milo, and Sciacca airdromes, starting many fires. Sciacca, Milo, and Castelvetrano airdromes strafed by force of 36 Mustangs. Twenty-seven Wellingtons make night attack on Catania, scoring hits in harbor area. <u>Sardinia:</u> Villacidro airdrome bombed at night by 17 Wellingtons, which score hits in dispersal area and among buildings. <u>Crete:</u> During night, small British land forces carry out commando-type operation, successfully raiding several enemy airfields; patrols withdraw safely after destroying numerous Axis planes on the ground.

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Tunisia: Bizerta attacked, night of 4/5, by about 100 enemy planes; results unreported. Mediterranean: Allied convoy attacked by Axis SS's; SS City of Venice (British cargo ship, 8,762 tons) and SS Saint Essyt (British cargo ship, 5,634 tons) sunk at 36-35 N, 01-21 E.	Burma: RR yards at Shwebo and barracks at Meiktila raided by 9 B-25's each; about 10 tons of bombs dropped on each target; rolling stock, tracks, and warehouses destroyed at Shwebo and large fires started; hits scored among buildings at Meiktila. Three B-25's bomb and strafe Kangaung airdrome; strafing damages 1 enemy plane in revetment. Shweli highway bridge near Chinese frontier attacked by 5 B-24's; bomb load of about 12 tons hits target area. Single B-24 drops 6 500-lb. bombs on Akyab jetty with unobserved results.	(Cont. of) foei airdrome at Koping, Timor, bombed by 3 Dutch B-25's during the evening. Allied convoy in Darwin area attacked by 3 enemy fighters, 1 of which is damaged. Solomon Is.: Force of at least 18 enemy bombers escorted by fighters attacks Rendova during the afternoon, destroying several small boats and damaging 2 LCI's; Allied air cover destroys 5 of the bombers and 4 Zeros, while AA fire destroys 12 other bombers. Japanese ambush Allied patrol near Ugei (NE Rendova), but withdraw during the night, leaving the village in Allied hands. Twenty SBD's and 18 TBF's raid Lambeti bivouac area, dropping 25 tons of bombs, while 10 B-17's bomb Bairoko, using 21 tons of bombs. Allied patrols continue to search for isolated Japanese remaining at Viru Harbor. B-24 on rcn unsuccessfully attacks an enemy DD 50 mi. W of Buin. New Britain: Talasea bombed during early morning by Allied rcn plane. New Guinea: Ground activity limited to patrol clashes in the Bobdubi area. B-24 attacks small enemy AK in Vanimo Bay (NW NE New Guinea), leaving vessel on fire and sinking as result of 3 hits.	French Antilles: Admiral Hoover returns to San Juan, Puerto Rico, after conferring with Admiral Robert at Martinique. Argentina: Admiral Segundo E. Storni, Foreign Minister, speaking at a Fourth of July celebration, asserts that Argentina will fulfill her "commitments of honor and her duties of Pan-American cooperation." Spain: Madrid press announces that Lt. Gen. Juan Yague, commander at Melilla, Spanish Morocco, has been relieved of his duties there and will become president of the Supreme Geographical Institute at Madrid. Greece: King George II, in a broadcast from Cairo, promises free elections for a Greek constituent assembly within 6 months of the country's liberation.	4

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5	Caribbean: SS Maltran (U.S. cargo ship, 3,513 tons) sunk by SS at 18-11 N, 74-57 W. West Atlantic: SS Pelotasloide (Brazilian cargo ship, 5,228 tons) sunk by SS at 00-30 S, 47-25 W.	France: Fighter planes attack RR targets, damaging 6 locomotives. England: Enemy guns shell Dover, Ramsgate, and Folkstone, causing some damage and casualties.	Russia: German infantry and tanks with strong air support launch offensive to reduce Soviet salient around Kursk, attacking S from Orel toward Kursk and N from Belgorod areas; Russians admit slight penetration of their lines, particularly around Belgorod, and report strong counterattacks by Red Army forces. Enemy makes slight gains SW of Mtsensk, but is finally driven back to his original position. Both sides report constant air attacks; Russians claim to have destroyed large numbers of enemy tanks and vehicles and to have blown up several ammunition dumps.	Sicily: About 65 B-24's, attacking in 3 waves, bomb Messina; 185 tons of bombs dropped, damaging entire length of RR tracks; explosion and fire at roundhouse, fires in warehouses, shed, station, and among rolling stock observed; several oil fires also started. Sciacca airdrome attacked by 9 bombers; many fires result. Twenty B-25's make successful raid on Biscari airdrome. Gerbini airdrome and satellite fields heavily bombed by total of 103 B-17's, 72 B-25's, and 66 B-26's with escort of 156 P-38's, which drop 275 tons of explosive; runways, hangars, administration buildings, revetments, and quarters damaged; hits scored on many parked aircraft. About 100 Axis planes attempt interception; 35 of these shot down; 18 Allied bombers damaged. Gerbini and satellite fields again attacked, in night raid by 28 Wellingtons; fires and explosions at main landing ground result. Eight RAF heavy bombers attack Catania; thick haze prevents observation of results. P-40's strafe radar installations at Licata and Marsala. Mustangs attack Sciacca harbor, damaging docks, warehouses, shipping. Night of 5/6, Biscari airdrome attacked by 10 Bostons; results unobserved.

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<u>Tunisia:</u> Bizerta again attacked; 50 enemy bombers make unsuccessful night raid; 4 shot down. <u>Mediterranean:</u> SS Devis (British cargo ship, 6,054 tons) sunk by SS at 37-20 N, 01-20 E.		<u>Solomon Is.:</u> Allied troops land at Rice Anchorage, W coast of New Georgia I., during early morning. Landing is preceded by bombardment of enemy positions on Kula Gulf by covering surface units; during the bombardment, USS Strong (DD) is sunk by an enemy SS. Vila and Bairoko shelled before dawn by Allied surface force and bombed by 4 PBV's spotting for the surface force; both attacks start fires. During the afternoon, Bairoko is again attacked by 18 SBD's; bombs dropped in dump area start a fire. Sixteen P-40's intercept force of 40 enemy fighters over Rendova, destroying 2 Zeros; 1 P-40 lost. Rekata Bay is target for 6 Hudsons which drop 24 500-lb. bombs. <u>New Guinea:</u> Total of 12 B-25's, in 2 attacks on Kela Pt., destroy buildings and start fires. Seven other B-25's attack Salamaua airfields and trails in the area. B-25 bombs and strafes enemy positions in Labu Lagoon area at dawn. Nassau Bay area ineffectively raided during the afternoon by 8 enemy bombers escorted by 7 fighters. <u>Aroe Is.:</u> RAAF Beaufighter strafes an 80-ton enemy power barge W of Dobo, setting the vessel on fire.	<u>Poland:</u> Polish Government announces death of General Wladislaw Sikorski in a plane crash near Gibraltar last night. General Sikorski was en route to London from Cairo. Stanislaw Mikolajczyk is named temporary Premier. <u>Greece:</u> Premier Emanuel Tsouderos, in a speech in Cairo, asserts that through free elections, promised by King George II, the people of Greece may choose a new form of government. <u>Thailand:</u> Toyko radio announces the cession to Thailand of 4 Malay States (Perlis, Kedah, Kelantan, Trengganu) and 2 of the Burmese Shan Provinces (Kengtung and Mong Pan). <u>Malaya:</u> Premier Tojo arrives in Singapore to confer with Field Marshal Count Hisaichi Terauchi, supreme commander of Japanese forces in the southern area, regarding "the new policy for the southern regions."	5

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6	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> During the evening naval force of 3 CA's, 1 CL, and 4 DD's bombards Kiska, firing 2400 rounds of 8, 6, and 5-inch projectiles, totaling 100 tons, on North Head, South Head, Little Kiska, Gertrude Cove, and main camp; air spotting hampered by fog; Japanese do not return fire. At the same time, 6 B-24's drop 15 tons of bombs on main camp, but overcast prevents observation of results. <u>Caribbean:</u> SS Poelau Roibiah (Dutch cargo ship, 9,251 tons) sunk by SS at 17-56 N, 75-57 W.	<u>France-Low Countries:</u> Spitfires destroy 8 enemy fighters in offensive sweep; Typhoons bomb Axis shipping in Boulogne harbor, possibly damaging a DD. Two enemy mine-sweepers and an armed trawler off Den Helder damaged by other Typhoons.	<u>Russia:</u> Russian troops appear to be holding the German offensive in the Kursk-Orel sector, but Nazi forces are achieving some success in the Belgorod area. Soviets report enemy attacks in one sector of Kalinin front but claim they are frustrated. Both sides report many bombing attacks and aerial combats. Berlin announces sinking of 3 Soviet ships off Caucasian coast by German light naval forces.	<u>Sicily:</u> Gerbini airdrome and satellite fields heavily bombed by about 100 B-17's; stores, hangars, ammunition dump, and buildings damaged and many fires started; about 25 Axis planes intercept; 3 probably destroyed and 3 damaged. Forty-eight B-24's bomb same target, dropping 142 tons of explosive; runways and dispersal areas severely damaged; large fires started in N and W areas of airdrome. Runways, revetments, and buildings at Borizzo airdrome damaged by 51 escorted B-26's. Twenty-three Bostons, in raid on Sciacca, start large fires; second raid, by medium bombers, results in damage to field and dispersal areas. Bostons and Baltimores attack same target at night; large fires and damage to the town result. Seventy-one B-25's escorted by 50 P-38's drop 81 tons of bombs on Biscari airdrome, damaging buildings. Lighter attacks on Biscari carried out by other groups of medium bombers, which damage hangars, runways, dispersal areas and water tower. Hangars, runways, and dispersal areas at Sciacca damaged as result of attack by 48 B-25's. Force of RAF Wellingtons makes night raid on Palermo RR yards. Force of A-36's strafes radar stations at Licata and Marsala and gun positions, power station, and RR's at Porto Empedocle. <u>Sardinia:</u> Villacidro, Milis, and Pabillionis airdromes bombed by Wellingtons during night, with good results.

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<u>Mediterranean:</u> SS Shahjehan (British cargo ship, 5,454 tons) torp. and sunk at 33-01 N, 21-32 E. <u>Mozambique Channel:</u> SS Michael Livanos (Greek cargo ship, 4,774 tons) sunk by SS at 23-00 S, 35-30 E. <u>Indian Ocean:</u> SS Jasper Park (British cargo ship, 7,129 tons) torp. and sunk at 32-52 S, 42-15 E.	<u>China:</u> Five B- 25's and 8 P-40's attack river shipping in Yochow area, scoring 2 hits on group of barges; same planes bomb Pailoki airdrome, hitting runway and revetments.	<u>Solomon Is.:</u> Early in the morning, Allied surface vessels engage Japanese naval force in Kula Gulf, sinking at least 9 of the enemy vessels: group of 4-5 enemy DD's is first attacked and all are sunk or left burning; 3-4 hostile CL's are next engaged and all are sunk or set on fire except 1 which is believed beached; later, 2 Allied DD's, engaged in rescuing survivors from the USS Helena, attack 3 enemy DD's attempting to leave Kula Gulf, sinking 2 of them and damaging the 3d; Allied losses con- fined to 1 CL, the USS Helena. Later in the day, an enemy DD beached near Bambari Harbor (SE Kolombangara) is attacked by 11 SBD's and 10 TBF's fol- lowed by 3 B-25's; fires and violent explosions result from several direct hits; 4 of 7 intercepting Zeros shot down by escorting F4F's. Five Zeros intercept Allied rcn plane near Kolombangara; 2 Zeros destroyed and another probably destroyed. Vila raided by 18 SBD's and 19 TBF's escorted by 16 F4F's; 28 tons of bombs dropped on AA positions, dumps, and camp areas. Eighteen TBF's and 17 SBD's attack Japanese positions at Enogai Inlet, near Bairoko Harbor, New Georgia I. Rendova attacked by 18 enemy bombers, 9 of which are destroyed. Fifteen B-24's drop 45 tons of bombs on Kahili air- drome at dusk, starting large fires; enemy fighters and intense AA fire op- pose attack; 2 B-24's missing. Ballale and Buka raided during evening by 9 and 7 U.S. heavy bombers, respectively; several large fires result at Ballale and 1 large one SE of Buka runway. <u>New Guinea:</u> Patrol clashes continue in Bobdubi area. Labu Lagoon bombed and strafed by 3 B-25's. Nine enemy bombers escorted by 4 fighters attack villages in Bena Bena area during morning. <u>In Dutch New Guinea,</u> 2 B-24's bomb airdrome at Babo, and 2 RAAF Hudsons attack enemy-held village in the Kaukenau area. <u>N.E.I.:</u> Penfoei airdrome and town of Koe pang, Timor, bombed during even- ing by 5 Dutch B-25's and 5 RAAF Hud- sons, respectively; explosions and fires result from both attacks. <u>Australia:</u> At noon, 27 hostile bombers escorted by 21 fighters attack Darwin area, destroying 1 B-24 on ground and damaging 3 others; 26 intercepting Spit- fires destroy 10 enemy bombers and 2 fighters and damage 3 bombers and 1 fighter; 7 Spitfires lost.	<u>North Africa:</u> Committee of National Liber- ation bans Jacques Doriot's pro-Nazi French Popular Party.	6

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7	West Atlantic: Axis U-boats at- tack Allied convoy en route to Trinidad at 04-05 S, 35-58 W sinking the following vessels: SS James Robertson (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons); SS Thomas Sinnickson (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons); SS William Boyce Thompson (U.S. tanker, 7,061 tons).		Russia: Soviets report artillery exchanges W of Rostov. Germans continue advance in Belgorod area but do not make any gains in Kursk-Orel sector. Moscow reports severe night attacks by Soviet Air Force on enemy concen- trations in Orel- Kursk-Belgorod front; enemy announces heavy raids on Soviet air- dromes and communications.	Sicily: Gerbini and satellite fields heavily bombed during day by total of 60 B-17's, 72 B-25's, and 77 B-26's with escort of 98 P-38's, which drop 275 tons of bombs; severe damage to runways, dispersal areas, buildings, and parked aircraft results; no enemy planes encountered. Gerbini satellite fields also attacked by 47 B-24's; haze hampers observation of results, but hits scored on runways and parked air- craft. RAF Wellingtons make night raid on Gerbini; fires and explosions result. Biscari attacked twice by formations of medium bombers; dispersal areas and buildings damaged and fires started. Twenty-four B-25's bomb Comiso air- drome; hits scored on hangars and S edge of field. Same target attacked at night by Wellingtons; airdrome well covered with bombs and fires started. Lucca airdrome attacked; bombs fall on landing ground. Twenty-four es- corted Baltimores bomb Milo airdrome; fires started, buildings and runways damaged; of intercepting Axis air- craft, 7 destroyed, 1 probably, and 1 damaged. Parked aircraft at Borizzo airdrome destroyed as result of raid by 12 Bostons with escort of P-40's; escort engages in aerial combat with Axis planes, destroying 6 ME-109's. Eight Mustangs make successful attack upon targets around Caltanissetta, while others attack enemy gun positions at Porto Empedocle, buildings at Mazara del Vallo, harbor of Sciacca, and buildings at Marsala. Catania and Augusta bombed during night by force of Wellingtons; many fires caused at latter target. B-25's make successful night raid on Sciacca, starting numerous fires.

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<u>Indian Ocean:</u> SS Leana (British cargo ship, 4,742 tons) sunk by SS at 26-00 S, 35-00 E.	<u>Burma:</u> RR yards at Shwebo and at 8 villages between Mandalay and Wuntho attacked by total of 17 B-25's; hits scored on buildings, rolling stock and tracks; large river boat near Mandalay bombed and left sinking. RAF attacks enemy monsoon camps in Arakan, oil fields at Yenangyaung, and shipping on the Irrawaddy R. <u>China:</u> Seven B-25's escorted by 22 P-40's drop 10 tons of bombs on 3 large motor vessels anchored at Whampoa Docks; weather prevents observation of results; attack intercepted by group of enemy fighters, of which 2 are destroyed and 4 probably destroyed.	<u>Solomon Is.:</u> Shortly after noon, F4U's intercept formation of enemy bombers escorted by 56 Zeros over Rendova, shooting down 10 Zeros and 5 bombers; 1 F4U missing. Rendova also raided earlier in the morning by an undetermined number of enemy aircraft; only 2 bombs dropped. U.S. patrols drive off 20 Japanese attempting to land on Dugiri I., NE of Rendova. On New Georgia I., Allied patrols are in contact with the enemy along the Barike R. and Munda trail. Force of 9 B-25's escorted by 11 P-38's and 9 P-40's bombs Vila, starting 5 fires. Enemy DD SE of Bougainville unsuccessfully attacked by 3 TBF's and 1 Hudson; the Hudson is missing. <u>New Britain:</u> Bivouac area at C. Gloucester bombed by 1 B-17. <u>New Guinea:</u> Allied planes, in direct support of ground operations, heavily raid enemy positions in the Mubo area, dropping over 100 tons of bombs; total of 44 B-25's, 10 B-24's, and 7 A-20's attack Bitoi R. valley, Kitchen Creek, and Observation Hill. Following the air attacks, Allied troops capture Observation Hill, 1 mi. W. of Mubo. In the Lae area, 3 B-25's strafe Labu Lagoon region at dawn. Japanese positions at Bobdubi, in the Salamaua area, strafed by 7 RAAF A-20's during afternoon. <u>Tanimbar Is.:</u> Airdrome on Selaru I. attacked during morning by 2 Dutch B-25's; fuel fire started and an AA position silenced.	<u>U.S.:</u> General Henri Honore Giraud arrives in Washington to confer with President Roosevelt and military leaders. <u>French Antilles:</u> Committee of National Liberation designates Brig. Gen. Henri-Paul Jacomy as commander of French Guiana and the Antilles. <u>Switzerland:</u> Swiss Government decrees the dissolution of the Rassemblement Federal and the Nationale Gemeinschaft Schaffhausen, political organizations with Nazi and Fascist tendencies. The newspapers of the organizations are suppressed. <u>French West Africa:</u> Committee of National Liberation dismisses General Jean Marie Bergeret from his post with the French air forces in West Africa. Bergeret was formerly in command of all French air forces under General Giraud. <u>China:</u> On the occasion of the seventh anniversary of the beginning of the Sino-Japanese war, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek calls upon the United Nations to strike at once against Japan.	7

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8	West Atlantic: Allied convoy en route from Trinidad to Capetown attacked by Axis SS's at 05-30 N, 50-00 W and 2 of the vessels sunk: SS Eldena (U.S. cargo ship, 8,900 tons) and SS B. P. Newton (Norwegian tanker, 10,324 tons).	Germany: Cologne attacked by 288 RAF bombers, night of 8/9; 1,037 tons of explosive dropped in 30 minutes, resulting in large fires and explosions; 7 planes fail to return.	Russia: Russians report artillery exchanges W of Rostov and repulse of fierce Nazi attacks in Orel-Kursk sector, claiming recapture of several strong points. In Belgorod area, Germans advance slightly; large tank battles are reported taking place. Aircraft of both sides continue to support action of ground troops and attack camps, communications, and supplies.	Sicily: Catania heavily bombed by B-24's in 2 waves which drop 125 tons of explosive; tracks, freight depot, station, warehouse, and oil storage tanks left blazing; hits observed in RR yards and in vicinity of telephone and telegraph buildings; of Axis aircraft encountered, 4 destroyed, 3 probably, and 1 damaged. Wellingtons bomb Catania airdrome at night, causing large explosion and fires. Force of P-38's strafes radar installations at same target. Total of 5 B-17's, 48 B-25's, and 48 B-26's with fighter escort bombs Gerbini airdrome and satellite fields, dropping 287 tons of bombs; runway, dispersal strips, and landing ground thoroughly covered with explosives. About 20 enemy planes attempt interception; 2 destroyed and 4 damaged. Gerbini attacked during night by RAF Wellingtons; fires and explosions result. Total of 94 light and medium bombers drop 111 tons of bombs on Biscari, Comiso, and Sciacca airdromes with good results; buildings and fields covered with explosive; some fires caused; large explosion observed at Sciacca. Some enemy opposition encountered; 3 Axis planes shot down, 1 probably, and 3 damaged. Milo airdrome bombed by 7 Bostons and 2 Baltimores; target area covered; runways severely damaged. RR and yards at Caltanissetta, sulphur refinery at Enna, and bivouac area at Agrigento attacked by total of 38 A-36's; others carry out offensive sweep over Licata and Porto Empedocle.

