

## FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 1944

### CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER

CHINA THEATER (Fourteenth Air Force): 11 B-25s pound storage buildings and the town area of Wanling, Burma. In China, 130+ P-40s, P-38s, and P-51s on armed reconnaissance over S China attack river, road and rail traffic, storage, airfield and villages at or near Tingka, Chefang, Kweilin, Yoyang, Nanyo, Changsha, Paoching, Kweihsien, Yungfu, Wuchou, Siangtan, Tanchuk, Mosun, Kweiping, Yuncheng, Chenghsien, Hankow, and Chikhom.

INDIA-BURMA THEATER (Tenth Air Force): In Burma, 60+ P-47s again attack a variety of targets including Japanese concentrations at Bhamo, Indaw, Hkupra, and Nawngtao, the town of Naba Station, bridges at Meza and in the Kawlin area, and targets of opportunity along the Irrawaddy River and along the railroad corridor in N Burma and support ground forces S of Bhamo; transports fly 250+ sorties to forward areas; the 20th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 8th Photographic Reconnaissance Group, that has been operating from Tingkaw Sakan since Jun 44 with P-40s, returns to base at Myitkyina.

### EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (ETO)

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

Mission 709: 752 bombers and 808 fighters in 3 forces are dispatched to make PFF attack on airfields in W Germany; 4 bombers are lost.

1. 302 B-24s are dispatched to hit the Langendiebach Airfield at Hanau (229); 61 hit the secondary, the marshalling yard at Hanau; 1 B-24 is lost, 1 damaged beyond repair and 46 damaged; 1 airman is KIA, 2 WIA and 9 MIA.

Escort is provided by 261 P-47s and P-51s; they claim 4-0-0 aircraft without loss.

2. 235 B-17s are dispatched to hit Wiesbaden Airfield (105); 73 hit the secondary, Wiesbaden/Halle; 4 others hit targets of opportunity; 2 B-17s are lost, 4 damaged beyond repair and 90 damaged; 7 airmen are WIA and 20 MIA. Escort is provided by 142 of 154 P-51s without loss.

3. 203 B-17s are dispatched to hit the Butzweilerhof (96) and Ostheim (97) Airfields at Cologne; 1 B-17s is lost and 95 damaged; 2 airmen are KIA, 5 WIA and 9 MIA. Escort is provided by 182 of 191 P-51s; they claim 2-0-0 aircraft without loss.

4. 12 of 12 B-17s fly a screening mission.

5. 79 of 87 P-47s hit communications targets in N and C Germany; they claim 1-0-0 aircraft on the ground.

6. 35 P-51s fly a scouting force mission.

7. 58 of 60 P-51s make strafing runs in Germany.

Mission 711: 6 B-17s and 9 B-24s (1 abort) drop leaflets on the Netherlands and Germany during the night without loss.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Ninth Air Force): 150+ bombers dispatched against an ordnance arsenal and camp area are recalled due to weather; 7 others drop leaflets; the XXIX Tactical Air Command attacks railroads while the XIX Tactical Air Command escorts bombers and supports the 80th and 5th Infantry Divisions in the US Third Army assault in the Metz, France area.

#### MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Fifteenth Air Force): Continued bad weather limits operations to reconnaissance missions and reconnaissance escorts by P-38s.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Twelfth Air Force): HQ and HQ Squadron, XII Tactical Air Command; HQ and HQ Squadron, 64th Fighter Wing; 324th Fighter Group; 415th Night Fighter Squadron; 11th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron; and several signal, fighter control, and service units are relieved from duty with the Twelfth AF and assigned to the European Theater of Operations, US Army (ETOUSA) and the First Tactical Air Force (Provisional). In Italy, medium bombers continue the interdiction campaign against railways in NE Italy, principally the Brenner Pass, Brenta River and Po River bridges, rail ferry at Ostiglia, and several dumps; fighter-bombers hit rail targets and guns at several points in Po Valley.

#### PACIFIC OCEAN AREA (POA)

AAFPOA (Seventh Air Force): 27 Saipan Island-based B-24s pound Iwo Jima Island. In the Palau Islands, 6 B-24s from Angaur Island bomb Koror Island.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA [SWPA, Far East Air Force (FEAF)]: B-25s and A-20s over Ceram Island bomb Haroekoe Airfield, Piroe, and targets of opportunity on the S coast. In the Philippine Islands, fighter-bombers again hit Ormoc Bay, Leyte Island shipping while B-25s join US Navy aircraft in shipping strikes throughout the same area; at least 3 destroyers are claimed sunk; B-24s in the area bomb the town of Ormoc; the 19th and 33d Bombardment Squadrons (Heavy), 22d Bombardment Group (Heavy), move from Owi, Schouten Islands to Leyte Island with B-24s; the 460th Fighter Squadron, 348th Fighter Group, moves from Noemfoor Island to Tacloban, Leyte Island with P-47s; the 500th Bombardment Squadron (Medium), 345th Bombardment Group (Medium), moves from Biak Island to Dulag, Leyte with B-25s (squadron continues operating from Biak). The 371st, 372d and 424th Bombardment Squadrons, 307th Bombardment Group (Heavy), move from Wakde Island to Morotai Island with B-24s (squadrons are operating from Noemfoor Island).