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The North-West African Air Forces yesterday carried out heavy attacks on enemy airfields at FOGGIA. The attack was opened by a strong force of low-flying fighters and was continued by heavy bombers attacking in strength. Many aircraft on the ground were destroyed and others damaged. Motor transport, locomotives and a troop train were strafed and a number of personnel on the airfields were killed. Strong enemy fighter opposition was encountered over the target and in the ensuing combats 19 enemy aircraft were shot down.

Fighter-bombers during the day made attacks on enemy motor transport in Southern Italy.

The railway yards at TARANTO were attacked by night bombers last night.

Fifteen of our aircraft are missing from these operations.