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It is announced by the Air Ministry (Air Ministry No.11445) and Headquarters European Theatre of Operations, U.S. Army that large formations of U.S. 8th Air Force heavy bombers attacked industrial targets in south-west Germany yesterday, while U.S.A.A.F. and R.A.F. medium bombers and R.A.F. fighter bombers attacked railway yards, docks, and airfields in France.

Flying Fortresses, supported by Thunderbolts, left fires burning in Stuttgart and bombed other targets including airfields at Orleans and Conches in France.

Persistent fighter opposition and heavy anti-aircraft fire were experienced by the heavy bombers which destroyed more than seventy enemy fighters.

U.S.A.A.F. Marauders and R.A.F. Mitchells, Venturas, and Typhoon bombers attacked marshalling yards at Rouen, Abbeville, Serqueux and Amiens, and the docks at Boulogne. Spitfires and Typhoons escorted and covered the medium and fighter bombers, destroying eleven enemy fighters. A 12th was destroyed by the Thunderbolts.

From all of these operations thirty-five U.S.A.A.F. aircraft and four Spitfires are missing.

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