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## **TELEGRAM**

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COUNTERATTACK HAS HALFED SOVIET ADVANCE NORTH OF KRIVOI-ROQ BUT SOVIET UNITS CONTINUE ADVANCE IN THE DIRECTION OF ALEKSANDRIYA. CENTRAL AND NORTHERN FRONTS. WEST OF SMOLENSK SOVIET ATTACKS HAVE FAILED TO GAIN. NO OTHER CHANGES.

PART III. AIR. (A) MEDITERRAMEAN AREA. 23 OCTOBER 5 E/A ATTACKED SAMOS. 24 OCTOBER. TOTAL OF 25 E/A ATTACKED LEROS AND RAF ATTACKED SYROS HARBOUR NIGHT 23/24 OCTOBER.

(B) RUSSIA. 24/25 OCTOBER SOVIET AIR FORCE CONTINUED ATTACK RAIL AND SUPPLY CONCENTRATIONS ZNAMENKA AND NIKOPOL 25 OCTOBER GERMAN AIR FORCE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN AIR DEFENCE AREA BETWEEN KREMENCHUG AND SEA OF AZOV SOVIET AIR FORCE STRONGLY SUPPORTED OFFENSIVES DIREPROPETROVSK AND MELITOPOL AREAS.

C) SOUTH PACIFIC. 23 OCTOBER US
DIVE AND TORPEDO BOMBERS MADE TWO EFFECTIVE ATTACKS KARA
AIRFIELD. US HEAVIES IN TWO ATTACKS KAHILI AIRFIELD DROPPED TOTAL
68 TORS BOTH RUSWAYS REPORTED UNSERVICEABLE AFTER BOMBING.
NEW GUIMEA-NEW ERITAIN 23 OCTOBER. LARGE FORCE ALLIED HEAVIES
DROPPED 84 TORS RAPOPO. 24 OCTOBER ALLIED AIRCRAFT MADE LOW
LEVEL ATTACK ON VUNAKANAU AND RAPOPO AND TOBERA AIRFIELDS
RABAUL. IN THE TWO DAY ATTACK 65 E/A DESTROYED ON GROUND AND
58 SHOT DOWN. AN ALLIED SEARCH PLANE APPARENTLY DESTROYED AN
EMENY DESTROYER JACQUINOT BAY. STRONG FORCE E/A ATTACKED ALLIED
SHIPPING FINSCHHAFEN.

(D) ASIA. BURNA 23 OCTOBER US
HEAVIRS ATTACKED KANBALU RR YARDS AND DROPPED 31 TONS MEZA RR
BRIDGE 20 MILES W OF KATHA. 24 OCTOBER US HEAVIES ATTACKED
HTAWAW. FRENCH INDO CHINA 24 OCTOBER US AIRCRAFT BONNED
BARRACKS AREA COBI ONE MILE SE OF GIALAM (HANOI).

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