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<u>Indian Ocean:</u> SS Hydraios (Greek cargo ship, 4,476 tons) and SS Breiviken (Norwegian cargo ship, 2,669 tons) sunk by SS in Mozambique area.	<u>Burma:</u> British and Indian troops successfully raid Maungdaw, N of Akyab, capturing an MG post and occupying the village; at night, British withdraw as planned, after having killed 21 Japanese, captured some equipment, and gained information; British suffer light casualties. RR facilities at Thazi Junction and near the Mu R. raided by 7 B-25's and 9 B-25's, respectively; rolling stock and tracks destroyed at both targets. Two P-40's bomb and strafe supply dumps at Kamaing and Seton; large explosion followed by fire 800' high results from direct hit on dump at Seton; same planes strafe area surrounding Kamaing, destroying 8 buildings and starting 5 fires. RAF successfully attacks ground targets in the Akyab area and small shipping along coast from Ramree to Akyab. <u>Indo-China:</u> Thirty-four Allied heavy bombers and fighters attack Japanese shipping at Haiphong; photographs reveal 350 AK burning.	<u>Solomon Is.:</u> In the Bougainville area, 3 B-24's attack Kahili and 4 others raid Buin and Poporang. Bivouac areas and dumps at Vila bombed by 12 SBD's and 16 TBF's escorted by 16 F4U's. <u>New Guinea:</u> Total of 34 B-25's and 6 A-20's bomb enemy positions in the Salamaua area, including Kela Pt., Malolo Village, and trails in the Logui area; approximately 50 tons of bombs dropped and buildings are set on fire. In the Mubo area, Japanese positions are attacked by 20 B-25's. B-24 on rcn drops 6 500-lb. bombs on Finschhafen. Four P-38's intercept force of 10 enemy fighters over Bena Bena area, destroying 2 of the enemy planes. <u>N.E.I.: Timor:</u> Penfoei airdrome at Koepong attacked during early morning by 7 RAAF Hudsons followed by 6 B-24's; large fires started in hangar and barracks areas and among grounded planes; 14 enemy fighters attempt to intercept the B-24's; 3 enemy fighters shot down and 2 probably destroyed.	<u>U.S.:</u> Congress recesses until September 14. This is the longest recess since 1938. <u>Spain:</u> It is learned that the 6 members of the Falange Council who signed the recent petition for restoration of the monarchy have been removed by Generalissimo Francisco Franco.	8

1943 July	NORTH AND LATIN AMERICAN THEATERS	Western Europe	EUROPEAN THEATER Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
9	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Japanese positions in the Gertrude Cove area, Kiska, bombarded by a U.S. DD from 0140 to 0325 W; enemy returns fire from SW side of Bukhti Pt. <u>West Atlantic:</u> SS Scandinavia (Swedish cargo ship, 1,641 tons) sunk by SS at 08-21 N, 48-30 W.	<u>Germany:</u> Force of 422 RAF bombers drops 1,304 tons of bombs on Gelsenkirchen through heavy cloud; fires and explosions result but accurate observation of damage impossible because of weather; no enemy planes oppose attack but moderate to intense AA fire encountered; 10 bombers missing. <u>France:</u> Twelve escorted B-25's bomb St. Omer, destroying 1 Axis fighter. <u>England:</u> Ten enemy bombers operate over SE England inflicting considerable damage at Croydon and East Grinstead and slight damage at Hastings and Orpington; 2 DO-217's shot down. <u>North Atlantic:</u> SS Mistletoe (French cargo ship, 97 tons) sunk by enemy aircraft at 64-15 N, 15-13 W.	<u>Russia:</u> German forces driving N from Belgorod toward Kursk make some progress; heavy armor and artillery battles continue along entire Kursk front; enemy push from Orel S fails to gain. Both sides continue to hurl strong air formations into the battle in support of ground operations.	<u>Sicily:</u> Shortly before midnight, 220 C-47's and 137 aircraft towing 137 gliders drop parachute troops NW of Cape Murro di Parco, NW of Syracuse, and between Licata and Gela; majority land within mile of selected spots. Landing of airborne forces preceded by tremendous aerial offensive, carried out by all types of Allied planes. About 50 B-24's drop 235 tons of explosive on Comiso airdrome, damaging dispersal areas and workshops; hangars explode and many grounded aircraft are set on fire. Formations of B-25's with fighter escort hit runway and oil dump at Gerbini, causing explosion and fire. Axis Hq at Taormina bombed by 18 B-24's; San Domenico Hotel, in which Hq was housed, and the post office, where communication facilities were concentrated, reported demolished; huge fires observed. Fifty-one B-17's escorted by P-38's bomb Biscari airdrome, inflicting severe damage. Same target attacked by 24 B-25's, which cover runways and dispersal areas with bombs. Sciacca and Milo airdromes attacked by nearly 60 Bostons and Baltimores, which damage runways and buildings; about 60 Axis fighters encountered; 11 shot down, 7 probably, and 5 damaged for loss of 4 Allied bombers. Caltanissetta and Caltagirone bombed by 42 B-25's and 27 B-26's, respectively; RR installations damaged; explosions and fires caused at first target. Piazza Armerina and Palazzola attacked by total of 47 B-26's with satisfactory results. Radar and RR installations at Noto strafed by P-38's. RAF Wellingtons make night raid on seaplane base at Syracuse and targets throughout Syracuse isthmus. Fires and explosions at Catania result from night attack by Wellingtons. Total of 43 B-25's, 31 A-20's, and 8 Baltimores make successful night raids on Sciacca and Milo airdromes, Niscemi and Canicatti towns, and lines of communications at Caltagirone and Palazzola. Ponte Olivo, Castelvetro, and Biscari airdromes bombed by those planes unable to locate primary targets. Crete: Maleme airdrome bombed by 25 B-24's, which drop 63 tons of explosive; repair sheds severely damaged; runways and grounded aircraft hit. Of enemy planes encountered, 5 destroyed, 1 probably, and 5 damaged.

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<u>East Atlantic:</u> Allied convoy from Freetown to Takoradi attacked by enemy SS's; SS Manchester Citizen (British cargo ship, 5,343 tons) and SS De La Salle (French cargo ship, 8,400 tons) sunk at 05-50 N, 02-22 E.	<u>Burma: Mu R.</u> bridge twice attacked by U.S. planes: during 1st attack, 9 B-25's score hits and near misses on the bridge, sink a river steamer, and damage several other vessels; 3 B-25's carry out 2d attack, dropping a few bombs with unobserved results. Three B-25's bomb Myitnge bridge, while 3 others raid RR yards at Sagaing, possibly damaging tracks. Sagun, Sumprabum, and Kamaing attacked by total of 18 P-40's; warehouses set on fire at Sagun and 6 buildings destroyed at Kamaing; 2 P-40's slightly damaged by AA fire. Fourteen RAF planes successfully bomb and strafe Maungdaw, while 5 Blenheims bomb Taungup road; 1 Blenheim lost.	<u>Solomon Is.:</u> Allied forces launch coordinated land, air, and sea attacks on Japanese positions on New Georgia. I. During early morning hours, 4 U.S. DD's bombard enemy positions at Munda; after daybreak, 52 TBF's and 36 SBD's covered by F4F's drop 70 tons of bombs on the same area; attacking Allied ground forces reduce Japanese strongpoint at intersection of Munda trail and Barike R., while artillery fire from Rendova I. destroys many hostile AA positions in the Munda area. Meanwhile, 18 SBD's covered by F4F's bomb the Enogai area, in vicinity of Bairoko Harbor, and subsequent infantry attacks secure Enogai Inlet to Leland Lagoon. A road block is established across the Munda-Bairoko trail and 2 groups of Japanese from Bairoko are turned back. Patrol activities continue at Viru. Allied fighters intercept approximately 45 Zeros over Rendova, destroying 4 of them; 1 F4F missing. At night, PBV sights and unsuccessfully attacks Japanese naval force of 4 CL's and 4 DD's E of Buin. <u>New Guinea:</u> In the Salamaua area, patrol clashes continue in the Bobdubi and Orodubi areas. Eight B-25's bomb and strafe enemy positions on Bobdubi Ridge and villages 3-4 mi. NW of Salamaua. Three enemy planes unsuccessfully attack Nassau Bay area during morning. Keaukwa (near Timoeke, Dutch New Guinea) attacked by 2 RAAF Hudsons. <u>N.E.I.:</u> Timor: Two Dutch B-25's bomb Dilli airdrome before dawn, and 5 others attack C. Chater runway.	9	1943 July

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		Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
10	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> On Attu, 4 more Japanese are captured in the Holtz Pass-Massacre Bay area. Four enemy AK's sighted by PBV approximately 300 mi. SW of Attu; during subsequent attacks on the vessels by 2 PBV's, 6 B-25's, and 7 B-24's, 1 vessel is sunk, another severely damaged and believed sunk, and the remaining vessels hit; intense fire from automatic weapons considerably damages attacking planes, but all return.	<u>France:</u> Force of 223 escorted B-17's dispatched to attack targets in N France, but heavy cloud conditions prevent; 31 of the bombers drop 74 tons on Caen airdrome with concentration on administration and barracks buildings; slight to moderate AA fire and strong fighter opposition encountered; total of 41 Axis planes shot down, 15 probably, and 13 damaged. Abbeville bombed by 64 B-17's with fair results; 20 bombers damaged by AA fire. St. Omer bombed by escorted Venturas, and Maupertius airfield, by escorted Typhoons bombers; 3 bombers missing. <u>North Sea:</u> Four Beaufighters attack 2,000-ton enemy ship off Norway, setting it on fire.	<u>Russia:</u> Soviets claim repulse of Nazi attacks in Orel-Kursk sector and immobilization of enemy forces in Belgorod area. Artillery exchanges on Volkhov front reported by Moscow. Enemy light naval forces make surprise attack on Achuyev on Sea of Azov, reporting that 3 coastal vessels are sunk and 3 badly damaged. Night of 10/11, Soviet planes make heavy attack on the RR junction at Belgorod, starting numerous large fires among concentrations of Nazi trains; several explosions observed.	<u>Sicily:</u> Allied invasion forces, with constant naval and air support, land on coast of Sicily at points from just S of Syracuse to area W of Licata. Thirteenth Corps of British 8th Army secures beachheads in Avola area, captures Avola, and pushes inland toward Noto and N toward Syracuse which is occupied during night; 30th Corps (which includes a Canadian division) lands at points on Pachino peninsula, occupies Pachino landing ground, and advances inland. Forty-fifth Div of U.S. 7th Army lands at points around Scoglitti, 1st Div at Gela, and 3d Div in Licata area; all 3 towns are occupied and troops push inland and along coast. Allied warships bombard shore targets throughout day; enemy aircraft sink U.S. DD, Maddox, and during night, British hospital ship, Halamba. Allied fighter planes form solid umbrella over landing operations and support ground forces throughout day: all types of bombers and fighters continue the tremendous air assault on Axis defenses and airdromes throughout Sicily. Twenty-eight B-24's drop nearly 74 tons of bombs on Catania RR yards, inflicting severe damage. RAF Liberators and Halifaxes bomb targets at Avola, Noto, and San Paolo; buildings damaged, AA position silenced, and numerous fires started. A Gerbini satellite field is bombed by 78 B-17's with good results; Sciacca and Milo airdromes attacked by total of 71 B-25's; grounded aircraft at former destroyed and target area covered; runways, aircraft damaged and hangars blown up at latter. Sciacca-Agrigento and Caltanissetta-Enna roads bombed and severely damaged. Town, barracks area, and RR station at Palazzolo covered with bombs by escorted B-25's. Sciacca and Milo bombed in night raid by 44 B-25's, 14 Baltimores, and 14 A-20's; 5 B-25's attack Trapani. Formations of A-36's, P-38's, P-40's, and Spitfires bomb transportation and communication systems throughout the island. <u>Italy:</u> Vibo Valentia airdrome bombed by 21 B-24's, which set hangars and dispersed aircraft on fire and damage field.

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Indian Ocean: SS Mary Livanos (Greek cargo ship, 4,771 tons) torp. and sunk at 15-40 S, 40-00 E. SS Alice F. Palmer (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons) sunk by SS at 27-00 S, 43-00 E.	Kurile Is.: Paramushiro bombed for the first time: 8 B- 25's from Attu at- tack the island at 1045 W, dropping 32 500-lb. bombs through solid over- cast; no AA or fighter opposition encountered. Burma: Eight P- 40's bomb Sumprabum, de- stroying 3 large buildings; 6 others bomb and heavily strafe Maungkan and Tamanthi, starting a large fire at the latter. RAF successfully raids targets in the Akyab area. Indo-China: Two waves of B-24's at- tack Haiphong area: during the morning, 9 B-24's escorted by 8 P-40's bomb shipping, docks, and industrial targets, scoring near misses on a 400' vessel in the river and direct hits on a factory, smelter, and in warehouse area; 2d wave, con- sisting of 6 B-24's, attacks during after- noon, scoring 2 hits on a large ship; same flight bombs RR yards at Hongay (NE of Haiphong), scoring 4 hits.	Solomon Is.: Japanese naval forces at- tacked E. of Buin night of 9/10, is unsuc- cessfully attacked in Kula Gulf by PBV at 0140 L; 4 PB4Y's attack the vessels between 0245 and 0355 L, claiming 2 hits. One PB4Y, failing to locate the enemy ships, bombs Vila. Five B-25's bomb and strafe Japanese DD beached on SE Kolombangara, while 3 others strafe Buri, Gonongga I. Formation of 48 TBF's and 38 SBD's attacks Munda, dropping 67 tons of bombs on AA posi- tions, bivouac areas, and dumps. Night raid on Kahili by 16 B-24's results in explosion and several fires; 3 hostile planes exchange fire with B-24's without effect; 1 B-24 missing from operational causes. New Guinea: U.S. forces from Nassau Bay area effect junction with Australian troops at Buigap Creek at dusk, thus cutting Japanese communications between Mubo and Salamaua. Japanese contacted at S shore of Lake Salus (N of Bitoi R.). Total of 36 B-25's, 1 B-24, and 6 RAAF A-20's attack enemy positions in Salamaua area, including Malolo, Kela Pt., Salamaua Isthmus, Logui, and Komiutum; buildings damaged and fires started. Two RAAF Beaufighters strafe Japanese troops engaged in bridge con- struction near Bogadjim. Four loaded enemy barges heading for Lae sunk by Allied patrol craft. Four B-24's bomb Babo, Dutch New Guinea, starting large fires among buildings; of 10 enemy fighters attempt- ing interception, 4 are destroyed, 1 probably destroyed, and 1 damaged; 1 B-24 lost. Another B-24 fails to reach target and is missing. N.E.I.: Ceram: Two B-24's bomb Boela, starting large oil fires.	Italy: Presi- dent Roosevelt sends message to Pope Pius XII saying that "churches and religious institutions will, to the extent that is within our power, be spared the devastations of war." France-Mexico: Mexico recognizes the French Com- mittee of National Liberation.	10

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		Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
11	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Early in the morning, a U.S. DD bombards Kiska targets, concentrating on Gert-rude Cove area and Little Kiska; Japanese do not return fire. Two missions, comprising 6 B-24's and 6 B-25's, led by B-34's, attack Kiska, dropping about 30 tons of bombs on North Head and the main camp; weather obscures results; light AA fire encountered by 1 of the missions.	...	<u>Russia:</u> Russians report unsuccessful enemy fighting rcn NE of Novorossisk and repulse of fierce Nazi attacks S of Orel. Germans claim encirclement and annihilation of Soviet forces N of Belgorod.	<u>Sicily:</u> British units moving inland capture Noto and turn N. Canadian forces push NW, capture Ispica and Rosolini, and advance toward Modica. Pozzallo, on the coast, surrenders to the commander of an Allied DD. Beach-heads to the W are firmly secured, but U.S. troops advancing NE from Gela meet heavy, but unsuccessful, Axis tank attack. Forty-fifth Div advances inland, capturing Vittoria; some units then drive toward Comiso, others toward Gela. Catania bombed by 75 B-17's, which damage warehouse, repair buildings, and oil storage; large fires and explosions result. Attack opposed by 32 Axis planes, of which 7 are shot down; severe AA fire damages 23 B-17's. Thirty-nine escorted B-25's carry out successful raid on Caltanissetta; 36 B-25's with P-38 escort damage runways, dispersal areas, and aircraft at Sciacca airdrome; intense AA fire damages 21 bombers. Hangars, runways, and barracks at Milo airdrome sustain severe damage as result of attack by 27 B-26's escorted by 48 P-40's. B-26's also bomb Borizzo airdrome, starting a large fire; same target attacked in night raid by 50 B-25's and 5 A-20's with good results. Gerbini satellite airdromes bombed by 47 B-26's; of 23 intercepting aircraft, 3 destroyed, 4 probably, and 1 damaged. Airdromes in W Sicily bombed during night by force of 30 Wellingtons; fires started at Trapani, factory buildings damaged at Mazara del Vallo, and fires and explosions caused at Marsala. Eight Bostons make successful night attack on Castelvetro airdrome. Fighter planes and light bombers make many sorties against enemy communications and transport throughout the island: 130 Mustangs attack MT, bridges, and trains in SE Sicily, inflicting severe damage; 98 bomb-carrying P-38's attack barracks at Vizzini, power station at Cataldo, RR cars at Caltanissetta, and RR locomotives at Leonforte; trucks at Caltagirone and Mazzarino destroyed, radar installations at Patagonia bombed. Fighter aircraft from Malta, Pantelleria, and North Africa make 926 sorties covering our shipping and troops. <u>Italy:</u> Approximately 70 B-24's drop 237 tons of bombs on Reggio di Calabria and Vibo Valentia airdromes, damaging hangars, buildings, dispersal areas, and enemy planes; large fires result; of Axis planes attempting to intercept, 2 destroyed and 2 damaged. RAF Liberators and Halifaxes bomb same target

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Mozambique Channel: SS Robert Bacon (U.S. cargo ship, 7,191 tons) torp. and sunk at 15-25 S, 41-13 E.	Burma: P-40's make repeated attacks on Japanese concentrations and supply centers: 2 flights bomb and strafe Sumprabum, destroying several buildings, including one, the largest in town, which is believed to be the enemy Hq; another flight destroys RR bridge at Loilaw, S of Mogaung; other places successfully attacked are Nanyaseik, Mogaung, Sagun, Ningam, Taro, Tagahku, and Ningbyen. RAF attacks targets in Mayu and Akyab areas. Indo-China: Shipping in the Haiphong area attacked by 6 B-24's, which sink an AO, damage a CM and an AK, score direct hit on an AP and near misses on other vessels. Two flights of 2 P-40's each strafe targets in vicinity of Laokay, including mine SW of the town, where 2 storage houses, believed to contain oil, are set on fire.	Solomon Is.: On New Georgia I., Allied troops continue to advance on Munda, reaching point about 2,000 yards W of Barike R., while others move toward Enogai Pt. Munda heavily attacked by 35 TBF's and 34 SBD's; 52 tons of bombs dropped on AA positions and bivouac areas. At night, U.S. surface vessels bombard Munda. Hostile floatplanes strafe Enogai area during the evening. During air engagements over Rendova, enemy loses 2 medium bombers, 6 Zeros, and 1 twin-engined fighter; 5 F4U's and 1 P-39 missing. Formation of 9 B-17's and 9 B-24's attacks Kahili airdrome, starting 3 fires. Guadalcanal has 3 alerts, night of 11/12, during 2 of which enemy planes drop bombs in Koli Pt. area. New Britain: Vunakanau and Rapopo airdromes heavily bombed during early morning by total of 7 B-24's and 10 B-17's; many fires started, including 1 large explosive fire; 1 B-17 crashes on return. At midnight 11/12, B-24 on rcn bombs Rapopo airdrome. New Guinea: Encircling movements continued against enemy forces in the Mubo-Orodubi-Bobdubi areas. Thirty-two B-25's covered by 20 fighters drop over 40 tons of bombs on Japanese positions on Bobdubi Ridge and strafe the area, in support of ground forces; 5 intercepting enemy fighters shot down and 2 probably destroyed; 2 of our fighters missing. Total of 16 A-20's and 29 B-25's bomb and strafe targets in Salamaua area, including the airdrome, villages, and positions along Francisco R. from Logui to Kennedy's Crossing; fuel fire started and Salamaua radio station set on fire. During the morning, single enemy bombers twice attack our positions in Mubo area, while other Japanese bombers attack Nassau Bay. N.E.I.: Penfoei airdrome, Timor, is target for 6 Dutch B-25's, which start fires. During evening, Catalina strafes 8 enemy floatplanes and 2 flying boats at Taberfane, Aroe Is.; 3 floatplanes and 1 flying boat hit.	Spain: Labor Minister Jose Antonio Giron, speaking at Manresa, opposes a return of the Spanish Monarchy.	11

