

SATURDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 1944

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER

CHINA THEATER (Fourteenth Air Force): 18 B-25s hit Phuc Yen, French Indochina, Wan Lai-Kam, Burma, and damage a bridge on the Mekong River in French Indochina. 10 B-25s bomb Kweilin Airfield in China while 4 hit Wanling, Burma. 5 B-25s and 6 P-40s attack Chingmen Airfield, China. 70+ P-40s, P-51s and P-38s over S China and N Indochina on armed reconnaissance hit targets of opportunity at several locations, concentrating on Lampang, Thailand, and the Changsha, Lingling, and Hengyang, China areas.

INDIA-BURMA THEATER (Tenth Air Force): In Burma, nearly 90 P-47s hit troop concentrations at Chaungdauk, Nawngtao, Mankang, and in the Indaw vicinity; damage and knock out bridges at Meza and S of Kawlin, score near misses on bridges in the Hsenwi and Namhkai area; blast a radio installation near Manoi, bomb Kawlin Airfield, hit rail traffic between Shwebo and Padu, and attack targets of opportunity along the Irrawaddy River from Tigyaing to Twinng. Transports fly 237 sorties to forward areas. The 115th Liaison Squadron, Tenth AF, arrives at Ledo, India from the US with L-1s and L-5s. A detachment of the 317th Troop Carrier Squadron (Commando), Tenth AF, begins operating from Tulihal, India with C-47s (squadron is based at Sylhet, India).

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (ETO)

AIRBORNE OPERATIONS (IX Troop Carrier Command): The 305th Troop Carrier Squadron, 442d Troop Carrier Group, moves from Peray to St-Andre-de-L'Eure with C-47s.

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Eighth Air Force): Mission 712: 482 bombers and 367 fighters make PFF attacks on oil refineries and marshalling yards in W Germany; 1 bomber and 1 fighter are lost:

1. 197 B-17s are sent to hit the Oberlahnstein marshalling yard (146); 24 hit the secondary, the Koblenz marshalling yard; 2 hit a target of opportunity; 1 B-17s is damaged beyond repair and 31 damaged; 1 airman is KIA. Escorting are 170 P-47s and P-51s without loss.
 2. 129 B-17s are sent to hit the Buer oil refinery at Gelsenkirchen (100); 23 hit the secondary, the Rheine marshalling yard; 1 B-17 is damaged beyond repair and 1 damaged; 7 airmen are KIA. Escorting are 52 P-51s; 1 is lost.
 3. 143 B-24s are sent to hit the Bottrop oil refinery (124); 1 hit Recklinghausen, a target of opportunity; 1 B-24 is lost and 39 damaged; 10 airmen are MIA. Escorting are 98 P-47s and P-51s.
- 12 of 13 B-17s fly a screening mission.
31 P-51s fly a scouting mission.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS

First Tactical Air Force (Provisional): HQ 320th Bombardment Group and the 441st, 442d, 443d and 444th Bombardment Squadrons (Medium) move from Corsica to Longvic Airfield at Dijon, France with B-26s.

(Ninth Air Force): In Germany, 190 B-26s and A-20s hit strongpoints at Putzlohn and rail bridges at Sinzig, Euskirchen, Ahrweiler, and Mayen; the IX Tactical Air Command hits railroads and other targets, escorts the bombers, and supports the US 28th Infantry Division in the Schmidt area. The XXIX Tactical Air Command hits targets in W Germany. The XIX Tactical Air Command flies armed reconnaissance and supports the US XII and XX Corps in the Thionville-Metz, France area. In France, the 405th Fighter Squadron, 371st Fighter Group, based at Tavaux Airfield at Dole begins operating from Dijon with P-47s.

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Fifteenth Air Force): 220+ heavy bombers attack marshalling yards in Rosenheim, Germany; Salzburg, Villach, Linz, and Linz, the railroad at Zell am See and highway bridge at Sillian, and Wurzen Pass, Austria; railroad bridges at Pinzano al Tagliamento, Latisana, and Casarsa della Delizia, and Aviano Airfield, Italy. Fighters escort all missions except the bridge attacks. Bad weather grounds 100+ other heavy bombers, and another 320+ are recalled before reaching their target areas.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Twelfth Air Force): In Italy, medium bombers strike at railroad bridges in NC and NE Italy, damaging a bridge at Piazzola sul Brenta and knocking out 2 spans of a bridge at Latisana; fighter-bombers continue support of ground forces S of Bologna, attack vehicles, trains, and communications in the Genoa-Alessandria area, bomb Villafranca di Verona Airfield and set most of the area aflame; during the night of 10/11 Nov A-20s bomb Ghedi Airfield and targets of opportunity in the Po Valley. The 17th and 18th Troop Carrier Squadrons, 64th Troop Carrier Group, cease operating from Istres, France and return to base at Ciampino, Italy with C-47s.

PACIFIC OCEAN AREA (POA)

AAFPOA (Seventh Air Force): Escorted by newly arrived P-38s (some of which also escort the B-29 raid on Truk Atoll) 29 Guam Island-based B-24s pound Iwo Jima Island airfields. 16 Saipan Island-based P-47s hit Pagan Island beach defenses and storage caves.

HQ AAF (Twentieth Air Force): The last of the 6 preliminary training missions of the XXI Bomber Command is directed at Truk Atoll where 8 B-29s bomb Dublon Island submarine pens.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA [SWPA, Far East Air Force (FEAF)]: In the Philippine Islands, B-24s hit Dumaguete Airfield on Negros Island while fighter-bombers hit shipping in the Palompon area of Leyte Island and targets of opportunity at Valencia on Mindanao Island. Over Halmahera Island, fighter-bombers and B-25s hit shipping and Namlea Airfield on Buru Island. On Celebes Island, P-38s hit Kendari Airfield and B-24s bomb the Ninning River area.