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TWENTY-SIX ENEMY PLANES SHOT DOWN AND 26 DAMAGED; WORTS OF COUNTER-ATTACK BEATEN OFF WISDOM

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS rica, Feb. 5.-Led by American Flying For-
tresses, Allied aircraft destroyed or damaged 52 enemy planes over Tunisia yesterday against a loss of only 10 of their own, headqua Twenty-six enemy planes were destroye the 12 th U. S. Air. Force announced. High fly ing Fortresses shot down 24 German fighter during two heavy attacks on the airdrome a Gabes and other landing fields nearby.

The ground fighting situation settled into another lull as American troops withdrew from
Sened, a railway point 22 miles southwest of Sened, a railway point 22 miles southwest o
the strategic southern Tunisia town of Mak the strategic southern
nassy.
An Allied Headquarters spokesman said the American withdrawal from Sened was or dered because the troops already "had fulfilled the purpose of their raid.

He said the Americans had beaten off one enemy counter-attack during the 48 hours they held Sened.
The two American raids on the Gabes area cost the Germans a total of 25 Messerschmitt 109's and Focke-Wulf-190's. Twenty-four were destroyed by Flying Forts and the othe by one of their escorting Lockheed (P-38) Lightnings. The other destroyed enemy fight er was shot down during a sweep over the for
ward area."

One formation of Fortresses reported that it shot down 15 German fighters in a running fight that raged for 50 miles on the way back
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