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MIDDLE EAST JOINT WAR COMMUNIQUE

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During the night 29/30 October and yesterday a number of enemy counter attacks against our new positions were beaten off with losses to the enemy. Allied air superiority in the desert was maintained and during the night and day of 29/30 October our attacks continued on forward landing-grounds and other targets. Our heavy bombers attacked Crete.

Long-range fighters operating against enemy transport in the coastal area shot down a Ju.52 and attacked a landing-ground. There was some enemy dive-bombing activity yesterday during which our fighters shot down a Ju.87 and at least three fighters, in addition to damaging many others.

Our twin-engined fighters attacked the aerodrome at El Aden and destroyed at least four large enemy aircraft. Again no enemy aircraft succeeded in crossing the coast of Malta yesterday. From these operations three of our aircraft did not return.

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