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ARMY:

In the ADRIATIC coastal sector, Canadian troops have made a limited advance against stiff opposition. Further advances on the 5th Army front include the capture of SAN ELIA.

AIR:

Yesterday, rail communications at PRATO PONTASSIEVE and AREZZO were bombed by forces of escorted heavy bombers. Medium bombers attacked the railway yards at CHIARAVALLE VITERBO and ORTE.

Fighter-bombers attacked many defended positions in support of the army. Docks at ANZIO and PALO railway yards were also bombed. In SIBENIK harbour a merchant vessel was hit and exploded.

None of our aircraft is missing.