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ARMY French and American troops of the 5th Army continued their steady advance through the mountains.

Dominating hills were seized on the road leading to San Elia.

An attack launched from two sides against Monte Trocchio, the last high ground between our troops and the Rapido valley, is progressing well. On the 8th Army Front British and New Zealand troops raided enemy positions, taking prisoners and inflicting casualties.

AIR Yesterday important rail communications were attacked by both heavy and medium bombers. The heavy bombers escorted by fighters hit the rail facilities at Prato Certaldo and Arezzo. Others attacked the docks and rail yards at Civitavecchia. A heavy concentration of bombs fell at Porto Civitanova.

The medium bombers attacked Foligno and Orvieto, where the rail facilities were well covered with bombs.

Fighter bombers attacked a supply dump and railhead at San Valentino and shipping in the harbour at Sibenik.

From all these operations two of our aircraft are missing.
