

## **MONDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 1944**

### **AMERICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS**

ALASKA (Eleventh Air Force): 3 B-24s fly an air cover mission for the US Navy.

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

CHINA THEATER (Fourteenth Air Force): 8 B-25s hit the barracks area at Lashio, Burma; 60+ P-38s, P-40s, and P-51s on armed reconnaissance over parts of SE and SW China and French Indochina attack shipping--especially severely in the Chiuchiang, China area--and barracks, radio stations, villages, and other targets of opportunity. In China, the flight of the 21st Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, Fourteenth AF, operating from Kanchow with F-5s, returns to base at Kunming.

INDIA-BURMA THEATER (Tenth Air Force): In Burma, 7 B-25s knock out the Hsipaw road bridge; 4 others fail to damage the Bawgyo bridge; 12 P-47s support ground forces in the Pinwe sector; 20+ others hit defenses at Mong Nge, a horse transport unit at Selan, bomb storage areas at Kyungon and Kyakataing, Japanese HQ and troop concentration at Man Mao, and several scattered targets of opportunity. Transports maintain continuous flights to forward bases and frontline areas.

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

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

Mission 718: 172 B-17s are sent to hit the Schowen oil plant at Gelsenkirchen (61); 93 hit the secondary, the marshalling yard at Munster; 25 B-17s are damaged. Escort is 214 P-47s and P-51s; no losses.

Other flights:

12 of 12 B-17s fly a screening mission.

310 P-47s and P-51s make fighter-bomber strikes against miscellaneous targets in W Germany; 1 P-47 and 7 P-51s are lost (pilots MIA) and 1 P-51 is damaged beyond repair.

12 of 12 P-51s fly a scouting mission.

Mission 719: 6 B-17s and 7 B-24s drop leaflets on the Netherlands, France and Germany during the night.

### **TACTICAL OPERATIONS**

[First Tactical Air Force (Provisional)]: HQ 17th Bombardment Group (Medium) and the 34th and 37th Bombardment Squadrons (Medium) move from Corsica to Dijon, France with B-26s.

(Ninth Air Force): Bad weather prevents bomber operations; fighters fly sweeps and night patrols over broad areas of W Germany and strafe and bomb numerous railroads, trains, buildings and various military targets. In France, the 365th, 366th and 367th Fighter Squadrons, 358th Fighter Group, move from Mourmelon to Toul with P-47s. In Belgium, the 389th Fighter Squadron, 366th Fighter Group, moves from Couvron, France to Asch with P-47s.

#### MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Fifteenth Air Force): 192 B-24s and B-17s bomb the Blechhammer S oil refinery in Germany and the town of Prerov, Czechoslovakia, a target of opportunity; 284 others encounter bad weather and attack several alternate targets and targets of opportunity in Czechoslovakia including the town of Zlin and marshalling yards at Brno, Hodonin, and Breclav and other targets of opportunity in C and SE Europe. In Yugoslavia, 92 B-24s attack the Sarajevo marshalling yard, and railroad bridges at Doboj, Zenica, and Fojnica and 11 P-38s divebomb a marshalling yard at Brod, while 43 others strafe communications between Esztergom and Veszprem, Hungary, and Vienna, Austria; other fighters fly bomber escort, reconnaissance, and reconnaissance escort.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Twelfth Air Force): In Italy during the night of 19/20 Nov 44 A-20s attack Po River crossings, airfields and lights in the Po Valley. During the day bad weather prevents medium bombers from successfully attacking targets; fighter-bombers able to operate during the late morning destroy 2 factories E of Modena, and supply dumps near Parma, and cause large explosions in a dump near San Felice del Benaeo.

#### PACIFIC OCEAN AREA (POA)

AAFPOA (Seventh Air Force): Bad weather cancels all bombing missions.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA [SWPA, Far East Air Force (FEAF)]: B-25s bomb Haroekoe

Airfield on Haroekoe Island and Laha Airfield on Amon Island. On Celebes Island, P-38s hit targets of opportunity over Sidate and in the Makassar areas. Units moving to Leyte Island: HQ Fifth AF moves from Owi, Schouten Islands; 13th Bombardment Squadron (Light), 3d Bombardment Group (Light), from Hollandia, New Guinea to Dulag with A-20s. The 371st Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 307th Bombardment Group (Heavy), ceases operating from Noemfoor Island with B-24s and moves forward to Morotai Island.