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12	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> On Attu, 4 Japanese are encountered in the C. Khlebnikof area, but they escape. <u>West Atlantic:</u> SS African Star (U.S. cargo ship, 6,507 tons) sunk by SS at 25-46 S, 40-35 W.	France: Spitfires, Bostons, and Mustangs make daylight raids on transport and industrial targets in N France; 10 locomotives, several barges, and a minesweeper damaged. England: About 20 Axis planes operate over E coast and 5 over Kent, night of 12/13; considerable property damage results at Grimsby and Cleethorpe.	Russia: Fierce fighting continues in Belgorod area; enemy claims gains despite strong Soviet counterattacks. Moscow reports weaker Nazi attacks S of Orel and claim that these are frustrated. Germans report violent, but unsuccessful, Russian relief attacks E and N of Orel.	(Cont'd) during night, dropping 58 tons of explosive; many small fires started at former; hangars at latter damaged. Montecorvino and Ravella airdromes bombed by 25 Wellingtons, night of 11/12; runways, hangars, and aircraft damaged; fires and explosions result. <u>Sicily:</u> Forces of 13th Corps move up coast toward Augusta, reaching Priolo area; other units advance N from Noto and occupy Floridaia. Twenty-third Armd Brig, which has been moving N from Pachino area, reaches Palazzolo. Canadian troops capture Modica; U.S. forces capture Comiso and advance toward Ragusa where they join Canadians and seize the town. First Div enlarges Gela beachhead to point just S of Niscemi, capturing Ponte Olivo airdrome. Forces of 3d Div advance on Licata-Canicatti road; Campobello occupied; some units push E toward Riesi. Troops moving parallel to coast seize Palma di Montechiaro and farther inland, Naro. Allied planes continue to pound Axis defenses and communications throughout Sicily. Seventy-three B-17's bomb RR installations at Messina, dropping 219 tons of explosive; RR bridges believed destroyed; fires and explosions caused. Gerbini satellite airfields bombed by 72 B-25's, which damage runways, dispersal areas, and aircraft; 12 Axis planes oppose attack; 2 of these shot down, 1 probably. Agrigento and Canicatti attacked by 24 escorted B-26's each; RR yards, barracks areas, and power station at former damaged; RR yards and cars at latter damaged and oil dump blown up. Milo airdrome effectively attacked by 12 escorted A-20's. Borizzo airdrome also bombed; fires and explosions result. Total of 132 P-38's with bombs carry out offensive sweeps over Sicily, bombing and strafing truck convoys at Valledlunga, San Caterina, Raffadali, Enna, Caltanissetta, and Casteltermini; installations at Agrigento also attacked. Mustangs bomb and strafe RR yards at Ninfa, Termini, and Imeresepribera. Total of 53 B-25's and A-30's make night attack on Termini; fires started in town and in harbor area; direct hit scored on merchant ship. During

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	Burma: Five P-40's covered by 2 others bomb and strafe Nanyaseik; all important buildings and installations are destroyed as result of this and earlier attacks. Ywataung RR yards bombed by force of 6 B-24's, but clouds prevent observation of results. Indo-China: Continuing attacks against enemy shipping in the Haiphong-Hongay area, 3 B-24's set an AK on fire, blow up another, and sink a seaplane on the water; same planes hit power plant, warehouses, and RR yards at Hongay. A half hour later, 4 B-24's attack the same area, hitting a 300' vessel and starting fires in RR yards, shops, and coal dumps. Arabian Sea: SS Rahmani (British cargo ship, 5,463 tons) sunk by SS at 14-52 N, 52-06 E.	Solomon Is.: Japanese garrison at Enogai Inlet destroyed by Allied northern force on New Georgia I.; during the advance on the Inlet, 150 Japanese killed, many others wounded, and considerable equipment captured. Allied southern force now about a mile from Lambeti beach, with 2 Bns moving S to secure Lambeti Pt. Bivouac area at Munda bombed by 49 TBF's and 37 SBD's covered by fighters; Allied fighters intercept force of 20 Zeros in the Munda area, destroying 5 of them; 1 Allied fighter lost. Vila attacked during morning by 10 B-25's. At night, 2 B-24's bomb Vila, while 17 other B-24's attack Ballale; 5 fires started at the latter. B-24 unsuccessfully attacks enemy DD and AK 100 mi. NE of Buka Passage. New Britain: Total of 13 B-24's bomb Lakunai and Rapopo airdromes and town of Rabaul during early morning, causing explosions and many large fires in town and airdromes; another B-24 fails to reach target and is reported missing. B-17 on rcn bombs Garove I., Witu Is. New Guinea: Allied troops advancing on Mubo capture 4 enemy strongpoints. Four enemy planes dive-bomb Allied positions on Lae-Salamaua track during the morning. Keaukwa Village, Dutch New Guinea, bombed at noon by 2 RAAF Hudsons. N.E.I.: Two Dutch B-25's bomb and strafe airfield on Selaru I., Tanimbar Is. Single RAAF Catalina bombs Dobo, Aroe Is., while 2 others raid Langgoer airdrome, Kei Is.	Canada: Finance Minister J. L. Ilsey presents a post-war currency plan to House of Commons. The plan is designed to facilitate international trade. French West Africa: Pierre Charles Cournarie, the new Governor General of French West Africa, arrives at Dakar and immediately takes office.	12

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				(Cont'd) night, 21 Wellingtons bomb Caltanissetta, 15, Gerbini, and 25, Enna; target areas well covered; several fires and explosions caused at Enna. Italy: Reggio di Calabria and San Giovanni bombed by total of 102 B-24's, which drop about 325 tons of explosive on ferry terminals and RR installations; targets covered and severe damage inflicted on tracks, terminals, station, and moles; gasoline and ammunition dumps at former hit and large fires caused. Ten Halifaxes and Liberators drop 33 tons on Vibo Valentia and Reggio di Calabria airdromes; hangars, administration buildings, and ammunition storage hit; no enemy planes or AA fire encountered. Turin bombed during night by 256 Lancasters based in England; 734 tons of explosive and over 200 tons of incendiaries dropped, setting entire target area ablaze; 13 bombers fail to return. Mediterranean: SS Robert Rowan (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons), SS Ocean Peace (British cargo ship, 7,173 tons), and SS Baarn (Dutch cargo ship, 5,621 tons) sunk by aircraft off Sicily.
13	...	Germany: Aachen is target for successful night raid by 374 RAF bombers which drop 812 tons of explosive; 300 acres in the city devastated and 27 factories destroyed or damaged; 20 bombers fail to return. England: Night of 13/14, 28 enemy planes raid Humber area; several fires caused; 3 of attacking planes shot down.	Russia: Strong Soviet counter-attacks in Belgorod area render enemy advance slow and costly; Moscow reports cessation of large-scale Nazi attacks in Kursk-Orel area. Red Army troops continue strong attacks N and E of Orel in what appears to be a counteroffensive. Luftwaffe continues to support German ground operations. Soviet aircraft make night raid on Orel, causing large fire in central part of RR junction; several explosions result.	Sicily: British 17th Brig enters Augusta before dawn; other troops of 13th Corps, advancing N on Syracuse-Catania road, occupy Melilli. Fiftieth Inf Div reaches point just S of Sortino. Units of 30th Corps move in 2 columns, on Vizzini and Scordia; Vizzini, on Syracuse-Enna road, occupied by evening. Canadian troops NE of Ragusa reach Bafarana and Giarratana; patrols then move toward Chiaramonte and Monterosso. U.S. troops advancing from Vittoria occupy Biscari airfield; forces in Gela sector capture Niscemi. Farther W, Riesi and Canicatti captured by American forces. Night of 13/14, paratroop brig lands near bridge over Simeto R., exit from high ground into Catania plain, to seize and hold the crossing until arrival of 13th Corps. Catania bombed by 37 B-17's, which score hits on runway and leave hangars and workshops burning; bursts observed among 60-70 parked aircraft. Attack opposed by 6 enemy planes, of which 3 are destroyed and 1 probably. Thirty-seven more B-17's bomb Milo airdrome with good results; intense, accurate AA fire encountered and 15 Allied planes damaged; 8 Axis aircraft intercept, of which 1 is probably shot down. Strong force of B-25's with

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	 <u>Burma:</u> RR in- stallations at Myingyan bombed by 4 B-24's, which score hits near tracks and probable hits on warehouse and station; large explosion results near station.	<u>Solomon Is.:</u> Despite stiffening enemy resistance, Allied troops capture 2 en- emy strongpoints in Munda area; at night, units of our forces reach Lilio (2 mi. SE of Munda). Supporting ground forces, 18 TBF's and 28 SBD's carry out another heavy raid on Munda, start- ing a large fire. Force of 18 enemy dive bombers escorted by 10 fighters inter- cepted over New Georgia I. by 8 F4U's and 7 P-38's; bombers are forced to jettison their bombs and 4 Zeros are shot down for loss of 1 Allied fighter. During early morning, Allied surface force of 3 CL's and 10 DD's engages 10 Japanese vessels N of Kolombangara, sinking 1 CL and 3 DD's and probably sinking 2 other DD's; 4 Allied vessels sustain some damage from torpedoes and 1, the USS Gwinn (DD), sinks while under tow. Three enemy barges, each carrying 60 men, destroyed off NE coast of Vangunu I. by Allied ground units. Kahili attacked at night by 9 B-24's and 8 B- 17's, while 9 B-24's and 1 B-17 raid Ballale; fires started at both targets. Buka airdrome raided about the same time by force of 9 B-24's. <u>New Guinea:</u> Mubo area cleared of all enemy resistance; of 1,250 Japanese en- countered, only 300 are believed to have	<u>French Antilles:</u> 13 U.S. State Depart- ment announces that Admiral Georges Robert has resigned his post of high commissioner of the French Antilles and that Henri-Etienne Hoppenot will assume his office. U.S. will renew relations with the French Antilles and re- sume food ship- ments to the islands.	

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				(Cont'd) P-38 escort attacks communications center of Enna; RR installations damaged and fires visible for 50 mi. started. Light and fighter bombers pound Axis targets throughout day: P-38's with bombs make 118 sorties against Randazzo, Enna, and targets of opportunity, destroying MT and RR cars; Mustangs make 154 sorties against RR yards and towns of Termini, Corleone, Leonforte, and Castelvetro, strafe MT and RR installations at Enna, Leonforte, Valledlunga, and Caltanissetta; about 60 vehicles destroyed and 30 damaged. Malta-based fighters make 897 sorties covering troops, beaches, and shipping. Thirty-one Wellingtons make night attack on Palermo, damaging RR yards, station, and bridge. Messina bombed during night by 45 Wellingtons; docks, RR yards, customs house, and warehouse hit. <u>Italy:</u> Vibo Valentia airdrome bombed during daylight by 22 B-24's; hangars and administration buildings seriously damaged, munitions stores blown up, and large oil fires started; about 8 grounded Axis aircraft left burning. Total of 51 B-24's, in 2 waves, drop 114 tons of bombs on Crotone airdrome; oil fires and large explosions caused; runways and dispersal areas hit and many parked aircraft set on fire. Vibo Valentia and Reggio di Calabria airdromes also attacked by 8 bombers; many small fires started. <u>Mediterranean:</u> Six Beaufighters attack Axis convoy of 2 merchant ships and 2 escort vessels 60 mi. NNE of Palermo; merchant ship blown up and escort strafed and left smoking. SS Timothy Pickering (U.S. cargo ship, 7,181 tons) sunk by Axis aircraft off Sicily.
14	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> U.S. DD bombards Gertrude Cove area of Kiska during early morning; no return fire received. <u>Caribbean:</u> British schooner, Harvard, (114 tons) sunk by SS at 10-05 N, 60-20 W.	<u>France:</u> Airplane repair depot at Villacoublay is target for 240 tons of bombs dropped by 116 B-17's; hangars and workshops damaged; moderate AA fire and strong fighter opposition encountered. Simultaneously, 84 B-17's attack Le Bourget airdrome at Paris, severely damaging workshops, hangars,	<u>Russia:</u> Russians counterattacks in Belgorod area check Nazi advance, although Germans claim Soviets are repulsed. Red Army continues attacks in Orel sector; Germans report successful counterattacks. Night of 14/15, Soviet aircraft bomb Orel, causing many fires and explosions; other planes attack Bolkhov, blowing up 2 ammunition dumps.	<u>Sicily:</u> Axis counterattacks at Augusta cuts off 17th Brig which is established in the town; by noon, British troops succeed in driving back the enemy and re-establishing contact with the units which had been cut off. Paratroops at Primosole Bridge hold their positions until dark, when they are forced to withdraw to high ground to the S. Troops advancing from Vizzini repulse counterattack by 20-30 German tanks S of Grammichele. U.S. 1st Div makes steady gains and captures Butera and Mazzarino, establishing line from area SW of Caltagirone, W to point N of Mazzarino. RR and port facilities of Messina sustain extensive damage as result of raids by Allied planes in which over 500 tons of bombs are dropped. 96 B-17's

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		(Cont'd) escaped. Salamaua town and airdrome bombed and strafed by 46 B-25's, which hit AA positions and buildings; 1 B-25 lands in water. Seven B-17's and 5 B-24's attack Lae town and airdrome; hits in revetment areas cause 1 large and several smaller fires. B-24 on rcn attacks 3 loaded Japanese barges in Saidor area, setting 2 of them on fire. Bena Bena area bombed and strafed during the morning by 17 enemy bombers and 15 fighters.		
.. .. .	Burma: Nine B-25's, attacking Meiktila and Myingyan, hit barracks, storage area, and RR sidings at the former and RR yards, tracks, and warehouse area at Myingyan. Seven Blenheims bomb Japanese-held village on upper Chindwin. Indian Ocean: SS Samuel Heintzelman (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons), traveling from Savannah	Solomon Is.: Additional Allied troops land on New Georgia I. in vicinity of Lilio; advance on Munda continues against strong enemy resistance; at night, Japanese counterattack is repulsed by our troops and artillery; at least 4 enemy guns destroyed by artillery. Two enemy planes ineffectively bomb Enogai and Rice Anchorage areas. Seven B-25's covered by 18 P-40's attack 2 large enemy barges in Hunda Cove, Kolombangara I., setting 1 on fire; 1 P-40 is forced down off N New Georgia. A 2d enemy barge is sunk in Hunda Cove by formation of 9 B-25's and 14 P-40's; same force attacks AK in Beagle Channel, off Vella, and sinks it. New Guinea: Seven A-20's, supporting ground forces, bomb and strafe enemy	France: Bastille Day celebrations, banned in France by Vichy police, occur in other countries throughout the world. Poland: President Wladyslaw Raczkiewicz announces in London a new Polish Government in which Stanislaw Mikolajczyk retains his post of premier. It is believed that the new Foreign	14

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		(Cont'd) and landing ground; moderate AA fire and intense fighter opposition encountered. Diversionary attack is carried out by 53 B-17's, which drop 63 tons of bombs on Amiens/Glisy airdrome with good results; moderate AA fire and mediocre fighter opposition encountered. Spitfires and P-47's provide escort for the attacks; total of 65 Axis planes destroyed in combat, 34 probably and 50 damaged; 9 Allied bombers and 4 fighters lost. Abbeville and Tricqueville airfields attacked by escorted Boston and Typhoon bombers; 3 FW-190's destroyed. Germany: Night of 14/15, 8 Mosquitos operate over Berlin.		(Cont'd) damage marshalling yards, ferry slips, oil storage area, buildings, and viaduct; 83 B-25's and B-26's score hits on barracks and oil storage; 74 B-24's, in 3 flights, cause large explosion in RR yards and station, fires among oil storage installations, and damage harbor; 12 Liberators and Halifaxes start numerous small fires. Heavy, intense AA fire and Axis planes oppose these attacks; total of 5 Allied planes lost and 40 damaged. Total of 60 B-25's and B-26's with fighter escort bomb Enna, damaging town and road junctions; many fires result. Force of 19 bombers also attacks Enna, causing numerous fires. Palermo attacked by 24 planes; smoke and haze prevent observation of results. Night of 14/15, same target bombed by 48 B-25's; hits scored in city and dock areas, resulting in fires and explosions. Corleone, Villarmosa, Caltanissetta, Vallelunga, and Leonforte areas attacked by total of 143 Mustangs; 60 P-38's, on sweep over Sicily, attack docks and seaplanes at Milazzo, buildings and barges at Scalleta, trucks at San Dominica, and RR yards at Bronte; 12 P-38's with bombs attack RR junction at Valguarnera, bridge and MT at Randazzo, and MT at Villarmosa. Italy: Forty-five Wellingtons make night raid on Naples, causing large fires in town and among docks; Capodichino and Pomigliano airdromes bombed by 32 more Wellingtons; grounded aircraft left burning; fires and explosions among installations caused.
15	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Gertrude Cove area at Kiska again bombarded during early morning by a U.S. DD; fire is not returned. Total of 7 B-24's and 14 B-25's participate in 4 attacks on Kiska, dropping 32 tons of bombs on Gertrude Cove and North Head; hits scored in both target areas and fires started near AA batteries at Gertrude Cove; AA fire damages 1 B-25.	<u>France:</u> Montbelliard motor vehicle works are target for successful night raid by 165 RAF bombers; bombing well concentrated; 5 Halifaxes fail to return. Poix and Abbeville airfields attacked during daylight by escorted Boston and Typhoon bombers; many Axis fighters encountered, 7 of which are shot down. England: Eight Axis bombers attack targets in Essex and Kent.	<u>Russia:</u> Moscow announces that Soviet offensive has pierced enemy lines N of Orel, advancing 27 miles in 3 days of fighting and capturing more than 50 localities; Red Army forces driving from E toward Orel gain about 14 mi., despite strong Nazi resistance; more than 60 localities in this area are reported captured. Russians are also attacking between Kursk and Orel. Soviets claim repulse of all enemy	<u>Sicily:</u> Troops of 50th Div, which have moved N through Lentini, capture Primosole Bridge in morning; 5th Div, in Augusta-Villasimundo area, carries out mopping up operations. Two brigades of 51st Div advance N, capturing Militello and Scordia. Grammichele occupied by forces pushing along Vizzini-Caltagirone road. In Licata sector, patrols of 3d Div moving NW and W enter Favara and Racalmuto. Strong force of medium bombers attack Palermo; fires and explosions result in center of town and on landing ground. Twenty-four B-25's bomb Paterno, scoring hits throughout town. Randazzo attacked during night by 52 B-25's and A-20's, which start numerous fires. Eighty-one P-40's with bombs attack radar installations at Marsala and Pula; 4 hits scored. A-36's and P-38's make 168 sorties against com-

