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It is announced by the Air Ministry (A.M.12232) and Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, that large formations of Eighth U.S.A.A.F. Flying Fortresses and Liberators escorted by Thunderbolts and Lightnings on Wednesday attacked the important industrial city of Solingen in the Rhineland.

In aerial combats the heavy bombers destroyed three enemy aircraft and the fighters twenty.

Spitfires and Typhoons carried out supporting operations, the Spitfires destroying two German fighters.

U.S.A.A.F. Marauders escorted and covered by R.A.F., Dominion and Allied Spitfires bombed the German airfields at Lille-Vendeville in Northern France and the Epinoy and Niergnies airfields near Cambrai in Belgium. Three enemy fighters were shot down, one by the Marauders and two by R.C.A.F. Spitfires.

R.A.F. Mitchells with Typhoon escorts attacked the German aircraft works at Albert in France. Mosquitos bombed industrial targets in Holland while other Mosquitos, escorted by Typhoons, attacked shipping off the Brest peninsula. Two enemy aircraft were destroyed by Typhoons. Fighters on off shore patrols shot down three Ju.88s. south of Land's End.

From all these operations twenty-seven heavy bombers, one light bomber and fourteen fighters are missing but the pilot of one fighter is safe.

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