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Yesterday the Eighth Army occupied the landing grounds at Martuba.

Pursuit of the remnants of the Panzer army continues.

Banghazi and the coastal area eastwards to Tocra were bombed and machine-gunned during the night of 14/15th November. One particularly large explosion and fires were caused in Banghazi port.

During yesterday our fighters continued to harass the retreating enemy in Western Cyrenaica. A Heinkel 111 was shot down.

Our long-range fighters again inflicted damage on westbound Axis vehicles in the Agheila-Agedabia area and grounded aircraft were also destroyed.

Six large German aircraft were destroyed and others were damaged on Tunis aerodrome during a low level dusk attack by our long-range fighters on 14th November.

An enemy fighter was shot down in combat.

A further attack on the aerodrome was carried out by our medium bombers on the night of 14/15th November. Direct hits were scored on buildings and workshops. Large fires were started.

From these and other operations five of our aircraft did not return.

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