

SUNDAY, 10 DECEMBER 1944

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER

CHINA THEATER (Fourteenth Air Force): 8 B-25s bomb Kutkai, Burma and hit targets of opportunity in the Liuchow, China area. In China, 25 B-24s bomb the city of Hankow; 3 others bomb Samah Bay docks on Hainan Island; 118 P-40s, P-51s, and P-38s on armed reconnaissance over wide areas of China attack numerous targets of opportunity, concentrating on rail, river, and road traffic, especially in the Hochih, Changsha, and Yuncheng areas.

INDIA-BURMA THEATER (Tenth Air Force): In Burma, 20 P-47s fly close support strikes in the Bhamo area; 8 others blast approaches to the Hay-ti road bridge; 50+ P-47s hit warehouses and other storage areas, troop concentrations, and positions at Daungbin, Myebalin, Kyaunghkam, Pongon, Thinbaung, Kawngkhkang, Pangteng, and Hsipaw; 12 B-25s hit storage areas at Meza, Namun, and Kungmong. Transports fly 178 sorties to forward areas.

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (ETO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Eighth Air Force): Mission 745: 534 bombers and 690 fighters are dispatched to make PFF attacks and a fighter sweep in Germany; 2 fighters are lost:

1. 173 of 225 B-24s hit the marshalling yard at Bingen and 3 hit targets of opportunity; 4 B-24s are damaged. Escorting are 287 P-47s and P-51s; 1 P-47 and 1 P-51 are lost and 1 P-47 and 1 P-51 are damaged beyond repair.
2. 277 of 309 B-17s hit the Lutzelt marshalling yard at Koblenz and 13 hit targets of opportunity; 2 B-17s are damaged beyond repair and 27 damaged; 2 airmen are KIA. Escorting are 226 P-47s and P-51s without loss.
3. 96 of 111 P-51s make a fighter sweep E of the bomber's targets; they claim 0-0-1 aircraft; 1 P-51 is lost (pilot MIA) and 1 damaged beyond repair.
4. 22 of 22 P-51s fly a scouting mission.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Ninth Air Force): In Germany, about 130 B-26s bomb defended positions at Birkesdorf, and Huchem-Stammeln; fighters escort the 9th Bombardment Division, strafe and dive-bomb numerous targets in W Germany, and support the US 8th, 9th, 83d, and 104th Infantry Divisions and 3d and 5th Armored Divisions in areas around Bergstein, Duren, and along the W bank of the Roer River.

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Fifteenth Air Force): 550+ B-17s and B-24s dispatched to bomb oil targets in Germany are recalled because of overcast weather; 6 B-17s manage to bomb the Klagenfurt, Austria marshalling yard as a target of opportunity.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Twelfth Air Force): In Italy, medium bombers bomb bridges, fills, and a tunnel in the Brenner Pass area, hit the Fidenza bridge and barracks at Bologna, and support the British Eighth Army in the Faenza area, bombing defensive positions; XXII Tactical Air Command targets are again predominantly communications N of the US Fifth Army battle zone; the 85th Bombardment Squadron (Light), 47th Bombardment Group (Light), moves from Rosignano Airfield to Grosseto with A-20s.

PACIFIC OCEAN AREA (POA)

AAFPOA (Seventh Air Force): 3 B-24s from Saipan Island and 1 from Guam Island fly harassment strikes against Iwo Jima Island during the night of 10/11 Dec.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA [SWPA, Far East Air Force (FEAF)]: In principal strikes of the day B-24s hit the Pamoesian tank farm and nearby alternates of Lingkas tank farm, Labuan Islands docks, and Lutong refinery all in Borneo, while B-25s pound Sidate Airfield on Celebes Island. In smaller raids P-38s hit Port Misamis on Mindanao Island. B-25s bomb airfields on Boeroe Island in the Sunda Islands and Ambon Island in the Moluccas Islands, and fighter-bombers pound storage facilities and targets of opportunity in the C Philippine Islands.