

MONDAY, 11 DECEMBER 1944

AMERICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS

ALASKA (Eleventh Air Force): 4 B-25s fly a negative enemy shipping search.

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER

CHINA THEATER (Fourteenth Air Force): 6 B-24s and 6 B-25s, supported by 8 P-51s, pound the Hai Duong, French Indochina area. 12 B-25s bomb Kutkai, Burma. 16 fighter-bombers attack Tien Ho Airfield at Canton and the Kengtung barracks in China; and Lashio, and Wan Lai-Kam, Burma.

INDIA-BURMA THEATER (Tenth Air Force): In Burma, 12 B-25s hit the stores area at Hpaklon; 16 P-47s support ground forces in the Bhamo area; 21 P-47s knock out and damage bridges at Mongmit, Man Aitau, Ho-hko, and Pa-mao; 7 fighter-bombers severely damage the Hsipaw ferry; supply and personnel concentrations and town areas are hit at Lawa, Myitson, Pemnegon, Nam Pan, Hsenwi, and Nawngpeng. 270 transport sorties are flown to forward areas.

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (ETO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Eighth Air Force): 2 missions are flown.

Mission 746: The largest number of bombers so far dispatched, 1,586, and 841 fighters are sent to hit rail targets and bridges in W Germany using PFF means; 5 bombers and 2 fighters are lost:

1. 319 of 334 B-17s hit the marshalling yard at Frankfurt; 2 others hit targets of opportunity; 2 B-17s are damaged beyond repair and 9 damaged. Escorting are 167 of 181 P-51s without loss.
2. 297 of 353 B-24s hit the marshalling yard at Hanau; 5 hit the secondary, Karlsruhe, and 2 hit targets of opportunity; 4 B-24s are lost and 7 damaged; 36 airmen are MIA. Escorting are 143 of 159 P-51s; 1 P-51 is lost (pilot MIA) and 1 damaged beyond repair.
3. 353 of 540 B-17s hit the marshalling yard at Giessen; 135 hit the secondary, the marshalling yard at Koblenz; targets of opportunity are Euskirchen (12) and other (11); 1 B-17 is damaged beyond repair and 9 damaged; 2 airmen are WIA. Escort is provided by 349 P-47s and P-51s; they claim 0-0-1 aircraft on the ground; 1 P-51 is lost (pilot MIA) and 1 damaged beyond repair.
4. 171 of 182 B-17s hit bridges at Mannheim; 1 B-17 is lost and 18 damaged; 9 airmen are MIA. Escorting are 54 of 59 P-51s without loss.
5. 154 of 177 B-24s hit a bridge at Maximiliansau; 6 other hit the secondary, the marshalling yard at Hanau; 8 B-24s are damaged; 2 airmen are MIA. Escorting are 34 of 37 P-47s without loss.
6. 30 of 30 P-51s fly a scouting mission.

Mission 747: 3 B-17s and 8 B-24s drop leaflets in France, the Netherlands

and Germany; 1 B-24 is lost.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Ninth Air Force): In Germany, 200+ bombers dispatched to bomb defended villages and storage areas are recalled because of weather; 1 bomber manages to bomb a stores depot at Reichenbach; fighters escort the RAF, divebomb targets in cities, and support the US 3d Armored Division in the Eichtz-Geich area, the 104th Infantry Division at Merken, the 9th Infantry Division at Merode and Derichsweiler, and the 83d Infantry Division at Strass.

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Fifteenth Air Force): In Austria, 435 B-17s and B-24s, with fighter escorts, attack the Moosbierbaum oil refinery, and in Vienna, the Matzleinsdorf railroad station, S ordnance depot, and SE goods depot; alternate targets include the Kapfenberg tank works, the town of Tulln, Parndorf Airfield, Graz marshalling yard, and various targets of opportunity.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Twelfth Air Force): In Italy, medium bombers hit the Motta di Livenza bridge; fighters and fighter-bombers hit occupied areas, houses, guns, and defensive positions S of Bologna and attack railroad targets in the C Po River Valley; during the night of 10/11 Dec, A-20s attack vehicles, lights, railway lines, roads, river ferries, and pontoon bridges in the Po River Valley; HQ 47th Bombardment Group (Light) moves from Rosignano Airfield to Grosseto.

PACIFIC OCEAN AREA (POA)

AAFPOA (Seventh Air Force): Colonel Lawrence J Carr becomes Commanding Officer of the VII Bomber Command. On Iwo Jima Island, 28 B-24s from Guam Island pound the airfield and ammunition storage area; night harassment continues as individual B-24s from Guam and Saipan Islands fly 3 snoop strikes against the island during the night of 11/12 Dec.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA [SWPA, Far East Air Force (FEAF)]: In major air activity B-24s bomb Mandurriao Airfield on Cebu Island; B-25s, with P-47 support, hit Padada Airfield on Mindanao Island and Fifth AF fighters join US Marine Corps aircraft in attacks on a 13-ship convoy off NW Leyte Island. B-25s, A-20s, and fighter-bombers hit Goeroea in the Moluccas Islands. Other FEAF planes make small raids on oil and shipping targets around N Borneo.