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ARMY: Heavy fighting continues in the Ortona area on the 8th Army front.

In the central sector, our troops are consolidating the ground captured in the last twenty-four hours.

On the 5th Army front, two local attacks against enemy positions have been launched.

In one place the objective has been reached, and in the other fighting continues.

Our patrols were active along the entire front.

AIR: Bolzano railroad-yards and a barracks and the airfield at Vicenza were attacked by heavy escorted bombers yesterday. The railway yards at Pisa main station and Porta Nuova were also well covered by our medium bombers. Light aircraft attacked rolling stock on the Italian East coast. The bridge at Pontecorvo, near Cassino, was also hit.

In these operations one enemy aircraft was destroyed. Three of ours are missing.
