

## **WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 1944**

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

### **AMERICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS**

ALASKA (Eleventh Air Force): 8 B-25s weather-abort an armed photo reconnaissance over Paramushiru Island.

### **CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER**

CHINA THEATER (Fourteenth Air Force): 19 B-25s and 16 P-51s and P-40s over SW China, W Burma, and N Indochina hit railroad targets, villages, town areas, and general targets of opportunity at or near man Pwe and Wanling, Burma; Mangshih and Tingka, China; Quang Yen, Nam Dinh, and Thanh Hoa, French Indochina.

INDIA-BURMA THEATER (Tenth Air Force): In Burma, 12 B-25s attack the airfield at Kawlin; 42 P-47s hit supplies, troop and vehicle concentrations, and targets of opportunity at Mansak, Gyogon, Banmauk, Namtao, and Wuntho; 20 support ground forces in the Pinwe area while 16 attack bypass bridges at Kawngkhka and Namhkai, knocking out the latter; 8 P-47s bomb Kyaikthin rail sidings and junction, 8 strafe Anisakan Airfield, and 12 hit targets of opportunity during N Burma road sweeps. 280 transport sorties are flown.

### **EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (ETO)**

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Eighth Air Force): Mission 714: 6 B-17s and 6 B-24s drop leaflets in the Netherlands, France and Germany during the night.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Ninth Air Force): HQ XII Tactical Air Command, along with the 71st Fighter Wing, 50th, 358th, and 371st Fighter Groups, 86th Air Depot Group, and 83d and 312th Service Groups, is assigned to the First Tactical Air Force (Provisional); when hostilities cease the First Tactical Air Force will be disbanded and all of its units will revert to the Ninth AF. Weather prevents bomber operations and limits fighters; the XIX Tactical Air Command flies armed reconnaissance in Merzig-Trier-Saarbrücken, Germany area and supports the XX Corps in same area.

### **MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO)**

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Fifteenth Air Force): In Austria, 80 B-17s and B-24s attack a benzol plant at Linz, marshalling yard at Innsbruck, and troop concentration at Novi Pazar, Yugoslavia (all primary targets), and make single bomber attacks on Wolfsburg, Salzburg, Hieflau, the Kapfenberg steel

works, Schwaz, Ybbs, and airfields near Linz, and Passau, and Traunstein, Germany; fighters escort the Novi Pazar, Yugoslavia raid.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Twelfth Air Force): Twelfth AF loses HQ 63d Fighter Wing; HQ 42d Bombardment Wing (Medium); HQ 17th and 320th Bombardment Groups (Medium), and 310th Service Group to European Theater of Operations, USA Army (ETOUSA).

Bad weather cancels all operations except for reconnaissance by 4 P-47s and attack by 2 on railroad bridge and rolling stock in the Po Valley.

#### PACIFIC OCEAN AREA (POA)

AAFPOA (Seventh Air Force): Guam Island-based B-24s on a shipping strike to the Bonin Islands, attack vessels at Haha Jima Island and near Chichi Jima Island. 1 Saipan Island-based B-24, during the night of 15/16 Nov snoop mission, bombs Iwo Jima Island after failing to find shipping targets in the Bonin Islands.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA [SWPA, Far East Air Force (FEAF)]: B-25s and fighter-bombers support allied amphibious landings in Mapia Islands off the NW coast of New Guinea. In NE Celebes B-24s bomb Tanamon, Celebes Island while other B-24s, B-25s, and fighter-bombers hit scattered targets of opportunity on Celebes and Halmahera Islands. In the Philippine Islands, B-24s, with P-38 support, bomb La Carlota Airfield on Negros Island while B-25s hit Lahug on Cebu Island; B-25s and fighter-bombers attack targets of opportunity on Cebu Island and shipping off the W coast of Leyte Island; on Mindanao Island B-24s hit 3 airfields while P-38s hit shipping and other targets of opportunity; HQ 22d and 43d Bombardment Groups (Heavy) move from Owi, Schouten Islands to Leyte Island; the 8th Bombardment Squadron (Light), 3d Bombardment Group (Light), moves from Hollandia, New Guinea to Dulag, Leyte Island; the 20th Combat Mapping Squadron, 6th Photographic Reconnaissance Group, moves from Biak Island to Dulag, Leyte Island (air echelon continues operating from Biak Island with F-7s; the 80th Fighter Squadron, 8th Fighter Group, moves from Morotai Island to Dulag, Leyte Island but continues to operate from Morotai with P-38s. In New Guinea, the 68th Troop Carrier Squadron, 433d Troop Carrier Group, moves from Nadzab to Biak Island (detachment remains at Biak) with C-47s.