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- Feb. 7, Bengasi captured by British and Australian forces. Free French motorized column reached Cufra area of south-eastern Libya, after a 600-mile desert march.
- Feb. 9, British occupied El Agheila, Libya.
- Feb. 27, British drove back German armoured vehicles west of El Agheila.
- Mar. 1, Free French forces captured oasis of Cufra, Libya.
- Mar. 6, Advanced British mechanized forces defeated German motorized detachments west of El Agheila.
- Mar. 21, British captured oasis of Giarabub.
- Mar. 24, German detachments occupied El Agheila, 150 miles southwest of Bengasi.
- Apr. 4, British withdrew from Bengasi before Axis mechanized forces.
- Apr. 8, Axis troops occupied Derna. British Ministry of Information announced Italian losses in Libya, to Mar. 4, as 140,000.
- Apr. 12, British and Axis mechanized forces clashed west of Tobruk.
- Apr. 13, Germans occupied Bardia and encircled Tobruk. Axis forces reached Salum, Egypt.
- Apr. 14, Axis tank attack on Tobruk repulsed.
- Apr. 15, Axis forces attacking Tobruk repulsed with loss of 22 aeroplanes and 15 tanks. Heavy fighting at Salum.
- Apr. 16, British attacked German rear near Fort Capuzzo.
- Apr. 17, Besieged British garrison at Tobruk destroyed 20 Axis tanks.
- Apr. 22, R.N. bombarded Tripoli. Air raids on Fort Capuzzo, Bardia, Derna and Ain El Gazala.
- Apr. 23, Australians, in sortie from Tobruk captured 447 Italians.
- Apr. 26, Axis mobile forces entered Egypt south of Salum.
- Apr. 29, British forces brought drive of 3 Axis columns to standstill near Salum.
- May 8, R.N. bombarded Bengasi.
- May 10, R.N. again bombarded Bengasi.
- May 13, Five Axis columns advanced to Sofafi, but were driven back to Salum.
- May 17, British recaptured Salum.
- May 18, General R.A.F. raids on Axis bases in Cyrenaica.
- May 29, Germans occupied Salum and British withdrew from Halfaya Pass.

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- July 15, Italians occupied Moyale, Kenya.
- July 16, Italians claimed occupation of Dolo salient, on Kenya-Ethiopia border.
- Aug. 4, Three Italian columns from Ethiopia invaded British Somaliland.
- Aug. 7, Italians occupied Zeila, Hargeisa and Oadweina, British Somaliland.
- Aug. 11, British repulsed Italian attack 35 miles south-southeast of Berbera.
- Aug. 19, British announced evacuation of Somaliland.
- Sept. 1, Italians claimed capture of Buna, Kenya.
- Sept. 21, Italian attack on Red Sea convoy driven off with loss of one Italian destroyer.
- Oct. 1, R.A.F. raids on Massawa.
- Oct. 8, R.A.F. raids on Italian position in Eritrea.
- Oct. 19, British and Italians clashed on Eritrea-Sudan frontier. Italians bombed oil wells on Bahrein Island.
- Nov. 1, R.A.F. raids on Italian bases in Ethiopia. Italians bombed Perim.
- Nov. 7, British and Indian troops recaptured Gallabat, Sudan.
- Nov. 18, British ships shelled Dante and Mogadiscio, Italian Somaliland.

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- Jan. 15, Ethiopian army reported assembling at Gojjam.
- Jan. 19, British recaptured Kassala, Sudan.
- Jan. 20, British invaded Eritrea at 2 points. Italian retreat reported to be general along 200-mile front.
- Jan. 27, Italians retreated into Eritrea. from Umm Hagar, their last post on border of Sudan. British and South African forces from Kenya reported 80 miles inside Eritrea, threatening Agordat.
- Feb. 2, British captured Agordat, Eritrea.
- Feb. 3, British occupied Barentu, Eritrea.
- Feb. 10, British forces occupied port of Mersa Taclai and the town of Kakora.
- Feb. 11, British forces captured Elgena, Eritrea and Afmadu, Italian Somaliland.
- Feb. 14, British captured Bulo Erillo and Kisimayu, Italian Somaliland.