

NOTE: A number in parenthesis after a target name indicates the number of bombers attacking.

WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 1944

AMERICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS

ALASKA (Eleventh Air Force): In the Kurile Islands, a B-24 on an armed weather mission bombs Otomari Cape.

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER

CHINA THEATER (Fourteenth Air Force): In China, about 70 fighters again support Chinese ground forces in the Lungling area; 13 fighters strafe river, road, and rail traffic from Kunghsien to Loyang; the detachments of the 11th Bombardment Squadron (Medium), 341st Bombardment Group (Medium), operating from Kweilin and Liuchow with B-25s, return to base at Yang Tong; the detachment of the 26th Fighter Squadron, 51st Fighter Group, operating from Nanning with P-51s, returns to base at Kunming.

INDIA-BURMA THEATER (Tenth Air Force): In Burma, 70+ fighter-bombers knock out the bridge at Panghkam, slightly damage bridges in the Winkang and Kawngka area, hit railroad targets of opportunity between Indaw and Naba, attack Japanese positions near Bhamo, Si-in, Hantet, and Shwegu, and bomb the towns of Loiwing and Lagaw; 9 B-25s damage bridge approaches at Hsenwi, Namhkai, and Kawngka. The elements of the 24th Combat Mapping Squadron, 8th Photographic Reconnaissance Group, operating from Hsinching and Pengshan with F-7s, return to the detachment base at Changyi (squadron is based at Guskhara, India).

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (ETO)

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

Mission 696: 324 bombers and 321 fighters are dispatched to attack 2 synthetic oil plants near Gelsenkirchen and a bridge at Rudesheim, Germany; 1 P-51 is lost:

1. 142 B-17s are dispatched to hit the Norstern oil plant at Gelsenkirchen (113); 23 hit the secondary, the Hamm marshalling yard; 1 hits a target of opportunity; 24 B-17s are damaged; 1 airman is KIA. Escort is provided by 140 P-47s and P-51s; they claim 1-0-0 aircraft; 1 P-51 is lost (pilot MIA).
2. 143 of 144 B-24s hit the Buer oil plant at Gelsenkirchen; 25 B-24s are damaged. Escort is provided by 109 P-47s and P-51s; they claim 1-0-0 aircraft; 1 P-51 is damaged beyond repair.
3. 38 B-17s are dispatched to hit a railroad bridge at Rudesheim (13); 24 hit the secondary, a marshalling yard at Koblenz; 7 B-17s are damaged. Escort is provided by 37 of 38 P-51s.

Mission 697: 3 B-17s and 5 B-24s drop leaflets in the Netherlands during the night.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Ninth Air Force): Weather prevents bomber operations; fighters fly patrols, sweeps, armed reconnaissance over Belgium, E France, and large areas of W Germany and attack bridges, railroads, and various other targets.

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Fifteenth Air Force): In Austria, 320+ B-17s and B-24s, with fighter escorts, bomb diesel and ordnance works, and marshalling yard at Vienna; also hit are marshalling yards at Graz, a tank factory at Kapfenberg, targets of opportunity including marshalling yards at Gussing, Ljubljana and Cakove, Yugoslavia, and scattered communications targets in S Germany, Hungary, Austria, and Yugoslavia; several fighters strafe road and rail transport targets and troops in the Gyor, Hungary-Parndorf and Neusiedler Lake areas.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Twelfth Air Force): In Italy, operations are again curtailed by bad weather; however, fighters and fighter-bombers successfully attack bridges, rail lines, roads, vehicles, and trains in the C Po Valley and hit scattered targets elsewhere in N Italy; the 525th Fighter Squadron, 86th Fighter Group, moves from Grosseto to Pisa with P-47s.

PACIFIC OCEAN AREA (POA)

AAFPOA (Seventh Air Force): 8 B-24s from Guam Island, Mariana Islands, attack shipping NE of Iwo Jima Island, Volcano Islands. 12 B-24s escorting a US Navy photo aircraft over Iwo Jima Island and Haha Jima and Chichi Jima Islands in the Bonin Islands, bomb airfields, a warehouse, and shipping. P-47s from Saipan Island strafe Pagan Island, both in the Mariana Islands. During the night of 1/2 Nov a B-24 on a snooper mission from Saipan Island bombs Iwo Jima Island.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA [SWPA, Far East Air Force (FEAF)]: In the Philippine Islands, B-24s bomb airfields at Cebu City on Cebu Island and Alicante on Negros Island and supply dumps at Del Monte on Mindanano Island; fighter-bombers hit Bacolod, Alicante, and Carolina Airfields on Negros Island; P-47s attack shipping and shore targets during a sweep over the Sulu Archipelago. P-38s and B-25s pound Namlea Airfield on Buru Island in the Moluccas Islands. A-20s and B-25s hit Babo Airfield in New Guinea. The 394th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 5th Bombardment Group (Heavy), moves from Noemfoor Island off New Guinea to Morotai Island, Moluccas Islands. During Nov 44:
- HQ V Bomber Command and HQ V Fighter Command move from Owi, Schouten Islands to Leyte Island, Philippine Islands.

- HQ 2d Combat Cargo Group and the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Combat Cargo Squadrons arrive on Biak Island off New Guinea from the US with C-46s.