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	(Cont'd) to Colombo, overdue and presumed sunk by aircraft.	(Cont'd) positions at Orodubi. Eleven P-40's in- tercept 3 hostile dive bombers near Salamaua and destroy all 3; 1 P-40 lost. Lae bombed by B-24 on rcn. Allied positions in Nassau Bay and Mubo areas attacked by 9 hostile dive bombers and 6 medium bombers, respectively. N.E.I.: In night attacks on Timor, 4 Dutch B-25's bomb C. Chater strip, 3 RAAF Hudsons raid Lautem runway, and 7 B-24's attack Koepang; fires result at all targets. Dobo and Taberfane, Aroe Is., strafed by RAAF Catalina on night rcn.	(Cont'd) Minister, Mr. Tadeusz Romer, will continue General Sikorski's efforts to re- establish friendly relations between Russia and Poland. France-Norway: Norwegian Government-in- exile recognizes the French Com- mittee of National Liberation. France-Greece: French Committee of National Liber- ation is recognized by Greek Govern- ment-in-exile.	
Indian Ocean: SS Empire Lake (British cargo ship, 2,852 tons) torp. and sunk 240 mi. from Madagascar.	...	Solomon Is.: From Enogai Inlet, New Georgia I., Allied patrols are pushing towards Bairoko and reconnoitering Shark I. Bairoko bombed and thoroughly strafed by 18 SBD's. Enogai and Rice Anchorage areas unsuccessfully bombed early in morning by 2 hostile planes. Vila is target for 54 tons of bombs dropped by 36 SBD's and 36 TBF's; large fires result. Four B-25's covered by 12 F4U's attack 2 small enemy AK's off Baga I., sinking 1 and leaving the other burning on a reef; enemy positions on NW Ganongga I. strafed on return trip. Two enemy barges off NE coast of Ganongga I. left sinking as result of strafing attack by 5 B-25's covered by 16 fighters. Another hostile barge is at- tacked and set on fire off NW Vella Lavelle by 2 F4U's. Forty-four Allied fighters intercept formation of 27 enemy bombers escorted by 40-50 Zeros over Rendova area, shooting down 15 bombers	U.S.: President Roosevelt by executive order establishes a new Office of Economic Warfare, trans- ferring to it the functions of the Board of Economic Warfare and the foreign purchasing powers of the Re- construction Finance Corpo- ration's foreign subsidiaries, which have been headed by Sec- retary of Com- merce Jesse H. Jones. Alien Property Custodian Leo T. Crowley is	15

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	(Cont'd) <u>Caribbean:</u> British schooner, Gilbert B. Walters, (176 tons) sunk by SS at 09-40 N, 59-50 W. <u>West Atlantic:</u> SS Harmonic (British cargo ship, 4,558 tons) sunk by SS at 23-00 S, 33-00 W.		(Cont'd) attacks in Belgorod area, but Germans claim gains N of Belgorod.	(Cont'd) munication targets and bridges at Alia and Nicosia; 20 MT destroyed at Petralia and road block caused. Force of 58 A-30's and A-20's makes offensive sweep over central Sicily; 420 MT bombed and strafed; explosion caused on jetty at Termini; hits scored on RR crossing at Adrano. Ninety-five Mustangs bomb and strafe road junctions, RR installations, and MT in central part of island. Forty-eight bomb-carrying P-38's attack road junction and bridge at Randazzo, bomb and strafe motor convoy at Nicosia, and damage docks and RR yards at Termini. <u>Italy:</u> Sixty-three B-24's, in 3 waves, drop 242 tons of bombs on Foggia air base; hangars and administration buildings receive many direct hits and several are left burning; barracks and parked aircraft are set on fire, and 4 oil explosions caused; in 2 of the satellite fields, about 15 aircraft are observed burning; field at main airdrome severely damaged. Naples heavily bombed by 72 B-17's; tracks, roundhouse, torpedo factory, stores depot, warehouse, stadium, arsenal, and overpass hit; fires and explosions result; smoke is visible 60 mi. away. Attack opposed by heavy, intense AA fire, which damages 14 Allied planes and about 23 Axis planes, of which 4 are destroyed, 3 probably, and 2 damaged. During night, 7 Liberators and Halifaxes bomb Crotone airdrome; hangar left burning. Total of 84 Wellingtons make night raids on Vibo Valentia, Crotone, Reggio di Calabria, and San Giovanni with excellent results; ammunition dump blown up at first objective; quays, RR tracks, and town severely damaged at last; many fires started at all 4.
16	<u>West Atlantic:</u> SS Richard Caswell (U.S. cargo ship, 7,177 tons) sunk by SS at 28-10 S, 46-30 W.	France: Twenty B-26's with Spitfire escort attack enemy positions in Dunkerque area; 16 escorted B-26's bomb RR yards at Abbeville with good results; moderate, accurate AA fire damages 10 bombers. Prior to the bombing, 128 P-47's sweep Boulogne-St. Omer-Roulers area; 10 squadrons of Spitfires sweep	Russia: Soviets report artillery duels in Lisichansk area. Fighting in Belgorod sector decreases but Russian troops continue to advance in Orel sector, claiming gains of about 7 1/2 mi., despite strong German counterattacks. Enemy reports unsuccessful Soviet attacks against E part of Kuban bridgehead	Sicily: Axis forces launch counter-attack at Primosole Bridge but are repulsed by heavy artillery fire. Patrols of 30th Corps reach line N and NW of Scordia and N of Patagonia. First Canadian Brig occupies Caltagirone in morning and moves N on road to Enna. Forces of U.S. 1st Div driving N from Mazzarino, occupy Barrafranca. Farther W, American troops move up coast toward Agrigento. Total of 24 B-25's bomb Valguarnera RR installations and airdrome with good results; large explosion caused among RR installations. Randazzo attacked by 25 bombers; bursts cover target area; large explosions result. Night of 16/17, 4 A-20's and 30 B-25's

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		(Cont'd) and 30 Zeeros; 8 Allied pilots lost. New Guinea: In support of ground operations, 7 A-20's bomb and strafe enemy positions along the Orohubi-Komiatum track. Finschhafen bombed and strafed before dawn by RAAF Catalina on rcn. AA fire drives off 4 enemy planes attacking Lasanga I. (10 mi. SE of Nassau Bay) during the morning. Keaukwa Village in the Kaukenau area, Dutch New Guinea, attacked by 2 RAAF Hudsons. Aroe Is.: Four RAAF Hudsons raid enemy seaplane base at Taberfane during the night, starting large fires.	made director of the new agency. The Board of Economic Warfare, under the chairmanship of Vice President Henry A. Wallace, is abolished. Canada: General Giraud arrives in Ottawa from Detroit. French Antilles: Arrival of Hoppenot, New Governor of Martinique, is occasion for demonstration of popular approval.	
Red Sea: SS City of Canton (British cargo ship, 6,692 tons) sunk by SS at 14-50 N, 40-50 E. Indian Ocean: SS Fort Franklin (British cargo ship, 7,135 tons) presumed sunk by SS at 23-36 N, 51-22 E.		Nauru I.: Six Catalinas raid enemy positions on Nauru I. about midnight, 16/17, starting 1 large and several small fires; AA fire is ineffective and all our planes return. Solomon Is.: On New Georgia I., Allied troops driving on Munda airfield are supported by 2 heavy air attacks on designated targets in the Munda area: 82 tons of bombs dropped by total of 55 TBF's and 55 SBD's. Allied positions at Enogai Inlet unsuccessfully bombed during night by Japanese floatplanes. Four F4U's strafe enemy barge off NW Vella Lavella, setting it on fire. Munda airfield bombed during the night by total of 17 B-24's, 6 PB4Y's, and 8 B-17's; 1 large and many small fires started;	Italy: Italian people receive an ultimatum from President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill telling them to decide "whether Italians shall die for Mussolini and Hitler or live for Italy and civilization." Poland: During an interview, Premier Mikolajczyk	16

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		(Cont'd) Dieppe-Grand- villiers-Poix- Abbeville area. England: SS J.B.W. (British cargo ship, 72 tons) sunk by mine in Thames Estuary.	(Cont'd) and on Mius front. Air attacks by both sides continue to be heavy.	(Cont'd) bomb Catania; over 36 tons dropped; numerous fires started. Allied fighters and fighter bombers continue to harass and destroy enemy transportation and communication systems: 222 sorties result in damage to tracks, stations, and barracks throughout the island; 44 P-40's on sweep in W Sicily attack small boats in Mazara harbor, leaving 5 sinking. Enemy makes 2 moderate air attacks on Augusta, damaging a British ship and causing some casualties; 2 enemy planes shot down by AA fire. Italy: Bari airdrome bombed during daylight by 45 B-24's, which drop 110 tons of explosive; hangars, adminis- tration buildings, and dispersal areas covered with bombs; 1 hangar and 4 aircraft left burning; intense opposition offered by Axis planes, 11 of which are shot down, 7 probably, and 2 damaged for loss of 3 Allied aircraft. San Giovanni RR yards practically de- molished in raid by 102 B-17's; con- centration of bombs dropped in RR yards and barracks area; fires and ex- plosions result and large fire started NE of ferry terminal; severe AA fire destroys 2, and damages 20 Allied planes. Vibo Valentia airdrome heavily bombed by 71 B-25's and 51 B-26's escorted by 94 P-38's, which damage barracks, hangars, and buildings; fires started in dispersal area; of 6 inter- cepting aircraft, 2 shot down. During night, 31 Wellingtons bomb Naples RR yards, scoring hits in dock area, RR yards, and on torpedo factory; fires and explosions result. Twenty-eight Wellingtons bomb Capodichino airdrome near Naples at same time; hits scored on airdrome, buildings, and grounded aircraft. Night of 16/17, force of Lan- casters from English bases bombs transformer stations near Milan and Parma with good results; 1 bombs Spezia harbor, starting 2 large fires.
17	...	Germany: Force of 204 B-17's dispatched against targets in NW Germany, but bad weather prevents majority from dropping bombs; 31 attack targets of opportunity; strong fighter op- position en- countered. Eighty- four B-17's, dis- patched to attack	Russia: Soviets claim capture of an important hill NE of Novorossisk. Ber- lin announces severe Soviet at- tacks, after heavy artillery preparation on Mius and Donets fronts, admitting slight gains. Soviet troops in Orel sector advance about 7 mi. against strong enemy	Sicily: Allied BB's bombard Catania. Primosole bridgehead is extended across Simeto R.; patrols of 50th Div cross Gornalunga R. Brigades of 30th Corps continue steady northward ad- vance toward Gerbini. Canadian troops occupy Piazza Armerina in ad- vance on Enna. American troops advance from Barrafranca to Pietraperzia in push toward Caltani- ssetta; other forces, making gains in coastal area, capture Porto Empedocle and Agrigento. Paterno RR yards bombed by 24 B- 25's; hits scored on RR and MT; ware-

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		(Cont'd) at least 3 Zeros intercept; 1 PB4Y missing. Japanese planes, in 3 waves, raid Guadalcanal at night, hitting fuel dump and causing some casualties; 3 bombs dropped harmlessly on Savo I. New Guinea: Allied troops capture 2 enemy strongpoints in the Komiatum area, 16/17, and repulse 2 counter-attacks; 80 Japanese are killed. Japanese positions in the Bobdubi area bombed and strafed by 6 A-20's. B-24 on rcn bombs Salamaua, starting 2 large fires. Aroe Is.: Three RAAF Beaufighters strafe villages on Trangan I. and a barge off the coast; 1 intercepting float-plane damaged.	(Cont'd) expresses the hope for the establishment of a "good neighbor policy" with Russia.	
... ..	Burma: During the night, British patrols engage the enemy 3 mi. E of Maungdaw; Japanese suffer 60 casualties, while British casualties are limited to 3. Japanese are reported to have withdrawn most of their forces from Maungdaw, probably as result of	Solomon Is.: Allied troops on New Georgia I., in a local attack on enemy left flank, make limited advance and enlarge beachhead at Lilio, near Munda airfield; Allied tanks, supporting the attack, are opposed by flame throwers. At night, Japanese, in considerable force, unsuccessfully attack Allied ground positions E of Munda; Japanese dead estimated at 179, while our losses are 8. In support of ground forces, 18 SBD's bomb targets in Bairoko area. Japanese shipping in Buin area attacked during morning by force of 36 SBD's, 35 TBF's, and 7 B-24's covered by 14	U.S.: State Department announces that the Soviet Government will permit the shipment of supplies through Soviet territory to American prisoners of war in Japanese custody, provided the Japanese Government agrees to the proposal.	17

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17 C'd		(Cont'd) factories, recalled because of weather conditions; many Axis planes engaged in combat during flight; total of 60 enemy planes destroyed, 16 probably, and 36 damaged during the 2 missions. Holland: Forty-one escorted B-17's make diversionary attack against Fokker aircraft factory at Amsterdam; heavy cloud covers target, but fair results obtained; 6 bombers damaged by AA fire. North Sea: British light naval forces engage Axis convoy, consisting of 3 coasters and 2 trawlers, off Dutch coast; 1 ship sunk; 2 others damaged.	(Cont'd) resistance, and report that fighting between Kursk and Orel has completely restored the Russian lines to their positions before July 5. Moscow asserts that minor enemy attack on Kalinin front is unsuccessful. Soviet aircraft bomb RR junction at Orel, starting numerous fires among enemy stores and attack Navlya and Karachev, wrecking military trains. Several enemy airdromes also reported bombed and numbers of Axis planes destroyed.	(Cont'd) house blown up. Twenty-four A-36's attack Riposto station, causing fires and explosions. Catania attacked by 27 bombers, which start fires throughout the target area; eighty-six A-20's and A-30's attack Catania and MT in central Sicily with good results. During night, 47 B-25's also attack Catania; all bombs fall in target area, resulting in numerous fires. Fighter and fighter bomber planes make numerous sweeps against enemy communications and transport, destroying MT, locomotives, and freight cars at Riposto, setting on fire a large merchant ship off Termini and a small freighter off Cefalu, and causing much damage to road targets at Enna, Paterno, Nicosia, Randazzo, and Leonforte. Enemy bombers make unsuccessful night raid on Augusta. Italy: Naples RR installations attacked during daylight by greatest force of bombers yet sent against Italian mainland: total of 96 B-17's, 72 B-25's, and 107 B-26's escorted by 163 P-38's drop over 545 tons of bombs; RR yards, oil storage area, arsenal, roundhouse, repair shops, textile plants, shell and torpedo factories, and stadium damaged; large explosions and fires result; intense, accurate AA fire damages 11 B-17's and destroys 6 B-26's; few Axis planes offer resistance; 2 destroyed. Seventy-seven B-24's of Middle East Air Force also attack Naples, dropping 163 tons of bombs; fires started throughout the RR yards; ammunition dump blown up; large formations of Axis fighters oppose attack; 21 destroyed, 5 probably. Night of 17/18, 67 Wellingtons bomb Montecorvino and Pomigliano airdromes; buildings, runway, and parked aircraft at former damaged; factories hit and many fires started at latter; 1 Wellington fails to return. Reggio di Calabria airdrome attacked by 9 Allied planes, which start fires in industrial center and near ammunition sheds; RR station and sidings hit.

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	(Cont'd) raid of 8th. Total of 15 B-25's bomb cotton mills at Myingyan, rolling stock along the Mu R., and RR yards at Monywa; many direct hits scored in target area at Myingyan, sheds destroyed near tracks along Mu R., and buildings destroyed at Monywa; near misses scored on a 300' river steamer on the Irrawaddy. Two enemy towns in Hukawng Valley bombed and strafed by 2 P-40's. RAF successfully attacks small shipping in Hunter's Bay area.	(Cont'd) fighters; 1 enemy CL or DL, 2 DD's, 1 PC, 2 AK's, and 1 AO sunk and another AK damaged and beached; enemy plane losses are 44 Zeros and 5 floatplanes; 5 Allied planes missing. Small enemy AK off Vella Lavella attacked and set on fire by a PBY. Japanese planes raid Guadalcanal for 2d successive night, dropping 11 bombs; several casualties result. New Britain: B-25 on rcn strafes small enemy AK in Wide Bay. New Guinea: Nineteen B-25's bomb and strafe enemy installations in the Salamaua area, causing heavy explosion on an ammunition or fuel dump and starting fires throughout the area. Large enemy barge destroyed N of Salamaua by Allied surface units. Lae bombed at noon by B-24 on rcn. N.E.I.: Eight Dutch B-25's bomb Lautem, Timor, at night, hitting a fuel dump and starting large fires; near miss scored on enemy vessel in harbor; Dilli also attacked by 1 of the planes. Enemy-occupied village on Selaru I., Tanimbar Is., attacked by 2 B-24's, 1 of which also bombs and strafes small enemy AK near Fak Fak, Dutch New Guinea.	(Cont'd) <u>U.S.-Mexico:</u> Report of the joint Mexican-U.S. Commission for Economic Cooperation is made public: Mexico is to assist the U.S. by increased production of strategic materials, while the U.S. will assist in the development of Mexican industry, transportation, and agriculture. <u>Sicily:</u> General Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander is appointed to head the Allied Military Government of Occupied Territories in Sicily.	17 Cd

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18	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Kiska attacked by 6 B-25's and 2 B-24's, which drop 48 500-lb. bombs on main camp and Gertrude Cove through overcast; meager and inaccurate AA fire encountered. Single B-34 drops 3 500-lb. bombs in tent area SW of Salmon Lagoon runway, scoring 2 hits.	<u>France:</u> Airfield at Abbeville attacked in evening by escorted Typhoon bombers; 2 Axis planes destroyed. <u>North Sea:</u> Beau- fighters with Spit- fire and Typhoon escort attack Axis convoy off Den Helder, dam- aging 2 ships; 4 enemy planes de- stroyed.	<u>Russia:</u> Enemy re- ports cessation of Soviet attacks in Kuban; Russians claim repulse of Nazi counterattacks against new Soviet position NE of Novorossisk. Ger- mans claim repulse of violent Red Army attacks N of Bel- gorod; Soviets con- tinue to gain in Orel sector, reporting advance of about 3 mi.	<u>Sicily:</u> Catania bombarded in morning by Allied warships. Two brigades attack at Fosso Bottaceto, N of Simeto R.; Axis forces counterattack strongly and British troops are forced to withdraw slightly S. Units of 30th Corps continue advance toward Catania plain, establishing 2 bridgeheads across Gornalunga R. One brigade, moving N on road to Agira, occupies Raddusa. Canadians driving toward Enna en- counter strong Axis resistance near Grottacalda. Troops of U.S. 2d Corps capture Caltanissetta and advance along road to Palermo, occupying San Caterina; other forces move N and W from Canicatti; 3d Div reaches area W of Serradifalco. Catania bombed by force of 86 A-20's and A-30's with good results. Thirty- one B-25's attack same target; many hits scored and MT strafed; 22 A-20's and 9 B-25's make night raid on Catania, starting several large fires. Catania and Randazzo bombed by 39 Allied planes; all bombs at first objec- tive hit in town, causing fires and ex- plosions; at latter, hits scored on build- ings, RR, and in center of town, result- ing in 2 fires. Randazzo also attacked by 24 B-25's, which damage RR, road, and a building. A-36's attack RR yards and road junctions at Friddi, Adrano, and Termini with good results. RR yards at Lercara bombed and strafed; 2 locomotives and 12 cars destroyed. P-38's, on sweep over Sicily, intercept 15 JU-52's N of Palermo, shooting down all of them. Greece: RAF Beaufighters attack sea- plane base at Preveza; 3 enemy air- craft left burning and 4 damaged; hits also scored on slipways, barracks, and AA post.

