

SUNDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 1944

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER

CHINA THEATER (Fourteenth Air Force): 3 B-24s bomb Samah Bay docks on Hainan Island. In China, 10 B-25s damage 2 buildings N of Chefang and score hits on bridges at Tingka and Wan Lai-Kam, Burma; 8 P-40s and P-38s hit targets of opportunity S of Tingka and Chefang; 19 P-40s blast troops and river, rail, and road traffic in the Hankow area; 27 P-40s, P-51s, and P-38s hit numerous targets of opportunity in the Mangshih area. The 35th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, Fourteenth AF, based at Chanyi, sends a flight to operate from Suichwan with F-5s.

INDIA-BURMA THEATER (Tenth Air Force): In Burma, 15 P-47s support ground forces attacking Bhamo and fighting in the Pinwe area; 36 P-47s pound enemy concentrations at Man Mao, Sekang, and Manlu. Transports fly 290 sorties to forward areas.

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (ETO)

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Ninth Air Force): 450+ A-20s, A-26s, and B-26s bomb storage depots, bridge, junction, ordnance depots, and defended positions in or near 10 German towns and cities; fighters escort the bombers, carry out patrols, and fly armed reconnaissance hitting rail facilities and other targets over W German areas including Euskirchen, Trier, Saarbrucken, Julich, and Cologne; the IX, XIX, and XXIX Tactical Air Commands support the US VII, XII, XIX, and XX Corps areas E of Aachen and near Hurtgen, Germany, between Metz, France and Saarlautern, Germany and near Sarreguemines, France. In Belgium, HQ 366th Fighter Group moves from Couvron Airfield at Laon, France to Assche.

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Fifteenth Air Force): 500+ B-24s and B-17s bomb the Schwechat and Vosendorf oil refineries, Winterhafen oil depot and Lobau oil plant in Vienna, Wiener-Neudorf aircraft factory, Linz benzol plant, and Horsching Airfield, Austria; Győr, Hungary and Maribor, Yugoslavia marshalling yards, plus several scattered targets of opportunity; 19 P-38s dive-bomb troop concentrations at Prijepolje and Novi Pazar, Yugoslavia, while 126 P-51s strafe roads and railroads between Esztergom and Veszprem, Hungary and Vienna, Austria, and also attack Veszprem and Tapolcza Airfields in Hungary; other fighters cover heavy bomber and reconnaissance missions.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Twelfth Air Force): In Italy, fog and low clouds force cancellation of missions against W Po Valley targets and limit fighter-bombers to a midday attack on rail lines, guns, troop concentrations, motor

transport, and other military targets in and near the battle area S of Bologna. During the night of 18/19 Nov A-20s on armed reconnaissance bomb Ghedi Airfield and targets in the Bologna, Ferrara, Mantua, Cremona, and Parma areas.

PACIFIC OCEAN AREA (POA)

AAFPOA (Seventh Air Force): 5 B-24s from Guam Island, on armed reconnaissance over Iwo Jima Island and the Bonin Islands, bomb airfields on Iwo Jima while 15 hit shipping at Chichi Jima and Haha Jima Islands. 1 B-24 from Angaur Island in the Palau Islands bombs Legaspi Airfield on Luzon Island.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA [SWPA, Far East Air Force (FEAF)]: In the Philippine Islands, B-24s bomb Alicante on Negros Island and Palompon on Leyte Island while P-47s hit the Valencia, Mindanao Island and Ormoc, Leyte Island areas. On Mindanao Island B-24s hit Libby Airfield; others bomb airfields at Sasa on Mindanao Island, and Sidate, Mapanget, and Borebore on Celebes Island. B-25s and A-20s hit airfields and shipping in the Ceram Island-Ambon Island-Boeroe Island area. B-25s and A-20s hit targets on Asia Island, New Guinea. Units moving to Leyte Island: HQ 312th Bombardment Group (Light) and the 386th, 387th, 388th and 389th Bombardment Squadrons (Light) from Hollandia, New Guinea with A-20s; 2d Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 22d Bombardment Group (Heavy), from Owi, Schouten Islands with B-24s; 39th Troop Carrier Squadron, 317th Troop Carrier Group, from Hollandia; 403d Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 43d Bombardment Group (Heavy) from Owi, Schouten Islands with B-24s.