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Allied Force Advance Headquarters

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LAND: Our patrols inflicted casualties on the enemy.

Both our artillery and that of the enemy were active in the Cassino and Tyrrhenian Sea sectors of the main front.

AIR: Escorted heavy bombers of the Strategic Air Force yesterday bombed the rail-yards and an oil refinery at Ploesti. The rail-yards at Nis and Leskovac were also attacked. Tactical Air Force activity was restricted by weather, but fighter-bombers continued their attacks on the enemy communication system, bombing railroad stations at Colleferro, Frosinone and Terracina, and dock installations at Formia.

Gun positions, bivouac areas and a supply dump were also attacked by fighter-bombers. During the night of 4/5 April, attacks were made on shipping between Pionbino and Civitavecchia and in the port of San Stefano.

From these operations 12 of our heavy bombers are missing, and more than 40 enemy aircraft were destroyed.

The M.A.A.F. flew approximately 1000 sorties. Twenty-three enemy aircraft were sighted over the battle areas during daylight hours.

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