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	Kurile Is.: Six B-24's from Attu attack Paramushiro-Shumushu area; 3 of the planes drop 12 500-lb. bombs on shipping in strait between Shumushu and Paramushiro and the other 3 drop 18 500-lb. bombs in runway area of Murakami airfield at Kataoka, Shumushu; 6 near misses scored on 1 ship and 2 large fires started among buildings E and S of runway; interception is not attempted by 4 enemy planes seen in the air and 4-6 bursts of AA fire fail to damage U.S. planes. <u>Burma:</u> RAF fighters attack enemy transport, damaging 64 trucks and 10 locomotives in the Mandalay area and about 50 small craft near Akyab. <u>Indo-China:</u> Seven B-24's attack Japanese shipping in the Haiphong-Hongay area; at Haiphong 2 direct hits scored on a floating dry dock and near misses on a ship; concentration of barges at Hongay attacked and a number left sinking.	Canton I.: Several Japanese planes bomb Canton I., but no damage results. Solomon Is.: Kahili airdrome and shipping in the Buin area heavily attacked by force of 21 B-24's, 18 TBF's, and 17 SBD's covered by 134 fighters; approximately 90 tons of bombs dropped on AA positions, runway, dispersal areas, and shipping; 1 AK sunk and 2 DD's and another AK damaged; 21 intercepting Zeros destroyed for loss of 10 of our planes. On New Georgia I., Allied troops attack enemy prepared positions near Munda airdrome, under cover of MG fire. Supporting ground forces, 36 SBD's and 26 TBF's drop 44 tons of bombs on Lambeti area and gun positions N of Munda strip. Allied PT's intercept 6 Japanese DD's off W coast of Kolombangara I. before dawn; 1 of the DD's receives a torpedo hit. Later, 3 enemy DD's, possibly from the above group, sighted close inshore off NW Kolombangara and subsequently attacked by U.S. DD's; hits scored on all 3 DD's, 1 of which is probably destroyed, returning Allied vessels ineffectively attacked by enemy planes, of which 1 is destroyed. <u>New Britain:</u> Small enemy AK bombed and sunk near C. Orford by 3 B-25's, which also strafe barges along coast towards Gasmata and unsuccessfully attack large SS S of Gasmata. <u>New Guinea:</u> Allied ground forces advance to S shore of Tambu Bay (S of Salamaua); enemy withdraws from 2 posts on Mt. Tambu, leaving 79 dead; Allied losses light. Six A-20's bomb and thoroughly strafe enemy positions in the Bobdubi area. Coastal targets S of Salamaua bombed and heavily strafed by 7 B-25's. Single rcn plane bombs Salamaua, causing heavy explosions, possibly on ammunition dump, while another bombs the airdrome area. Ten strafing passes made over Komiatum area by an A-20 on rcn. Six P-38's intercept force of 40-50 enemy planes between Lae and Salamaua; without loss to themselves, Allied planes destroy 2 enemy fighters, probably destroy 4, and damage 2. In Dutch New Guinea, 2 RAAF Hudsons bomb Kaukenau. <u>N.E.I.:</u> Celebes: Thirteen B-24's bomb Makassar at night, starting fires visible for 80 mi. <u>Australia:</u> RAAF Spitfires shoot down 1 of 2 enemy rcn planes over Darwin area.	Sicily: General Alexander bans the Fascist Party and abolishes laws discriminating against race, color, or creed. <u>Italy:</u> Carlo Scorza, Fascist Party Secretary, broadcasts from Rome an appeal for the Italian people to resist the Allies.	18

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19			<u>Russia:</u> Enemy counterattacks against mountain positions W of Krymskaya fail to gain. Germans report repeated, but unsuccessful, Soviet attacks on the Mius and middle Donets fronts. Red Army forces in Orel sector continue to advance, making penetrations from all 3 sides and capturing about 150 populated places; some forces are within a few mi. of Orel-Bryansk RR; others capture Malo-Archangelsk, on Kursk-Orel RR. Moscow reports attacks of local significance against enemy positions on Kalinin front. Soviet Air Force attacks RR junction at Orel and enemy airfields, night of 19/20; fires and explosions result and many Axis planes reported destroyed.	<u>Sicily:</u> Axis counterattacks in Simeto-Dittaino area repulsed. Units advancing from Raddusa encounter stiff opposition. Canadians occupy Valguarnera and advance toward Leonforte. U.S. forces make gains N and E of San Caterina, reaching Recattivo and Villarosa; progress is slow because of strong enemy opposition. Third Div, driving steadily toward NW Sicily, occupies Mussomeli. Troops NW of Agrigento reach Platani R. Allied planes continue attacks on enemy communications and transport; 48 Mustangs strafe trains and MT, 48 P-40's, on offensive sweep, attack Alcamo RR yards, damaging tracks, workshops, turntable, and fuel storage, and strafe RR installations at Castelvetro. Twenty-four B-25's bomb Randazzo, hitting RR station and tracks. Catania bombed by 25 planes; target covered; 4 fires started among RR installations. Randazzo attacked during night by force of 19 B-25's and 4 A-20's; large fires and explosions caused; MT machine-gunned. <u>Italy:</u> Military objectives at Rome suffer devastating raid by more than 500 Allied bombers. First attack is carried out by 150 B-17's which drop 444 tons of bombs on Lorenzo marshalling yards; target area covered; steel plant damaged; explosions caused near freight depot and in roundhouse; of tracks, shops, rolling stock, and sheds damaged; yards completely blocked temporarily, of 9 Axis fighters opposing attacks, 1 is shot down. As this group of planes withdraws, 124 B-24's drop 332 tons of bombs on Littorio marshalling yards, completely destroying them: locomotive sheds, repair shops, track, rolling stock shattered; airdrome also sustains extensive damage: 3 hangars destroyed, explosions and fires caused; 3 large aircraft destroyed; 15-20 enemy planes oppose attack, 1 of which is destroyed. Third wave of bombers consists of 144 B-25's with escort of 72 P-38's, which drop 212 tons of bombs on Ciampino airdrome; hangars and repair shops damaged; many fires started on fields and in housing area; 1 Allied bomber destroyed by AA fire. Force of 105 B-26's escorted by approximately 100 P-38's makes last attack, dropping 114 tons of bombs on Ciampino; hangar blown up; RR tracks damaged; total of 15 enemy planes destroyed on the ground in both raids; 1 B-26 destroyed. Aquino airdrome (between Rome and Naples) bombed during night by 65 Wellingtons; hangars, buildings, dis-

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<u>East Atlantic:</u> SS Incomati (British cargo ship, 7,369 tons) torp. and sunk at 03-09 N, 04-15 E.	<u>Burma:</u> Shweli bridge bombed by 9 B-25's, which damage N and S approaches. One B-25 and 8 P-40's bomb and strafe Sumprabum, de- stroying 2 buildings. Four P-40's attack bridge at Nsopzup; N abutment dam- aged by 2 near misses; same planes bomb and strafe enemy supply dumps at Kadrangyang. RAF successfully at- tacks Japanese small craft and buildings in the Mayu-Akyab- Kalemyo areas. <u>Indo-China:</u> Four B-24's bomb cement plant at Haiphong, scoring 6 hits in target area. <u>China:</u> Six Jap- anese planes raid Tsingyun, 40 mi. NW of Canton; re- sults unreported.	<u>Solomon Is.:</u> During afternoon and night of 19/20, Japanese counterattack against Allied positions in the Munda area; attacks are repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. Supporting ground forces, 20 TBF's and 18 SBD's bomb Japanese positions N of Munda strip, starting a fire. In the Bairoko area, 18 SBD's and 19 TBF's attack targets designated by ground forces, and 8 B- 25's strafe beach area. At Pakoi Bay, NW Vella Lavella I., 2 enemy barges are set on fire during night attack by 4 Allied fighters. In the Bougainville area, 6 B-17's bomb Kahili during early morn- ing, while 2 others bomb Ballale; large fire started at the latter; an additional B-17 is missing. Shortly afterwards, 7 B-25's bomb Ballale, starting 2 fires. Two Allied heavy bombers unsucces- sfully attack 5 enemy floatplanes at Rekata. <u>New Guinea:</u> To date, 280 Japanese have been killed during clashes in Mt. Tambu area. In support of ground action, 7 RAAF A-20's attack Komiatum area. B-25 on rcn in the Salamaua area destroys 40' of bridge at mouth of the Francisco R. Dispersal area at Finschhafen bombed by B-24 on rcn.	<u>Italy:</u> Allied bombing of Rome results in panic and confusion among the people of the city. In a letter to the Vicar General of Rome, Pope Pius XII ex- presses regret for the damage caused by the bombing. <u>Russia:</u> For- mation of the National Com- mittee of Free Germany in Russia is an- nounced. The purpose of the organization is said to be the overthrow of the Hitler regime. The establishment of the committee is believed to be of considerable importance both as an immediate propaganda move and as an in- fluence on later political moves.	19

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				(Cont'd) persed aircraft damaged; many large fires and explosions result. Forty Wellingtons make night raid on Capodichino airdrome, starting numerous fires; 3 attack Aquino, 2, Pomigliano, 1, Naples, and 1, area NW of Naples. Nine RAF Liberators and Halifaxes bomb Vibo Valentia airdrome, night of 19/20; fires started among buildings; hits scored in hangar area and on airdrome surface. Malta: Island attacked, night of 19/20, by over 20 enemy bombers; no military damage results.
20	Alentian Is.: Two U.S. DD's shell main camp and Gertrude Cove areas at Kiska early in the morning; return fire received only during withdrawal.		Russia: Russians launch minor attacks on Mius front, S of Izyum, and SW of Voroshilovgrad; enemy reports failure of these attacks although Soviets claim to have improved their positions. Moscow announces successful counterattacks in Belgorod area, claiming gains of about 6 mi. In Orel sector, Red Army advances, particularly in N where they occupy Mtsensk and Bolkhov; forces E of Orel occupy about 20 places, including RR stations of Arkhangelskoye and Voroshilovo; progress S of Orel is slowed by violent Nazi counterattacks. Berlin announces that, during night, German light naval forces shelled Soviet supply ports on Sea of Azov and positions along Mius front; 1 patrol vessel reported sunk and another set afire. Soviet aircraft make night attacks	Sicily: In Simeto R. area, enemy counterattacks halt progress of 13th Corps toward Catania. Allied troops occupy Enna in morning. U.S. forces move steadily toward Palermo and W along the coast from Agrigento. Fifty-six P-40's with bombs, on sweep over W Sicily, attack RR yards at Partinico; buildings hit, near misses scored on tracks and cars; gun positions and transport strafed. Light bombers, on armed rcn during night, bomb Randazzo, starting several fires; vehicles in Pancallo area strafed. Twelve B-25's, dispatched to attack Troina, bomb Cerami in error; good results obtained. Seventeen Beaufighters on shipping sweep strafe 5 barges; 1 explodes; 2 Beaufighters lost. Malta-based Mosquitos attack MT and RR cars during night. Enemy planes make night raid on Augusta; SS Empire Florizel (British cargo ship, 7,056 tons) and SS Fort Pelly (British cargo ship, 7,131 tons) sunk; SS Ocean Virtue damaged. Sardinia: Monserrato airdrome bombed by 17 Allied planes; dispersed aircraft hit; 5 Axis planes intercept and all are shot down. Forty-eight P-38's attack Decimomannu airdrome; hits scored among dispersed aircraft; of 12 enemy planes attempting to intercept, 5 are shot down. Italy: Seventy-two escorted B-25's bomb Montecorvino airdrome; hangars, buildings, telegraph station, dispersed aircraft hit, resulting in fires and explosions; 2 B-25's lost. Vibo Valentia airdrome attacked by 73 B-26's with escort of 73 P-38's; entire target area covered with bombs; 1 escort plane lost. Same target bombed by 8 Allied planes, which start large fires in hangar area and small fires around field. Thirty-six Wellingtons bomb Crotone

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	Burma: Total of 11 B-25's and 5 B-24's, in 3 attacks on Myitnge RR bridge, hit center span and N approach, possibly hit number 3 span, and straddle the length of the bridge with bombs; smoke hampers observation of results; 4 B-25's slightly damaged by AA fire. Mu R. bridge is target for 3 B-25's, which score hits and near misses. Total of 22 P-40's attack targets in N Burma: portion of RR track at S approach to Namti bridge destroyed; rice mill at Mogaung probably damaged by 3 near misses; at Sumprabum 2 buildings are destroyed and a 3d set on fire; road transport S of Sumprabum damaged by strafing; 3 towns in vicinity of Sumprabum strafed. RAF attacks enemy positions and transportation facilities in the Akyab and Kalemoyo areas. China: Six P-40's attack targets of	Ellice Is.: Three Japanese bombers raid Funafuti during early morning; no damage or casualties result. Solomon Is.: Allied northern force on New Georgia I. advances on Bairoko, reaching point 300 yards from E bank of Bairoko Harbor; heavy fire from enemy artillery and heavy weapons forces our troops to withdraw to positions 500 yards E. Force of 500-600 Japanese massed on W side of Bairoko Harbor. In the Munda area, 36 SBD's attack enemy positions NW of Lambeti. About midnight, 19/20, Japanese surface force consisting of 3 CL's, 6 DD's, and 2 AP's observed off Vella Gulf; 2 AP's and 3 DD's withdraw from the formation and head towards Vila, leaving the remaining vessels as cover; B-17's, B-25's, TBF's and SBD's attack the 2 groups throughout the night and in the morning, with the following results: 1 enemy CL and 2 DD's sunk, 1 DD probably sunk, 1 DD and 1 AP hit; 2 B-25's and 2 TBF's missing. Shortly after midnight, 19/20, 18 B-24's raid Kahili, causing 4 fires and an explosion; same planes drop 10 500-lb. bombs on Ballale; enemy night fighters intercept 7 of the B-24's; 1 enemy twin-engined fighter destroyed, while 1 B-24 is lost. New Ireland: Allied rcn plane attacks 2 enemy AK's with planes on deck about 120 mi. NE of Kavieng; 1 of the ships is left burning. RAAF Beaufort on rcn is intercepted near C. St. George by 4 hostile fighters, 1 of which is probably destroyed. New Britain: B-24's on rcn bomb Arawe at noon, and another bombs town of Rabaul at night; fires started at Rabaul. New Guinea: Allied troops advance northward toward Boisi on Tambu Bay. In cooperation with ground forces,	U.S.: At a press conference in Washington, D. C., Vice Admiral Frederick J. Horne, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, says "We are planning material and ships for a war that will last at least until 1949." At the same conference Secretary Knox warns the nation against over-optimism regarding the progress of the war. Germany-Italy: Berlin reports a meeting between Hitler and Mussolini in N Italy.	20

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			(Cont'd) on Orel, on Kramatorsk and Lozovaya in the lower Donets, on Khartsizk, and on enemy airdromes; large fires started and many Axis planes destroyed.	(Cont'd) airdrome, night of 20/21; hangars and buildings left burning; pyrotechnic dump explodes; fires started among dispersed aircraft. Naples marshalling yards are objective of night raid by Wellingtons; target area covered; large fire started.
21	Aleutian Is.: Weather limits Kiska missions to 1, consisting of 9 B-24's from Adak; 27 tons of bombs dropped on North Head, main camp, Salmon Lagoon runway, and Little Kiska; hits scored in all tar- get areas; AA fire damages 2 B-24's.		Russia: Soviets again report im- proved positions S of Izyum and SW of Voroshilovgrad, although Germans claim to have re- pulsed all Russian attacks. Red Army appears to be gaining further ground in Belgorod area. Moscow announces substantial gains in Orel sector, re- porting capture of 40 inhabited places by units N of Orel, and 50 places by those E of the town. Bryansk, Orel, Karachev bombed by Soviet aircraft during night; many fires and explosions among trains and stations caused at first target; many trains destroyed or damaged at the other 2 objectives.	Sicily: Forces on Catania front en- gaged in heavy fighting. Canadians capture Assoro and begin closing in on Leonforte from 3 sides; 1 brig by- passes the town and advances several miles along road to Agira. Americans push N and NW, occupying Alimena and Valllunga, and NW from Mussomeli to Prizzi. In W, units driving to Marsala and Trapani capture S. Margherita and Castelvetro. Troina attacked by 11 Allied planes; hits scored in center of town, on road, military installations, and troops. A-20's, during night, bomb transport in central Sicily and Randazzo. Italy: Allied cruisers and DD's bom- bard Crotone; chemical works hit; several fires started around harbor; no opposition encountered. Grosseto airdrome bombed by 77 B- 17's, which drop 143 tons of explosive; administrative buildings damaged and several fires started. Wellingtons make night attack on Capodichino air- drome and Salerno marshalling yards with excellent results.

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	(Cont'd) opportunity from Hankow to Ichang, exploding boilers of 2 large river tugs and destroying 2 water tanks and 2 locomotives. Tengchung successfully bombed by 4 P-40's. Burma: Five B-24's drop 12 tons of bombs on Namtu mines, damaging plant and water installations, RR, and town. Nine B-25's attack enemy shipping at Katha, hitting at least 3 river boats, 1 of which is set on fire, and probably damaging other craft with near misses. Nsopzup and Namti bridges bombed by 4 P-40's each, covered by other P-40's; 4 of the planes bomb and strafe supply dump at Kadrangyang. Raid on Wuntho RR yards by 6 B-24's is unsuccessful due to mechanical difficulties of lead plane; 5 hits scored on village. RAF effectively raids enemy concen-	(Cont'd) 6 A-20's bomb and strafe camp area at Komiatum and nearby trails; 1 A-20 crash lands in Morobe Harbor. Logui, in the Salamaua area, raided by single B-25. During night, Allied PT's sink 5 enemy barges S of Finschhafen. Over 40 B-25's attack targets in the Madang-Bogadjim area, including airdrome, bridges, and villages; large fires and explosions result and part of the Gogol R. bridge is destroyed. Five B-25's attack Alexishafen airdrome, starting large fires. Several native huts at Bena Bena destroyed during morning attack by formation of 9 enemy bombers escorted by 30 fighters. Allied rcn bomber intercepted in same area by 9 enemy fighters, 2 of which are destroyed and a 3d probably destroyed; Allied plane is shot down. Enemy DD and AK off Sorong, Dutch New Guinea, bombed with unobserved results by 2 B-24's. N.E.I.: Timor: C. Chater airdrome, Dilli, and Lautem bombed before dawn by total of 7 Dutch B-25's, while 7 RAAF Hudsons attack Koepang town and barracks area; fires and explosions caused at all targets. Solomon Is.: Allied units on New Georgia I., after orderly withdrawal in Bairoko Harbor area, are digging in for defense of Enogai and Rice Anchorage. Supporting ground forces, total of 250 Allied planes, consisting of 90 SBD's, 84 TBF's, and 22 B-25's escorted by 54 fighters, carry out heaviest air attack to date in the SW Pacific, dropping 133 tons of bombs on enemy positions at Bairoko Harbor and strafing the area; MG position silenced and 5 fires observed. Fifteen Japanese dive bombers and 40-50 fighters raid Rendova during the afternoon; slight damage and a few casualties result from hit on an LST; 8 intercepting F4U's destroy 2 enemy fighters; 1 F4U missing. During the night, Allied PT's intercept 4 enemy barges in Vella Gulf and set 2 of them on fire. New Britain: C. Gloucester airdrome bombed by RAAF Catalina on rcn. New Guinea: Allied troops, continuing northward advance, pass Boisi on Tambu Bay; enemy sustains heavy losses during unsuccessful attacks on our positions in vicinity of Namling. Eight B-25's bomb Madang and strafe patrol vessel in the harbor. Enemy installations in the Bogadjim area attacked in force by 51 B-25's escorted by P-38's; large force	North Africa: General Charles de Gaulle, in an interview, says that a liberated France will not permit a dictatorship and that the Fighting French will not become a "national party." France-Venezuela: Venezuela recognizes the French Committee of National Liberation.	21

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		Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
			(Cont'd) Soviet planes also attack Debaltsevo, in the Donets area, with good results.	
22	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Under favorable weather con- ditions, Allied naval force, con- sisting of 2 BB's, 5 cruisers, and 9 DD's, heavily bombards Kiska, hitting North Head, South Head, main camp, Gert- rude Cove, Little Kiska, and the SS base; return fire from shore batteries fails to damage Allied force. Air attacks on Kiska precede and follow the naval bombard- ment; total of 16 B-24's, 26 B-25's, 13 P-40's, and 20 P-38's, during 7 attacks, drop 82 tons of bombs on coast defenses, AA positions, and other installations, scoring hits in all target areas and starting fires throughout the area; 1 B-25 shot down, another crash lands at base after being seriously damaged by AA fire, and 16	...	<u>Russia:</u> Local engagements con- tinue S of Izyum; Soviets claim re- pulse of an enemy counterattack on 1 sector of this front. Russian troops N of Orel occupy Bolkhov, NW of Mtsensk; Moscow announces an advance of almost 5 mi. on this front. Germans report unsuccess- ful Soviet attack S of Lake Ladoga.	<u>Sicily:</u> Canadians capture Leonforte after desperate enemy resistance. U.S. 45th Div occupies Valledolma and Alia. Third Div advances from Prizzi, occupies Corleone, and moves up road to Marineo, driving toward Sicilian capital; Palermo in hands of U.S. troops by evening. Americans in W Sicily fan out in 3 directions, moving toward Marsala, Trapani, and Castellamare. Troina, Adrano, Paterno, and Misterbianco attacked by 95 medium bombers; fighter bombers destroy 65 MT and damage many others on Troina- Randazzo road. <u>Sardinia:</u> Forty-eight P-40's strafe gun emplacements, RR stations, and other buildings at La Maddalena, set on fire factories at Villasor; of 25 enemy planes encountered, 17 are shot down; 2 P-40's fail to return. <u>Italy:</u> Foggia bombed by 71 B-17's, which damage industrial and RR in- stallations and start fires in warehouses and repair shops; 12 Axis aircraft oppose attack; 1 B-17 shot down. Fifty- two B-26's with escort of 70 P-38's bomb Salerno bridge and RR yards; yards, bridge, cement plant, repair shops hit; fires and explosions result. Battipaglia RR installations bombed by 48 escorted B-25's, which hit tracks, transformer stations, warehouses, and rolling stock; of 5 enemy planes en- countered, 2 shot down. Night of 22/23, Practicala di Mare airdrome bombed by 25 Wellingtons; target area covered with bombs, resulting in numerous fires. Salerno is target for successful night raid by 23 Wellingtons.

