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ARMY: During the past few days the 8th Army fighting in exceptionally bad conditions of mud and rain crossed the River Sangro and secured a bridgehead on a front of some nine thousand yards to a depth of about two thousand yards. This bridgehead has been firmly held against repeated German counter-attacks.

The weather continues bad. The Tactical Air Force, in spite of very poor flying conditions, have supported the operations with great effect. 5th Army patrols were active. Enemy artillery was in action along most of the front.

AIR: Toulon submarine base was attacked yesterday by a strong formation of heavy bombers of the North West African Air Forces, escorted by long-range fighters. The target was well covered and hits scored on the docks and on several ships. Sofia railway yards and the viaduct at **Anthecr** were also attacked.

Medium bombers, fighter bombers and fighters co-operated with the army in the battle area, attacking defended positions south of Lanciano and Fossacesia railway, and industrial targets at Turin were attacked last night by night bombers.

During these and other operations five enemy aircraft were destroyed, four of ours are missing.

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