

SUNDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 1944

AMERICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS

ALASKA (Eleventh Air Force): 2 B-24s fly armed reconnaissance over Onnekotan and Matsuwa Islands.

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER

CHINA THEATER (Fourteenth Air Force): 8 B-25s knock out a railway bridge and damage 2 others near Thanh Hoa, French Indochina. In Burma, 4 B-25s bomb the town of Man Pwe while 4 attack Wanling. In China, 38 P-51s and P-40s hit Hengyang Airfield and attack river, rail, and road traffic, artillery pieces, pillboxes, and storage around Hengyang, Lingling, and Kweilin; 13 P-40s hit the Changsha area; 40 P-51s and P-38s hit various targets of opportunity at several other locations scattered throughout S China and N French Indochina; the 21st Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, Fourteenth AF, based at Kunming, sends a flight to operate from Suichwan with F-5s (other flights are operating from Kanchow and Hanchung).

INDIA-BURMA THEATER (Tenth Air Force): In Burma, 16 P-47s support ground forces in the Pinwe area and near Indaw; 24 attack supplies and communications targets in the Kawlin area while 9 bomb Japanese concentrations at Indaw and Man Hkong; the town of Pegon is attacked by 11 P-47s and 20+ others and 9 B-25s hit targets of opportunity during the sweeps of the Irrawaddy River from Singu to Katha and along rail lines at several points in N Burma. 250+ transport sorties are flown to forward bases and frontline areas. HQ 2d Air Commando Group arrives at Kalaikunda, India from the US.

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Twentieth Air Force): 29 Chengtu, China-based B-29s bomb Omura, Kyushu Island, Japan; 20+ others bomb the last resort target of Nanking, China (due to bad weather over Omura), and 20+ more hit various alternate targets and targets of opportunity.

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (ETO)

AIRBORNE OPERATIONS (IX Troop Carrier Command):

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Eighth Air Force): The operational tour of duty for fighter pilots is set at 270 hours.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Ninth Air Force): Weather prevents operations by the 9th Bombardment Division; fighter operations are limited but IX and XIX Tactical Air Command's fly patrols and armed reconnaissance in W Germany and along the French-German border. In France, the 404th Fighter Squadron, 371st

Fighter Group, based at Tavaux Airfield, Dole begins operating from Dijon with P-47s.

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Fifteenth Air Force): In Italy, 107 fighter-escorted B-24s strike at bridges at Ora, Albes, and Mezzocorona, a viaduct at Avisio, plus the alternate target of Casarsa della Delizia railroad bridges and targets of opportunity in NE Italy including the Latisana railroad bridge and an airfield to the N.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Twelfth Air Force): In Italy, bad weather grounds medium bombers; fighter-bombers support ground forces in the N Apennines and hit railway targets in the Po Valley, cut rail lines in 18 places and destroy or seriously damage 8 bridges; during the night of 11/12 Nov A-20s hit motor transport, Bergamo Airfield, and the Po River crossing at San Benedetto Po.

PACIFIC OCEAN AREA (POA)

AAFPOA (Seventh Air Force): 29 Saipan Island-based B-24s with P-38 escort bomb the airfield on Iwo Jima Island. 11 P-47s strafe the runway and storage area on Pagan Island. During the night a B-24 on a snooper mission bombs Iwo Jima Island. B-24s from Angaur Island bomb Koror Island.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA [SWPA, Far East Air Force (FEAF)]: In the Philippine Islands, B-24s bomb Alicante Airfield on Negros Island while on Leyte Island, fighter-bombers hit Linao barges on the W coast and shipping in Ormoc Bay; B-25s bomb Daliao and Matina Airfields on Mindanao Island. B-24s and fighter-bombers over NE Celebes and Halmahera Islands attack shipping and Djailolo Airfield on Halmahera Island. 50+ B-25s blast Mapia and Asia Islands, New Guinea. Units moving to Leyte Island, Philippine Islands: HQ 91st Photographic Wing (Reconnaissance) moves from Biak Island; HQ 345th Bombardment Group (Medium) and the 498th and 499th Bombardment Squadrons (Medium) from Biak Island with B-25s (squadrons continue to operate from Biak Island). The 370th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 307th Bombardment Group (Heavy), ceases operating from Noemfoor Island with B-24s and returns to base on Wakde Island.