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	(Cont'd) trations, river shipping, and RR targets at Akyab, Taungup, and near Mandalay; 7 loco- motives destroyed in vicinity of Alon, W of Mandalay.	(Cont'd) of enemy planes engaged by P-38's, which destroy 19 of them, probably de- stroy 11, and damage 2; 2 P-38's lost. Five B-26's attack waterfront and barges at Lae; explosions result among build- ings and in supply dump area. Finschhafen airdrome attacked by B-24 on rcn. Nine enemy bombers with fighter escort bomb Allied positions N of Nassau Bay. Two RAAF Hudsons attack Kaukenau, Dutch New Guinea, hitting building and stores areas. N.E.I.: Penfoei airdrome (Timor) bombed during early morning by 4 RAAF Hudsons. B-24 on rcn is intercepted over Makassar, Celebes, by 4 enemy fighters, 2 of which are destroyed and another damaged.		
	Burma: RR yards at Ywataung and Sagaing attacked by 6 B-24's, which drop more than 13 tons of bombs; direct hits scored on yards at Ywataung and roll- ing stock and yards heavily dam- aged at Sagaing, where smoke rises 1,000'. Eight B- 25's drop more than 15 tons of bombs on cotton mills at Myingyan, hitting mills and other buildings; Alon bombed with unobserved results by 1 B-25 separated from the group. Six P-40's attack bridge at Nsopzup, severely damaging it with direct hits on center and at S end. Three P- 40's on offensive rcn in the Myitkyina area set 2 buildings on fire at Myitkyina, de- stroy 3 trucks at Manywet, where buildings are also strafed, and bomb rolling stock at Namti; 1 P-40	Ellice Is.: An estimated 3 or 4 flights of Japanese bombers attack Funafuti during early morning hours, causing a few casualties; 2 enemy bombers shot down. Solomon Is.: Japanese naval force of a possible AV and 4 DD's attacked off C. Friendship (E of Tonolei) by 18 TBF's, 16 SBD's, and 12 B-24's covered by 120 fighters; the AV is sunk and 1 DD hit; 5 Zeros shot down for loss of 3 Allied fighters. Later, 8 B-17's and 8 B-24's attack an enemy CL or DL and 2 DD's 4 mi. S of Oema I. (NE of Kahili), with unobserved results. Continuing heavy aerial attacks on enemy positions on New Georgia I., force of 36 SBD's and 18 TBF's, with 16 F4F's as escort, bombs Munda, silencing gun positions. Six to 8 bombs dropped on Rendova dur- ing early morning attacks, chiefly by single enemy planes. New Britain: Gasmata airdrome bombed and strafed by total of 8 RAAF Beaufighters, 6 RAAF A-20's, and 10 RAAF Beauforts; wireless station de- stroyed and AA and MG positions silenced; AA fire damages 1 Beaufighter and 5 Beauforts. New Guinea: From July 16 to date, Jap- anese casualties in the Mt. Tambu area estimated at 350. In support of ground operations, force of 11 B-24's, 41 B- 25's, and 7 B-26's heavily bombs and strafes enemy positions in the Komiatum area and trails to Salamaua. Salamaua Isthmus is target for single B-24, which drops 5 half-ton bombs. N.E.I.: In a surprise raid on Soerabaja, Java, 6 B-24's drop 36 500-lb. bombs and light incendiaries on oil re-	Italy: According 22 to Berne reports, 150,000 persons are leaving Rome daily to escape bombings. France-Poland: Polish Govern- ment-in-exile recognizes the French Com- mittee of National Liber- ation.	

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	(Cont'd) other Allied planes receive minor battle damage.			
23	...	<u>France-Belgium:</u> Transport in N France and Belgium attacked by total of 23 Mustangs, Spitfires, and Hurricanes; 12 locomotives and 6 barges destroyed or damaged; 2 power stations in Belgium successfully bombed by Bostons.	<u>Russia:</u> Soviet troops attack in Kuban, claiming slight gains SW of Krasnodar although enemy reports the attack as unsuccessful. Local engagements on Mius front and S of Izyum continue as Soviets attempt to break through German lines in lower Donets area. Nazis counterattack in Belgorod area, but Russians claim to have repulsed them. Red Army continues to advance on Orel front, meeting stiff resistance N of the town where enemy launches fierce, but unsuccessful, counterattacks. Berlin announces repulse of Soviet attacks S of Lake Ladoga.	<u>Sicily:</u> Patrols of 13th Corps make slight gains in Catania sector. U.S. troops continue drive N of Enna and occupy Petralia; 45th Div advances N toward Termini while other units cut coast road W of town. Marsala, Trapani, and Castellamare captured by forces in W end of island. Forty-eight Baltimores and A-20's attack Misterbianco and Randazzo, scoring hits on roads and buildings. Thirty-seven P-40's attack radar station at Ustica I.; building and tower shattered. Radar station at Favignana I. also attacked. Axis convoy attacked NW of Guardia by Beaufighters on shipping patrol; 1 merchant ship sunk, 1 left in sinking condition, 2 escort vessels set on fire, and an enemy float-plane destroyed. A-36's destroy 10 enemy barges off C. Orlando. <u>Italy:</u> Leverano airdrome bombed by 70 B-17's; 207 tons of bombs dropped throughout target area; of 20 Axis planes attempting interception, 12 are destroyed. Crotone airdrome attacked by 72 escorted B-26's, which drop 105 tons of explosive; buildings, hangars, runways, revetments damaged; 10 parked aircraft hit. Fifty-three B-25's with escort of 71 P-38's attack Aquino airdrome; 18 grounded planes destroyed or damaged. Three B-24's and 9 Halifaxes make night raid on Reggio di Calabria airdrome; fires started along perimeter of field and a large fire S of airdrome. Night attacks also made on San Giovanni and Salerno; 35 Wellingtons score hits, causing fires on RR sidings, docks, and ferry slips at first target; at second, RR junction, station, and bridge damaged. <u>Crete:</u> Total of 8 Baltimores, 93 Hurricanes, and 7 Beaufighters attack installations on Crete; camps near Nikolas, traffic near Neagrolis and Paraskais, roads, camps, tents, and trucks between Heraklion and Tymbaki attacked; ammunition dump blown up, buildings, cars, and power station at Maleme, and wireless station at Selino

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Indian Ocean: SS Pegasus (Swedish tanker, 9,583 tons) sunk by SS 600 mi. E of Durban.	(Cont'd) slightly damaged by AA fire. RAF continues to attack enemy river and coastal shipping with good results; Japanese monsoon quarters in Akyab area bombed. Burma: Enemy river shipping in the Mandalay area bombed by 9 B- 25's, which score near misses or possible hits on 6 large boats and start fire in storage area at docks. Eight B-25's attack Japanese supply center at Myingyan, causing explosion followed by fires; large warehouse damaged and many supply sheds de- stroyed. Airfield S of Kawlin is target for over 13 tons of bombs dropped by 6 B- 24's; weather pre- vents observation of results. Ten P-40's bomb and strafe Sumprabum and surrounding area, destroying 3 buildings and starting fires; 1 P- 40 slightly damaged by AA fire. China: Allied air base at Hengyang, Hunan Province, heavily attacked by 2 waves of enemy planes totalling 38 bombers and 25 fighters; field is put out of com- mission for esti- mated period of 1 week. Ten minutes after 1st wave at- tacks Hengyang, small group of P- 40's intercepts formation of 18 en-	(Cont'd) fineries, docks, and RR installations; large fires result from direct hits. Enemy villages on Selaru I., Tanimbar Is., bombed and strafed by 2 Dutch B- 25's. Solomon Is.: On New Georgia I., Jap- anese are digging in along NE side of Bairoko Harbor. Two enemy planes bomb Allied positions at Enogai Inlet before dawn, causing a few casualties. Ground forces in the Munda area are supported by 16 SBD's, which bomb gun positions; 1 SBD forced down off Ren- dova I. for mechanical reasons. Dur- ing night, Allied PT's attack enemy barges loaded with supplies off W Kolombangara I., sinking 1 and damag- ing 2. In a surprise attack on Rekata Bay, 15 SBD's and 12 B-25's escorted by 16 P-40's drop 9 tons of bombs, starting several fires. New Britain: Eight B-25's escorted by 10 P-40's destroy 12 enemy barges and damage 13 others in vicinity of C. Busching and along N shore of Huon Gulf (New Guinea). Three other Jap- anese barges damaged off S coast of New Britain by 2 RAAF Beaufighters. RAAF PBV on rcn strafes dispersal area at C. Gloucester. New Guinea: Allied mortar fire forces 216 Japanese to withdraw from position near Orodubi during afternoon. Five enemy barges near Saidor bombed and strafed by RAAF PBV on rcn; 1 is sunk and the others forced ashore; enemy- occupied villages on Huon Peninsula also strafed. Twelve B-24's and 13 B- 17's drop over 60 tons of bombs on en- emy installations in the Bogadjim area, causing large fires; 12 escorting P- 38's engage 20 intercepting enemy fighters, destroying 6 and probably de- stroying 2; 1 P-38 lost. Six B-26's, after bombing Voco Pt., Lae, are inter- cepted by group of 7-9 enemy fighters; in ensuing combat, 1 B-26 is damaged and crash lands on return. Malolo Village in the Salamaua area attacked by 7 B-25's escorted by 26 P-38's; fires and explosions result and buildings are destroyed; P-38's engage about 60 en- emy fighters in 2 formations, destroy- ing 7, probably destroying 3, and dam- aging 5; 1 P-38 lost in combat and another crashes into sea. Town area of	U.S.: President Roosevelt, in a press conference, states that Rome was bombed to save American and British lives after the Italians failed to declare it an open city.	23

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				(Cont'd) Kastelli strafed and machine-gunned; a causeway at Spinalonga Bay, factory at Hierapetra, and shipping in Mirabella Bay hit; 13 Hurricanes and 5 Baltimores fail to return.
24	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Ten missions of P-40's, totalling 62, drop approximately 15 tons of bombs on Kiska targets, concentrating on the runway; many hits scored on runway and near gun positions; main camp, runway, North Head, and Little Kiska also strafed; AA fire destroys 1 P-40 and slightly damages 2 others. <u>West Atlantic:</u> SS Henzada (British cargo ship, 4,161 tons) sunk by SS at 25-20 S, 40-00 W. SS Fort Chilcotin (British cargo ship, 7,000 tons) sunk by SS at 15-03 S, 32-35 W.	<u>Norway:</u> Aluminum plant at Heroya (70 mi. SW of Oslo) is target for successful raid by 180 B-17's, which drop 417 tons of bombs; direct hits scored on units composing 2 plants for the manufacture of chemicals resulting in fires throughout installations. Enemy fighters offer weak opposition to attack; 11 shot down, 1 probably, and 4 damaged; moderate AA fire encountered; 1 B-17 lost. Forty-five B-17's attack port area of Trondheim, dropping 102 tons of bombs; naval installations, buildings, quays, and shipping severely damaged, resulting in widespread fires; gas works set on fire; of intercepting enemy planes, 6 destroyed, 3 probably, and 3 damaged. Another mis-	<u>Russia:</u> Local engagements continue SW of Krasnodar on Mius front, and in middle Donets. Moscow announces that, in Belgorod area, Russian forces have restored their positions as they were before the German offensive which began July 5. The Red Army, advancing S of Orel, captures Zmiyevka, 22 mi. S of the city. Germans claim frustration of major Russian attacks S of Lake Ladoga. German Air Force carries out extensive operations in support of ground troops.	<u>Sicily:</u> Canadians, after fierce fighting, capture Nissoria, E of Leonforte. U.S. troops occupy Gangi in drive toward Nicosia. Forces along coast occupy Termini; troops in W end of Sicily carry out mopping up operations. A-36's carry out 80 bombing and strafing missions against coastal craft and MT on coast roads; Italian cruiser set on fire and 2 DD's hit at Messina. Night of 24/25, 20 B-25's and 4 A-20's bomb Milazzo, starting many fires, and A-20's attack MT and bridges in Orlando area. <u>Italy:</u> Bologna RR yards bombed by 50 B-17's; 125 tons dropped in target area, resulting in fires and a large explosion. Thirty-six escorted B-25's and 36 escorted B-26's make simultaneous attacks on Marina di Catanzaro and Marina di Paola RR yards; sheds, rolling stock, and yards damaged; 25 enemy planes encountered at latter, 2 of which are shot down and 2 probably; 2 B-26's destroyed. Leghorn bombed during night by 33 Lancasters returning from North Africa to bases in England; bombing very concentrated and fires started throughout target area. <u>Greece:</u> RAF Beaufighters make daylight raid on Kalamata airdrome, damaging administrative buildings and runways; Kyparissia also attacked.

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	(Cont'd) emy bombers and 40 fighters 30 mi. S of Lingling, forcing bombers to jettison their bombs. Total enemy losses as result of interception S of Lingling and at Hengyang are: 5 bombers and 9 fighters destroyed, 7 bombers and 12 fighters probably destroyed, 3 bombers and 6 fighters damaged; 1 P-40 destroyed on the ground, 1 damaged, 3 crash land. Burma: Akyab and Monywa bombed by 6 B-24's each; weather hampers observation of results at Akyab, but 6 hits believed scored in target area; at Monywa 2 large fires result from direct hits on town and smoke rises to 6,000'. Eight P-40's attack and destroy bridge 4 mi. S of Nsopzup, while 9 P-40's leave Namti RR bridge unserviceable as result of hits and near misses; portion of tracks S of Namti bridge destroyed. Total of 8 B-25's attack rail installations and supply centers between Sagaing and Myitkyina with following results: hits scored on rolling stock and tracks at Kyakthin; rolling stock at Kawlin destroyed; warehouses at Kyakthin and Zawchaung demolished; river boat in Chindwin R. left	(Cont'd) Salamaua bombed by B-24 on rcn. N.E.I.: Timor: Four RAAF Hudsons bomb Viqueque, scoring hits on buildings. During the night, 4 Dutch B-25's bomb Lautem and Fuilloro, while 4 others raid Koepang area; fires result at all targets. Dilli also attacked at night, by 4 RAAF Hudsons, which start large fires. Solomon Is.: Prisoners report that Japanese reinforcements from Vila have landed at Sunday Inlet, SW of Bairoko Harbor, New Georgia I. During early morning, Allied APD's with DD cover unload supplies at Enogai and evacuate wounded; DD shells enemy positions at Bairoko and on Kolombangara I. Allied positions at Enogai ineffectively bombed by 3 hostile planes. Force of 37 TBF's and 36 SBD's escorted by 48 P-40's bombs enemy positions in Bairoko area, dropping 55 tons of bombs. In the Munda area, 18 SBD's and 16 TBF's, with 22 fighters as escort, bomb enemy gun positions on Bibolo Hill; 1 TBF lost. New Britain: Seven B-25's attack enemy barges concentrated in vicinity of C. Busching, blowing up an oil barge and setting 2 other barges and a launch on fire; villages in the area also bombed and strafed. New Guinea: Lae airdrome is target for 60 tons of bombs dropped by 15 B-24's; heavy explosions and fires result. Eleven enemy bombers escorted by 10 fighters raid Bena Bena; no damage reported. Arce Is.: Enemy seaplane base at Taberfané strafed by 12 RAAF Beaufighters, which damage 3 beached seaplanes; hostile floatplanes intercept and 1 Beaufighter is missing.	Italy: In a special radio message, Pope Pius denies Axis claims that he has protested to the American Government against the bombing of Rome.	24

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		Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
		(Cont'd) sion of B-17's, dispatched against targets farther up the coast, are prevented from attacking because of heavy cloud. Germany: Night of 24/25, 794 RAF bombers, in heaviest raid of the war, drop 2,319 tons of HE and 967 tons of incendiaries on Hamburg; converging fires leave entire city a mass of flame; only mediocre opposition encountered; 12 bombers fail to return.		
25	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Total of 40 P-40's, in 7 missions, drop 10 tons of bombs on AA batteries at North Head and Kiska runway; hits scored on runway and near AA positions; Little Kiska and gun emplacements at North Head also strafed and fires started at the former.	Germany: Force of 123 B-17's dispatched to attack Hamburg, but smoke from raid of preceding night is so dense that 32 bombers are compelled to attack targets of opportunity in vicinity; remainder bomb aircraft engine factory and submarine building yards at Hamburg; AA fire and fighter opposition intense; 24 Axis aircraft shot down, 9 probably, and 7 damaged; 15 Allied bombers missing and 72 damaged. Two hundred B-17's dispatched	Russia: Enemy asserts that strong Soviet attacks at the Kuban bridgehead are repulsed. Operations in Donets Basin and on Mius front diminish to patrol activities. Russians continue to advance in Orel sector, actively supported by Soviet Air Force; the southern units capture several inhabited places, including Glazunovka; Poponov, Chizhovka, and Narykovo NE of Orel are also occupied. Nazis again report strong, unsuccessful Soviet attacks S of Lake	Sicily: Troops in Catania sector carry out patrolling activity only. Axis forces between Leonforte and Agira fiercely oppose attempts of Allied troops to advance and launch strong counterattack during night. U.S. forces occupy Cefalu, on the coast, in drive to threaten enemy's right flank. Mopping up operations in W Sicily continue. Allied planes concentrate on enemy communications and transport throughout the day, damaging roads and buildings at Troina, destroying 1 building and damaging others at Regalbuto. During night, 31 B-25's and A-20's attack Milazzo; many fires result in town and harbor. Spitfires intercept a formation of about 30 JU-52's in Messina area and shoot down 21; Beaufighters, on interception patrol S of Sicily, attack formation of 25 Axis bombers, destroying 6 JU-88's. Light bombers make 83 sorties against targets at Adrano, Cerami, Troina, and Novara with good results.

