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MIDDLE EAST JOINT WAR COMMUNIQUE

The Eighth Army continued its pursuit of the Panzer army in full retreat towards the frontier during the night of 6/7 November and yesterday.

Some enemy troops who are fighting a delaying action at Mersa Matruh have been surrounded.

Rounding up of Italian troops, abandoned by their German allies in the Alamein area, continues. It now seems clear that the Germans withdrew without attempting to extricate any of the Italian infantry formations. The whole headquarters of three Italian divisions have already been captured.

Hellfire Pass and other frontier targets were bombed by our heavy and medium bombers during the night 6/7 November. Large concentrations at Buq Buq were attacked with great success. In addition, our heavy bombers attacked aerodromes in Crete.

We lost no aircraft in the above operations.

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