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MIDDLE EAST JOINT WAR COMMUNIQUE

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The Eighth Army yesterday turned Rommel out of his strong positions at Mersa Brega at little cost to themselves. The enemy are retreating westwards relentlessly pursued by the leading elements of our forces.

Allied fighter bombers operating on unprecedented scale were employed to harass the enemy. Axis air activity was totally ineffective in preventing these operations. In the few instances when German fighters attempted to interfere they were successfully engaged and at least six aircraft were shot down.

The harbours at Palermo, Sicily, and Sousse, Tunisia, were successfully attacked by our medium bombers on the night of 12th/13th December. From the above operations four of our aircraft are missing.

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