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	(Cont'd) sinking. RAF successfully raids river shipping in the Buthedaung, Mandalay, and Kalembo areas. China: Formation of 21 enemy bombers escorted by 20 fighters attacks airdrome at Lingling in Hunan Province, causing only minor damage; 16 intercepting P-40's destroy 3 enemy bombers and 3 Zeros, probably destroy 1 bomber and 1 Zero, and damage 4 bombers and 2 Zeros; 1 P-40 missing and 11 others damaged. At the same time, 8 Japanese Zeros attempt to raid airfield at Kweilin in Kwangsi Province, but are intercepted by Allied fighters which destroy 7 of the enemy force; 1 P-38 destroyed.			
	Burma: Single B-25 and 6 P-40's, with other P-40's as cover, bomb Mogaung, destroying large building and starting several fires in Hq area. Road bridge at Tiangzup bombed by 6 P-40's covered by 2 others; near miss on bridge causes it to tilt. RAF continues to operate against enemy river and coastal shipping. China: Force of 9 B-25's escorted by 17 fighters bombs Hankow airdrome, hitting dispersal and shop areas, hangars, and	Wake I.: Eight B-24's raid Wake I. during morning; 1 500-lb. bomb and 330 30-lb. fragmentation bombs hit target area; of 20-30 enemy planes intercepting, 9 are destroyed, 4 probably destroyed, and 5 damaged; attack opposed by heavy AA fire; 2 B-24's lost (1 in combat), 4 badly damaged by AA fire, and 2 slightly damaged. Solomon Is.: Allied forces launch final drive on Munda, New Georgia I., starting with bombardment of enemy positions by 7 Allied DD's at 0607 L; shore batteries, which at first return fire, are later silenced. Lambeti-Munda area receives a pulverizing attack by force of 250 Allied planes, comprising 53 SBD's, 52 TBF's, 32 B-24's, 24 B-25's, and 10 B-17's escorted by 79 fighters; over 186 tons of bombs dropped, making this the heaviest air attack to date in the SW Pacific; 1 B-24 missing. Ten B-24's covered by 30 fighters bomb gun positions on Bibolo Hill, N of Munda. Gun positions NE of Munda bombed by 21 SBD's and 37 TBF's escorted by fighters. Allied	Italy: Benito Mussolini resigns as head of the Italian Government. His resignation terminates a 21-year reign. King Vittorio Emanuele III appoints Marshal Pietro Badoglio as successor to Mussolini, who held the posts of Chief of Government, Premier, and Secretary of State.	25

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		Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
25 C'd		(Cont'd) patched against Warnemunde, but because of heavy cloud over targets only 46 tons of explosive dropped; remaining bombers attack Wustrow seaplane base and Kiel shipyards with excellent results; AA fire moderate; of intercepting enemy fighters, 6 destroyed, 1 probably, and 4 damaged for loss of 4 B-17's. Essen is target for 1,948 tons of bombs in night raid by 704 RAF bombers; target area covered with bombs, resulting in many very heavy explosions; defenses weaker than usual; 25 planes fail to return. <u>Low Countries:</u> Eighteen B-26's, escorted by 12 squadrons of Spitfires, bomb coke ovens at Ghent in diversionary attack; 16 tons of bombs dropped, with fair results; 6 bombers damaged by AA fire. Fokker aircraft factory at Amsterdam successfully attacked by 12 escorted B-25's; 2 Axis planes destroyed, 1 probably, and 3 damaged; 2 Spitfires lost. <u>England:</u> Small number of enemy planes operate over SE England during night; slight damage results; 3 of the attacking planes destroyed.	(Cont'd) Ladoga.	(Cont'd) 150 P-40's and 84 A-36's carry out bombing and strafing missions during the day: merchant ship at Catania damaged by P-40's; A-36's score hits on warehouses, docks, and merchant ship at Milazzo. <u>Malta:</u> About 25 enemy bombers attack Malta, causing slight damage to buildings in harbor area; 6 of the attacking planes shot down, 1 probably, and 2 damaged. <u>Mediterranean:</u> SS Fishpool (British cargo ship, 4,950 tons) sunk by Axis aircraft off Syracuse.

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	(Cont'd) revetments; no opposition encountered. In Hunan Province, Chihkiang and Shaoyang attacked by 34 and 18 Japanese bombers, respectively; runway at Chihkiang considerably damaged.	(Cont'd) troops advance against Japanese positions E of Munda, making gains varying from 200 yards on left to 500 yards on right; 1 Bn, flanking enemy positions on N, reaches the sea about 1 1/2 mi. E of Munda. Enemy planes ineffectively bomb Rice Anchorage and Enogai during early morning. On Rendova I., Allied positions bombed and strafed by force of 30 enemy dive bombers escorted by 30 fighters; 29 Allied fighters intercept, shooting down 8 Zeros; 2 P-39's and 2 F4F's lost in combat and 2 other F4F's are operational losses. Vila airdrome on Kolombangara I. bombed by 2 PBV's on rcn. Allied positions at Olina Bay, Vangunu I., unsuccessfully bombed by enemy aircraft before dawn. Seven Zeros attack Allied rcn plane over Bougainville I.; 1 of the enemy planes shot down by the rcn plane and the others driven off by P-40's. B-24 on rcn sights enemy convoy W of Buka and attacks 1 of the vessels, a 7,000-ton AK, scoring near misses on it. <u>New Britain:</u> Small enemy AK off C. Cunningham is left stationary and on fire as result of attack by 2 RAAF Beaufighters. <u>New Guinea:</u> From June 30 to date, enemy casualties in Salamaua area reported as 1,084. Finschhafen area bombed by single B-24 on rcn. During afternoon, 3 enemy dive bombers ineffectively attack Allied positions at Tambu Bay. <u>Tanimbar Is.:</u> On Selaru I., enemy-held villages of Adoet and Lingat bombed by 3 RAAF Hudsons.		25 C'd

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26	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Allied surface force at 50-48 N, 176-14 E shells hostile craft contacted by radar for 1/2 hour, beginning at 0016 W. During early morning hours, single PBY drops flares and fragmentation and incendiary bombs on main camp and Gertrude Cove, Kiska; fires started at the latter. In the heaviest air attack on Kiska to date, total of 29 B-24's, 42 P-40's, and 32 P-38's participate in 13 missions, dropping 108 tons of bombs on main camp, North Head, South Head, runway, SS base, Gertrude Cove, and Little Kiska; various targets also strafed; fires and explosions caused on targets; 1 P-40 destroyed by AA fire and 3 others receive minor battle damage.	<u>Germany:</u> Synthetic rubber factories at Hannover and industrial targets at Wilhelmshaven and Wesermunde bombed by 182 B-17's with good results; intense fighter opposition encountered; 50 Axis planes shot down, 22 probably, and 14 damaged; convoy in North Sea also attacked; 20 bombers lost. U-boat yards and aircraft engine factory at Hamburg again attacked by 127 B-17's; good results obtained despite intense, accurate AA fire; weak enemy interception encountered; 22 bombers missing; total of 60 Axis planes shot down, 10 probably, and 36 damaged. <u>France:</u> Airfield at St. Omer bombed by 18 escorted B-26's with good results; moderate AA fire encountered; escort engages about 30 enemy planes in combat, destroying 1 and damaging 4; 2 Spitfires lost. RAF Typhoon bombers make successful raid on Abbeville and Merville airfields. <u>Belgium:</u> Courtrai airfield is target for 11 escorted A-20's; of enemy planes encountered, 4 shot down, 1 probably, and 3 damaged; 3 Spitfires fail to return. <u>England:</u> Fifteen enemy planes operating over SE England drop bombs at scattered	<u>Russia:</u> Renewed Soviet attacks, with strong tank and plane support, appear to be making gains NW of Krymskaya; Germans assert that their counterattacks were partially successful in repelling Soviet thrust. On Mius front, Soviets are also attacking, in area NW of Kuibyshevo. Fierce fighting continues in Orel sector; N arm of Soviet forces captures Berestna; S arm captures Yeropkino; SE arm captures Bogoroditskaya, cutting the Orel-Bryansk RR, the last RR connection with Orel. Enemy claims repulse of Russian attacks S of Lake Ladoga.	<u>Sicily:</u> Patrolling continues on 13th Corps front. U.S. forces on coast road continue eastward advance. Forces in Agira sector engage in heavy fighting while U.S. troops plunge E toward Nicosia. Consolidation of W part of island continues. Allied planes continue attacks on enemy shipping and communications: 24 planes attack Milazzo, Paterno, and Adrano, causing fires at all 3 targets and explosions at last. Formation of fighter bombers attacks Regalbuto and Milazzo, damaging a merchant ship at latter and causing fires and explosions at former. A-36's hit merchant ship, docks, and small vessels at Messina, barges at San Stefano. Malta-based Bostons damage roads and buildings at Agira; Bostons and Baltimores hit RR tracks, chemical works, and station at Milazzo, Beaufighters, on anti-shipping sweeps, attack enemy convoy off Corsica, blowing up a cargo vessel, and set 2 barges on fire NE of Macalena. <u>Sardinia:</u> Forty-seven P-40's, on sweep of S Sardinia, engage formation of 12 Axis aircraft; 5 enemy planes shot down and 1 probably. <u>Italy:</u> Marina di Paola bombed by 13 B-26's with escort of 36 P-38's; bursts observed on buildings and beaches. Seventy-seven Wellingtons make night raid on Montecorvino and Capodichino airdromes; hangars and administration buildings hit; 1 fire caused at former and 3 fires and explosion at latter. Reggio di Calabria airdrome is target for night attack by 3 B-24's and 7 Halifaxes; bombs hit airdrome, resulting in 3 fires; 2 explosions caused near Scilla.

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	Burma: For- mation of 6 P-40's and 1 B-25, covered by 3 P- 40's, bombs Mogaung, destroy- ing 3 storage build- ings and starting fires in Hq area. Six other P-40's attack Pinma, starting 1 large and several small fires, while 5 P- 40's raid Tiangzup with un- observed results. China: Five B- 25's and 12 P- 40's successfully raid Hankow air- drome, hitting re- vetment and hangar areas; 30-50 Jap- anese fighters in- tercept and in en- suing battles 13 enemy fighters de- stroyed and 17 probably destroyed; 1 P-40 missing and 3 B-25's slightly damaged. Kienow airfield in Fukien raided by 24 en- emy bombers, which drop 28 bombs on runway.	Solomon Is.: Allied troops on New Georgia I. continue to advance slowly on Munda; by dusk, units of our ground forces have passed Tetere (2,000 yards SE of Munda); other units are reducing enemy strongpoints. Supporting ground forces, 37 TBF's and 24 SBD's bomb AA positions N and NW of Bibolo Hill; AA fire silenced and fires started by direct hits; 2 TBF's and 2 SBD's hit; 1 TBF lost. Nine B-25's escorted by 20 P-40's bomb and strafe Vovohe Cove, Kolom- bangara I., scoring direct hit on ware- house and starting 3 fires. Vila bombed during morning by 1 B-24 which fails to reach Kahili and at night by PBY on rcn. During night, Allied PT's attack 4 en- emy barges in Blackett Strait, sinking 2 of them. Bivouac area on Simbo I. strafed during afternoon by 4 B-25's escorted by 7 F4U's; warehouse and huts set on fire. Following fighter sweep over Kahili by 21 F4U's, force of 14 B- 24's escorted by 35 fighters bombs Kahili in morning, hitting runway loaded with planes and bivouac area S of runway; about 30 enemy fighters in- tercept and 1 F4U is shot down. Single PBY on night rcn mission bombs enemy barges near Kahili. New Britain: Small enemy AK off C. Cunningham strafed by 2 RAAF Beau- fighters and forced to beach. Three attacks on Gasmata area are made by B-24 on rcn. 8 RAAF Beaufighters, and 6 RAAF A-20's, respectively. New Guinea: Lae airdrome bombed by single B-24 on rcn. Salamaua-Malolo area attacked by 10 B-24's and 13 B- 17's, which drop 67 tons of bombs; fires and explosions result from direct hits on buildings and installations. For- mation of 30-50 enemy fighters inter- cepted over Salamaua by 25 P-38's; in ensuing combat, 11 enemy planes are de- stroyed and 5 probably destroyed; 1 P- 38 crash lands. Enemy positions in Komiutum area bombed by 18 B-24's; 70 tons of bombs dropped and heavy damage results. Allied positions in Nassau Bay area and at Salus Lake un- successfully raided during afternoon by enemy planes. N.E.I.: At night, 5 RAAF Hudsons bomb Larat, an enemy-held village on Larat I., Tanimbar Is.; direct hits scored on buildings and jetty area. Single Dutch B-25 makes night attack on village in Kei Is.	Italy: Badoglio proclaims martial law, imposes a curfew, and forbids gatherings of more than 3 per- sons. A new cabinet of 17 persons is an- nounced, from which the post of Minister of the Fascist Party is excluded. Press reports a wave of anti-Fascist demonstrations following the fall of Mussolini.	26

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		(Cont'd) points in Essex, causing slight damage. East Atlantic: SS El Argentino (British cargo ship, 9,501 tons) sunk by aircraft at 39-50 N, 13-38 W.		
27	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Kiska attacked 4 times by total of 4 B-24's, 5 B-25's, 8 P-38's, and 8 P-40's; approximately 22 tons of bombs dropped through overcast on main camp, Little Kiska, and North Head; 3 hits observed on main camp; 1 B-24 damaged by AA fire.	<u>Germany:</u> Hamburg is again target for heavy night raid by RAF; 787 bombers drop 2,313 tons of HE and 1,209 tons of incendiaries with excellent results, causing widespread fires; AA fire intense; 2 enemy planes destroyed and 17 bombers missing. <u>France:</u> Tricqueville airdrome bombed by 18 escorted B-26's with good results; no enemy planes and only slight AA fire encountered. Thirty-six B-26's carry out diversion in vicinity of Dieppe. <u>Low Countries:</u> Venturas with Spitfire escort bomb coke ovens and benzol plant at Zeebrugge; escorted Typhoon bombers attack airfields at Courtrai and Woensdrecht. Nine escorted B-25's successfully bomb Amsterdam/Schiphol airfield; 4 Axis aircraft destroyed, 3 probably, and 5 damaged. <u>English Channel:</u> In morning, British light naval forces engage Axis minesweepers and trawlers NE of Cherbourg; 2 enemy ships left	<u>Russia:</u> Germans claim repulse of Soviet attacks in Kuban and on Mius front. Russians report unsuccessful enemy counterattacks in area SW of Voroshilovgrad. Soviet offensive in Orel area continues to make gains, although against heavy enemy counterattacks. Berlin reports Soviet attack S of Lake Ladoga weaker than on previous days and claims repulse of them. German Air Force continues to pound Soviet supplies and positions in support of ground operations.	<u>Sicily:</u> Heavy enemy opposition prevents any progress of British troops in coastal area S of Catania. Allied forces at W end of Catania plain make slight gains despite fierce opposition. Canadians, against strong resistance, reach positions overlooking Agira; town is surrounded but Axis forces stubbornly oppose its capture. Units of 45th Div capture Castelbuono; forces on coast reach St. Pollina against ever-increasing resistance. Axis troops entrench on heights W of Nicosia. British gun boats bombard RR station, trains, and warehouses at Giardini at close range during night; damage to installations and several fires result; no effective opposition encountered. Milazzo bombed by total of 107 Bostons and Baltimores; RR yards, buildings, and docks hit. Other light bombers attack Agira and fighter bombers raid Fratello. <u>Italy:</u> Force of B-17's dispatched to bomb a Foggia satellite airdrome are unable to locate target because of weather conditions; 21 bomb Capua airdrome instead, damaging hangars, runways, and parked aircraft; other B-17's hit RR and bridge at Lioni, and RR at Caltri; of about 15-20 enemy aircraft encountered, 3 are destroyed; 1 B-17 is destroyed, 2 are missing. Scalea airdrome bombed by 61 escorted medium bombers; landing ground damaged and several fires started; many hits scored on buildings and parked aircraft. <u>Aegean:</u> Four Beaufighters attack Italian ship towing barge and 2 PT boats SW of Melos I; 1 PT and Italian ship severely damaged.

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	China: Fifteen B-24's attack Japanese shipping in Samah Bay, Hainan I.; direct hits and near misses scored on 2 ocean vessels, 1 of which is left smoking and listing, and near misses scored on a 3d vessel; of 25-30 intercepting enemy fighters, 14 are destroyed and 6 probably destroyed; slight damage inflicted on all U.S. planes, but all return. Hong Kong Harbor is target for 6 B-25's and 14 P-40's, which start small fires among buildings. For the 2d successive day Kienow airfield is attacked by enemy planes: 22 hostile bombers damage the field with 36 hits.	Wake I.: Eight B-24 D's from Midway raid Wake during morning; of 36 500-lb. bombs and 80 fragmentation clusters dropped, 35% of load is estimated to have hit target; 3 500-lb. bombs hitting W tip of Wake and the remainder falling on Peale I.; 20-25 enemy fighters intercepted, of which 7 are shot down, 5 probably, and 3 damaged; AA fire heavy, accurate, and intense; 3 of our planes damaged, but all return. Solomon Is.: Despite strong Japanese defense positions, Allied advance on Munda continues: on the left flank, 43d Div gains 200 yards; 37th Div. reduces 14 more pillboxes; on the N flank, Allied patrols are moving on Bibolo Hill. Eighteen SBD's and 34 TBF's, with heavy fighter escort, drop 35 tons of bombs on Bibolo Hill area during morning; heavy AA fire encountered, but all our planes return. Earlier in the morning, 6 B-17's bomb Kahili and Ballale, scoring many hits on Kahili strip; intercepting enemy fighters destroy 1 B-17. New Britain: Two beached enemy AK's at C. Cunningham set on fire during bombing and strafing attack by 4 RAAF Beauforts and 6 RAAF Beaufighters. B-17 on rcn bombs enemy buildings on islands in the Witu Group. New Guinea: Allied troops capture enemy position on Sugarcane Ridge (S of Orodubi); envelopment of enemy positions on Tambu Peninsula starts. Single enemy plane unsuccessfully attacks Woodlark I. during early morning. Force of 18 B-24's and 35 B-25's raids Salamaua and nearby villages, dropping 123 tons of bombs; fires and explosions result from direct hits on buildings, and a bridge near Kela is destroyed. Six B-26's attack Lae, causing fires and explosions in dump area. In a sweep along Huon Peninsula from Finschhafen to Pommern Bay, 17 B-25's bomb and strafe enemy barge hideouts and strafe 8 villages; 3 barges destroyed and 3 damaged. During night, Allied P.F.s destroy 4 loaded enemy barges near C. Cretin.	Uruguay-Russia: Uruguay renews diplomatic relations with Russia. Italy: New Italian Cabinet, meeting for the first time, orders the "complete dissolution of the National Fascist Party," the Rome radio announces. Peace demonstrations and rioting continue at various places in Italy. Spain: According to press reports, the Spanish Cabinet authorizes the liberation of 10,015 political prisoners held since the end of the Spanish Civil War.	27

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28	Caribbean: SS Rosalia (Dutch tanker, 3,177 tons) sunk by SS at 12-07 N, 69-13 W.	(Contd.) burning; light damage and some casualties sustained by British vessels. Germany: Force of 182 B-17's dispatched in 3 groups to attack aircraft component factory at Kassel; because of adverse weather, only 1 group reaches target; 109 tons of HE dropped, damaging factory and a fibre works; attack opposed by intense, accurate AA fire and 100-150 Axis planes. Withdrawing bombers met by 123 P-47's near German border; 50-60 enemy fighters driven off. Focke-Wulf aircraft plant near Magdeburg is target for 120 B-17's, only part of which succeed in reaching objective, due to weather conditions; 70 tons of bombs dropped with good results; very strong fighter opposition encountered. Total of 82 enemy planes destroyed, 34 probably, and 64 damaged in the 2 raids; 29 bombers lost, 81 damaged. France-Low Countries: Coke ovens at Zeebrugge bombed by 18 B-26's with Spitfire escort; good results obtained; 3 bombers damaged by AA fire. RAF escorted Typhoon bombers attack enemy airfields at Courtrai and Merville. England: Six enemy bombers	Russia: Patrol activity only reported in lower Donets and Belgorod areas. Soviet thrust along Kursk-Orel RR captures RR station of Stanovoi Kolodez, about 11 mi. SE of Orel. The N arm of the offensive encounters very stiff enemy resistance and strong counterattacks; Moscow reports that Nazi forces in Bolkhov area, threatened with encirclement, retreat. Berlin announces heavy fighting S of Lake Ladoga although Russians report only artillery exchanges and patrol activity on Leninograd front.	Sicily: Artillery and mortar fire in Catania area increases. Agira captured by Canadians and Nicosia by U.S. troops, which advance E and N of the town. One brigade cuts across road E of Agira and pushes toward Regalbuto. Enemy is forced to withdraw about 5 mi. on the coast. Regalbuto attacked by 72 light bombers; town well covered by bombs; hits scored on roads; large explosion results. Fighter planes, on anti-shipping sweep in Messina-Catania area, score hits on 8,000-ton merchant ship. Fighter bombers attack MT on Troina-Randazzo road; 30 vehicles destroyed and many damaged. Italy: During night, Allied naval force of 2 cruisers and 6 DD's bombards bridge S of Locri. Montecorvino and Capodichino air-dromes are objectives of night raid by Wellingtons; both targets covered with bombs; large fire and explosion results at latter. Aegean: Three Wellingtons make night attack on shipping in harbor of Alimnia I.; smoke observed from 2 merchant ships.

