

MONDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 1944

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER

CHINA THEATER (Fourteenth Air Force): In Burma, 4 B-25s bomb Man Pwe while 4 others blast 3 warehouses at Wanling. 60+ P-40s, P-51s, and P-38s on armed reconnaissance over S China and as far W and SW as Burma and Thailand hit numerous targets of opportunity including shipping, troops, and railroad targets.

INDIA-BURMA THEATER (Tenth Air Force): In Burma, 100+ fighter-bombers pound numerous targets in N Burma; close support strikes are made on the Pinwe area, bridges at Namhkai, Meza, and Theygaung, on troop concentrations and on supplies at Loi-Lum and Namhpakka; the ferry crossing at Shweli is hit by 12-hour delay bombs, the Nawngkhio landing ground is strafed, and numerous targets of opportunity along the Irrawaddy River and rail lines in N Burma are hit. Transports fly 300+ sorties to forward areas; the 166th Liaison Squadron (Commando), 1st Air Commando Group, moves from Asansol, India to Yazagyo with UC-64s and L-5s; the 427th Night Fighter Squadron, AAF, India-Burma Theater, based at Pandaveswar, India, sends detachment to operate from Myitkyina with P-61s.

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (ETO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Eighth Air Force): Mission 713: 4 B-17s and 8 B-24s drop leaflets in the Netherlands, France and Germany during the night.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Ninth Air Force): Weather prevents all operations except for night patrol and weather reconnaissance by the IX Tactical Air Command.

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Fifteenth Air Force): During the night of 12/13 Nov 14 B-17s and B-24s hit the oil refinery at Blechhammer, Germany; 5 others hit alternate targets and targets of opportunity at scattered locations including Gleiwitz, Germany, Karvina, Poland and Ruzomberok and Vac, Czechoslovakia. Day operations are limited to reconnaissance missions.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Twelfth Air Force): In Italy during the night of 12/13 Nov A-20s bomb ammunition dumps, pontoon bridge, and targets of opportunity in the Po Valley; a thick overcast covering N Italy the following morning vastly curtails medium bombers which attack only a railway bridge at Padua; fighter-bombers continue to hit communications N of the battle area and also the oil pipeline across the Po River at Ostiglia.

PACIFIC OCEAN AREA (POA)

AAFPOA (Seventh Air Force): 6 B-24s from Guam Island, escorting US Navy photo aircraft over Iwo Jima Island and the Bonin Islands, attack shipping at Futamiko in the Bonin Islands; 1 B-24 from Saipan Island, carrying out an unsuccessful shipping search, bombs Iwo Jima Island. 7 B-24s from Angaur Island hit oil storage on Malakal Island, Palau Islands and attack a bridge between Malakal and Koror Islands.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA [SWPA, Far East Air Force (FEAF)]: In the Philippine Islands, B-24s pound Fabrica Airfield on Negros Island while fighter-bombers hit shipping and other targets of opportunity; a few fighter-bombers hit Legaspi Airfield on Luzon Island; B-25s, with P-38 cover, hit San Roque Airfield and the town of Zamboanga on Mindanao Island; the 433d Fighter Squadron, 475th Fighter Group, moves from Biak Island to Dulag, Leyte Island with P-38s; the 501st Bombardment Squadron (Medium), 345th Bombardment Group (Medium), moves from Biak Island to Dulag, Leyte Island but continues to operate from Biak. Over Halmahera Island and in the Ceram Island area fighter-bombers and A-20s bomb airfields and various targets of opportunity. Pegun Island, New Guinea, is blasted by 2 waves of 70 A-20s.