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NAVY

During the night of December 1/2 British destroyers bombarded enemy positions in the Minturno area in support of the 5th Army. Their fire was returned from the shore but our forces sustained neither casualties nor damage.

ARMY

Both armies continued to press forward against determined resistance.

Enemy losses in killed wounded and prisoners have been heavy.

The 8th Army advance continued in all sectors along the coast.

Sanvito was captured and our troops are moving on the Moro river. Desperate enemy resistance continues in the Orsogna area.

5th Army troops consolidated their newly won positions, while advancing further against strong prepared emplacements in the mountainous areas.

AIR

Operations of the North West African Air Forces were limited by adverse weather yesterday. Light aircraft continued the offensive against enemy transport and ground positions while fighters operated effectively over Jugoslavia and Albania.

During these and other operations six enemy aircraft were destroyed.

None of ours is missing.