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	Bay of Bengal: Six B-24's bomb a 300-400' enemy vessel near Port Blair, Andaman Is., scoring near misses on it. A 250' enemy AK is attacked and sunk off Tavoy by 3 B-24's. Burma: Japanese village 10 mi. N of Sumprabum bombed and strafed by 4 P-40's, while 8 others score near misses on Shweli bridge. Seven B-24's bomb Diamond I., scoring hits among buildings. Airfield at Pagoda Pt. bombed and strafed by single B-24; all bombs hit runway. RAF continues to operate successfully against enemy ground targets and small shipping. China: Taikoo docks at Hong Kong bombed by 6 B-25's and 9 P-40's; results unobserved but believed good.	(Cont'd) N.E.I.: Koepang, Timor, bombed at night by single RAAF Hudson. Solomon Is.: Strong enemy resistance does not prevent slight Allied progress along entire Munda line, except in extreme S. Japanese positions in Munda area bombed by 23 TBF's and 36 SBD's escorted by 47 fighters; 37 tons of bombs dropped on Munda Pt., Gurasai, and Bibolo Hill from 2,500 ft.; 1 SBD hit by AA fire. On Kolombangara I., 23 B-25's escorted by 12 F4U's bomb and strafe Webster Cove (Vovohe), hitting buildings and trenches and starting 14 fires; despite heavy MG and 20-mm fire, all our planes return. New Ireland: Three enemy DD's SE of C. St. George unsuccessfully attacked by B-24 on rcn. New Britain: Fifteen B-25's attack enemy shipping off C. Gloucester; 1 DD sunk and another DD and an AK left burning; enemy transport plane destroyed on the airdrome; of 13 intercepting enemy fighters, 2 are shot down; 1 B-25 crashes on return to base. Enemy installations and barges in Rein Bay bombed and strafed by 11 B-25's escorted by 9 P-38's; fuel dump blown up and 7 barges and 2 launches destroyed; of 12 intercepting enemy fighters, 6 are destroyed, 2 probably destroyed. Buildings on Unea I., Witu Is., bombed by single B-24 on rcn. New Guinea: Allied troops occupy position 3/4 mi. SW of Orodubi; heavy casualties inflicted on enemy. Bridge at mouth of Francisco R. shelled by Allied artillery. In Dutch New Guinea, 3 B-24's attack Manokwari, scoring near misses on small AK and on jetty. N.E.I.: Two RAAF Hudsons bomb Penfoel airdrome, causing explosions and many fires, while 3 others start fires visible for 40-50 mi. at Koepang, Timor. Further attacks on Timor are made by 5 Dutch B-25's, 2 of which bomb Lautem and 3, C. Chater; fires started at both targets. Boela, Ceram I., is target for 6 B-24's, which bomb airdrome, workshops, dumps, and fuel tanks; numerous fires result. Three B-24's bomb Larat, Larat I., Tanimbar Is.	U.S.: President Roosevelt, in a radio address directed to the American and Italian people, declares: "Our terms to Italy are the same as our terms to Germany and Japan-- unconditional surrender." Representatives of the Emergency Advisory Committee for Political Defense arrive in Washington. The Committee is an inter-American organization, and its delegates to Washington will consult on Axis activities in the Americas. France: According to a Vichy dispatch, a decree providing for the organization of the first regiment of the new Vichy Army, under the command of General Berlon, has been issued. Italy: A Vatican broadcast beamed to Spain quotes Pope Pius XII as opposing dictatorships.	28

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		Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
29	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> U.S. DD sinks Japanese landing barge about 4 mi. E of Sobaka Rock, Kiska. Main camp area at Kiska is target for 4 500-lb. bombs dropped by single B-17 through overcast.	(Cont d) drop bombs at scattered points in Essex, causing slight damage. <u>Germany:</u> Heinkel aircraft factory at Warnemunde is target for 54 B-17's which drop 119 tons of bombs with good results; attack opposed by 12 enemy fighters and moderate AA fire. Ship-building yards and naval dockyard at Kiel bombed by 168 B-17's; despite ground haze and strong fighter opposition, good results obtained. Total of 48 Axis planes destroyed, 8 probably, and 33 damaged; 10 Allied bombers fail to return and 57 are damaged. Forty-eight B-17's bomb Helgoland and targets of opportunity. Night of 29/30, 782 RAF bombers drop 2,277 tons of HE and incendiaries on Hamburg; numerous fires merge into 1 large conflagration; several heavy explosions caused; heavy AA fire and many Axis fighter planes encountered; 4 enemy aircraft shot down; 28 bombers fail to return. <u>France:</u> St. Omer airfield bombed by 21 escorted B-26's with fair results; 8 bombers damaged by AA fire. Bostons and Typhoon bombers	<u>Russia:</u> Berlin announces that German light naval forces shelled Soviet positions on Mius R. front. Rcn activity reported in Donets Basin and Belgorod area. N and S of Orel the Red Army offensive makes slight gains, capturing many inhabited places. E of Orel, Russians claim repulse of enemy counterattacks, but these appear to be delaying Soviet advance from this direction. Nazis report repulse of repeated Soviet attacks S of Lake Ladoga.	<u>Sicily:</u> Canadian troops moving up from SE capture Catenanuova, despite strong opposition by Germans; other Allied forces continue advance on Regalbuto. American units push along coastal road toward San Stefano. Twelve Bostons attack Regalbuto with unobserved results; 12 Baltimores and 24 Bostons make successful raid on gun positions SW of Paterno; 22 Baltimores bomb Milazzo. Messina attacked by force of fighter bombers, which scores hits on quay, ferry, and large merchant ship. RAF P-40's bomb and strafe MT on Troina-Randazzo road; other P-40's, on anti-shipping patrol in Messina-Milazzo area, score hits on 2 Axis merchant vessels. Eight Beaufighters attack enemy convoy; 1 merchant ship left sinking, a DD and a PT set on fire. <u>Italy:</u> Viterbo airdrome bombed by 56 B-17's; target covered; 42 grounded planes reported destroyed. Of 49 escorted B-26's dispatched to attack Aquino airdrome, only 23 reach target because of weather; objective covered with bombs. <u>Aegean:</u> Beaufighters attack shipping near Paros I., damaging 5 schooners.

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<u>Indian Ocean:</u> SS Cornish City (British cargo ship, 4,952 tons) sunk by SS at 27-20 S, 52-10 E.	<u>Andaman Is.:</u> Five B-24's bomb and strafe 3 enemy vessels near Port Blair; dock area at Chatham I. also bombed and hits scored among buildings; AA fire over Port Blair slightly damages 1 B-24. <u>Burma:</u> Nine B-25's bomb Tangon, 40 mi. N of Shwebo, destroying large factory and hitting rolling stock; huge fires follow bombing. Mu R. bridge, 30 mi. W of Mandalay, is target for B-25's which leave E and W spans down and center span damaged. In N Burma, P-40's bomb and strafe enemy bases at Sumprabum, Shingban, and Man-ywet with good results. RAF successfully attacks enemy villages on Mayu Peninsula, river shipping between Pakokku and Monywa, and a factory farther N. <u>China:</u> Kowloon dock area at Hong Kong extensively damaged during attack by 18 B-24's escorted by 15 fighters; hit scored on an AK in dry dock and near misses on ship leaving dock; 1 of 2 intercepting enemy fighters is probably destroyed for loss of 1 P-40. Unspecified number of hostile planes	<u>Solomon Is.:</u> Allied troops advancing on Munda, New Georgia I., continue to make progress; 43d Div on left, using tanks and flame throwers, gains ground all along the front; in the center, 145th Inf repulses enemy counterattacks; on the right, 148th Inf continues to patrol to N and W. Four B-25's escorted by 8 F4U's sink 2 enemy barges off W coast of Kolombangara I., 1 at Webster Cove and another at Hamberi Cove; same planes bomb and strafe Webster Cove area and Parapora Village at Sandfly Harbor, damaging a building and starting fires at the former. During the night, Allied PT's strafe 2 enemy barges in vicinity of Meresu Cove, SW Kolombangara, possibly sinking them. <u>New Britain:</u> Fifteen B-25's escorted by 14 P-38's, in further attacks on enemy shipping off C. Gloucester, destroy the DD damaged and reefed on 28th and 4 barges; same force attacks shore installations, silencing an AA position near strip and starting fires in camp area; 1 enemy light bomber shot down. Hostile barges concentrated in vicinity of Borgen Bay attacked by 8 B-26's and 1 B-24; explosions result from hits; the B-24 also bombs Hq buildings at Natamo. Three Beaufighters escorted by 8 RAAF P-40's strafe buildings and probable troops in vicinity of Arawe. <u>New Guinea:</u> During early morning, Allied PT's attack 30 enemy barges in Vitiaz Strait, sinking 7 of them. Japanese installations on Salamaua Isthmus and at Kela are targets for 18 B-25's, 12 B-17's, and 12 B-24's, which drop 94 tons of bombs; AA position and a defense post destroyed and many fires started. <u>N.E.I.:</u> Two small islands off SE coast of Ceram strafed during night by 2 RAAF PBV's on rcn. In the Tanimbar Is., enemy villages and small shipping from Selaru I. to Larat I. strafed by 6 RAAF Beaufighters.	<u>Italy:</u> General Eisenhower broadcasts message to the Italian people offering peace proposals. Rome radio announces the dissolution of further Fascist organizations by the new cabinet, which also promises general elections for a substitute legislative assembly to be held 4 months after the end of the war and forbids the formation of new political parties. 29

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		(Cont'd) attack airfield at Merville and power station at Rouen. England: Fifteen enemy planes drop bombs at scattered points in Kent.		
30	<u>Aleutian Is.:</u> Single Allied DD's bombard Gertrude Cove and main camp area at Kiska before dawn; fire is not returned.	Germany: Aircraft factories, fabric plant, and barracks area near Kassel damaged in raid by 115 B-17's, which drop 300 tons of bombs; intense AA fire and strong fighter opposition encountered. Withdrawing bombers met near Emmerich by 107 P-47's; 75-100 Axis planes engaged in combat; total enemy aircraft destroyed during operation are 48, 13 probably destroyed, and 32 damaged; 11 bombers missing and 75 damaged. Force of 228 RAF bombers makes successful night attack on Remscheid, dropping 693 tons of explosive; only light ground defenses encountered; 15 bombers are missing. <u>Low Countries:</u> Twelve escorted B-26's bomb air-	Russia: Germans claim repulse of strong attacks by Red Army forces W of Krymskaya. Enemy launches heavy tank and infantry attacks SW of Voroshilovgrad against positions recently captured by Soviets but Moscow announces that these are repulsed. Nazi counterattacks in Orel sector considerably retard Soviet advance, although Russians claim gains of 2 1/2-6 mi. Berlin again reports unsuccessful Soviet attacks S of Lake Ladoga.	Sicily: Thirteenth Corps shells enemy positions along Simeto R. Canadian units push E from Catenanuova to occupy Muglia. U.S. 1st Div captures Mistretta; other American forces advance NE of Nicosia; patrols operate towards Troina. Troops in W Sicily accept surrender of Favignana, Marettimo, and Levanzo islands. Light bombers make 143 sorties against Milazzo and Adrano; 5,000-ton merchant ship at former damaged; docks, buildings, RR yards also damaged and large fires started. Sardinia: Thirty-six P-40's carry out sweep over island; of 30-40 Axis planes encountered, 21 shot down, 5 probably, and 2 damaged. Italy: Forty-six B-17's bomb Grottaglie airdrome, damaging barracks and starting several fires. Practicale di Mare airdrome attacked by 72 escorted B-25's; entire target, particularly dispersal areas, covered with bombs; of 5 enemy planes attempting to intercept, 1 destroyed, 1 probably, 1 damaged. Nine Halifaxes and 2 Liberators attack RR installations at Reggio di Calabria; hits scored in harbor area and on RR where explosion occurs; bursts also observed near ferry berths and underground fuel tanks. Malta: During night, enemy aircraft drop a few bombs in NE area of island, causing slight damage to service property.

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	(Cont'd) bomb Kienow air-drome, scoring 35 hits on field. Hengyang RR station raided by 23 Japanese bombers escorted by 30 Zeros; intercepting P-40's destroy 1 Zero and probably destroy 2 Zeros and 1 bomber. A 2d wave, consisting of 25 enemy bombers, approaches but turns back before reaching target.			
...	Burma: RR installations and storage areas at Myingyan and Pintha bombed by total of 10 B-25's; warehouses believed destroyed at the former, and rolling stock demolished at the latter. Nine B-25's, attacking Meiktila, score direct hits on runway and in storage area. Oil installations at Chauk attacked by 10 B-25's; many explosions result from direct hits. RAF attacks ground targets and small shipping in Kalemmyo, Shwebo, and Chauk areas. China: Twenty-four enemy bombers escorted by 9 fighters attack Hengyang airdrome; intercepting P-40's destroy 3 bombers and 1 Zero; 1 P-40 destroyed by bombing, 1 in aerial combat, and 2 forced down because of damage	Solomon Is.: On New Georgia I., Allied troops driving on Munda make some progress in the S and center, but fail to gain ground on the N. During morning, 18 SBD's followed by 18 TBF's bomb 4 gun positions on W side of Bairoko Harbor, scoring many hits; area is also strafed. Munda Pt. and Gurasai attacked during afternoon by 36 TBF's escorted by 16 F4F's; 31 hits scored in target area. At night, Allied PT's attack and sink a 100' enemy auxiliary vessel off Meresu Cove, Kolombangara I. In the Bougainville area, 9 B-24's escorted by 62 fighters carry out afternoon raid on Ballale; 6 fires started along runway; 25 enemy fighters attempt to intercept but are driven off by our fighters; 1 F4U crashes near Gizo. RAAF Beaufort sights and attacks 6 large enemy barges and an escort vessel about 50 mi. W of Buka; hit on 1 barge leaves it stationary. New Britain: Four RAAF A-20's bomb buildings in vicinity of Gasmata and sink loaded barge off C. Dampier (E of Gasmata). Unea I. in the Witu Group bombed by B-24 on rcn. New Guinea: Allied troops cut main Komiatum track S of Bobdubi. Point overlooking enemy positions at Orodubi siezed by our forces. Enemy barge concentrations in Huon Gulf area attacked by 9 B-25's and 9 A-20's, which sink 7 in vicinity of Hanisch Harbor and Mape R. At night, RAAF PBV attacks 4 barges at Finschhafen and bombs and strafes the town. Adverse weather prevents attack on Lae by force of 24 B-24's; 48 half-ton bombs dropped on alternate target, Salamaua Isthmus. Later, another B-24 bombs Kela Pt.	U.S.: President Roosevelt makes public a report of the Conference on Post-War Readjustment and Military Personnel, which concerns post-war demobilization. In a statement to the press, President Roosevelt says that "the United States Government hopes that no neutral government will permit its territory to be used as a place of refuge" for Axis leaders.	30

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		Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
		(Cont'd) drome at Woensdrecht with good results; of enemy aircraft attempting to intercept, 6 destroyed, 5 probably, and 1 damaged. Escorted RAF Bostons attack Schiphol airfield at Amsterdam; 3 Axis planes destroyed. Airfields at Courtrai and Coxyde in Belgium attacked by escorted Typhoon bombers. France: Escorted Venturas make successful daylight raid on power station at Yainville; Typhoon bombers escorted by Typhoon fighters bomb Poix airfield. East Atlantic: SS Halizones (British cargo ship, 5,298 tons) sunk by aircraft at 38-04 N, 12-59 W.		
31	...	France: U.S. medium bombers successfully attack several enemy airfields: 21 B-26's each attack Merville and Poix in morning; moderate AA fire and weak fighter opposition encountered; 18 B-26's attack Tricqueville in afternoon and 21 B-26's bomb Abbeville; all are escorted by squadrons of RAF Spitfires. Airfields at St. Omer, Amiens, and Lille are targets for successful raids by escorted RAF medium and fighter bombers.	Russia: Berlin announces strong counterattack N of Kuibyshevo and claim annihilation of a Soviet force in this area; Moscow reports repulse of enemy counterattacks SW of Voroshilovgrad. The battle in the Orel sector is considerably diminished. Berlin reporting collapse of Soviet attacks, and Moscow claiming slight gains. Enemy reports weaker Soviet operations S of Lake Ladoga.	Sicily: Canadian troops advance along Catenanuova-Regalbuto road; 231st Brig repels fierce Axis counterattack just W of Regalbuto. U.S. 2d Corps pushes E from Nicosia-Mistretta road; 1st Div captures Cerami and Goums occupy Capizzi. Units on coastal road reach San Stefano area. Randazzo bombed by 24 B-25's and again by 24 Baltimores; 2 buildings, 1 of which explodes, are hit. Randazzo and Adrano bombed during night by 12 Wellingtons. Paterno and Centuripe attacked by formation of Bostons and Baltimores with good results; 6 planes fail to return from raid on latter. Nine A-36's and 30 Spitfires bomb and strafe RR station at Merea, MT at Cesaro and Fratello; several gun positions silenced. Cesaro also bombed by 24 B-25's with Spitfire escort. Forty-six A-20's and 24 Baltimores escorted by Spitfires bomb St. Maria with unreported results. Targets in Adrano area attacked by 11 more Wellingtons; results unobserved. Enemy bombers make light attacks on Allied troops near Agira and Randazzo.

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	(Cont'd) from gunfire.	(Cont'd) Two enemy dive bombers attack our positions in the Bobdubi area during afternoon. Six hostile bombers escorted by 19 fighters carry out morning raid on Garoka airfield in the Bena Bena area; no damage results.		
...	Burma: Nine B-25's attack Nyaungbinwun, W of Mandalay, scoring 5 direct hits on RR rolling stock. Twelve B-25's, in 2 flights, successfully attack barracks area at Bhamo and river shipping at Katha. RAF attacks rolling stock at Myingyan and Ye-u.	Solomon Is.: Allied force in the Bairoko area, New Georgia I., actively patrolling to discover enemy dispositions and supply lines, while Japanese maintain a passive defense. Thirty-four TBF's and 35 SBD's escorted by 51 fighters attack enemy AA positions at Bibolo Hill, dropping 52 tons of bombs; 1 direct hit scored; 30 Zeros intercept, destroying 2 P-40's. Enemy AA positions and bivouac areas at Vila and Stanmore Plantation, NE of Vila airfield, are targets for 60 tons of bombs dropped by total of 5 B-17's, 22 TBF's, 25 SBD's, and 22 B-25's with 64 fighters as escort; 2 TBF's and 4 SBD's hit by AA fire, but all our planes return. New Britain: In a coastal sweep from C. Busching to Borgen Bay, 7 B-25's destroy 7 enemy barges and a possible supply dump. Nine A-20's, in further attacks on barge concentrations, sink 5 in vicinity of C. Gloucester; enemy villages in the area also bombed and strafed and fires started at 1. New Guinea: Nine B-25's bomb Hansch Harbor and strafe Finschhafen;	Italy: Allies warn Italy, in a broadcast beamed to the Italian people, that air raids "will be resumed in earnest." Rome broadcasts, about 3 hours after the Allied message, that the Italian people have no choice but to continue the war. Rome announces the resignation of Count Ciano from his post as Ambassador to the Vatican. Press dispatches since the resignation of Mussolini have reported continued dis-	31

1943	NORTH AND LATIN AMERICAN THEATERS	EUROPEAN THEATER		
		Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Southern Europe
31 C'd				(Cont'd) Night of July 31/August 1, Taormina area bombarded by 2 DD's. <u>Italy:</u> Allied naval force of 3 cruisers and 4 DD's bombards Vibo Valentia and Oliva during night.

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		(Cont'd) building destroyed at the former. N.E.I.: Waingapoe, Soemba I., success- fully bombed by 6 B-24's; large fires started in town and jetty area. Adverse weather prevents attack on Lautem, Timor, by 7 B-25's; 1 of the planes bombs Wetar I.	(Cont'd) turbances at various places in Italy, particularly at Milan, Trieste, Genoa, Bologna, Turin, and Rome.	31 C'd

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