

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 1944

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER

CHINA THEATER (Fourteenth Air Force): In Burma, 12 B-25s bomb a storage area near Lashio and 8 hit Kutkai and Wanling. 2 B-24s bomb Kowloon Docks in Hong Kong. 120+ P-40s, P-51s and P-38s hit targets of opportunity throughout SW and SE China; 32 of the fighter-bombers support ground forces in the Chefang, China area.

INDIA-BURMA THEATER (Tenth Air Force): In Burma, 50+ P-47s support ground forces in the Pinwe and Bhamo areas; 16 sweep and strafe airfields and many targets of opportunity from Anisakan to Nawngkhio; 3 hit an ammunition dump at Man Naung; 21 P-47s sweep roads in the Ye-U area and strafe rail installations at Kanbalu; 10 B-25s knock out the Tantabin main bridge and Tangon and Theygaung bypass bridges, and blast approaches to the Tangon main bridge and Tantabin bypass bridge. 282 transport sorties are flown to forward bases and frontline areas.

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (ETO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Eighth Air Force): Mission 722: In Germany, 134 of 155 B-17s and 73 of 78 P-51s make a GH attack on the Norstern benzol manufacturing plant near Gelsenkirchen and the marshalling yard at Duisburg with the loss of 1 P-51 (pilot MIA) and 1 P-51 damaged beyond repair; 13 of 13 B-17s fly a screening mission and 10 of 12 P-51s fly a scouting mission.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS

First Tactical Air Force (Provisional): HQ 42d Bombardment Wing (Medium) moves from Borgo, Corsica to Dijon, France.

Ninth Air Force: Unfavorable weather cancels all flights.

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Fifteenth Air Force): In Yugoslavia, 81 B-24s attack road and railroad bridges at or near Zenica, Brod, and Doboj; 30 P-38s bomb the Doboj marshalling yard, 13 hit Doboj road and rail bridge, and 4 attack, but miss, a bridge at Maglaj; 13 B-24s and B-17s drop supplies at points in Yugoslavia.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Twelfth Air Force): In Italy, bad weather restricts operations; medium bombers over the Faenza area abort due to overcast, P-47s hampered by low clouds over the Apennines Mountains, fly only 16 sorties, against rail lines S of Bologna, but succeed in cutting the lines in 6

places.

PACIFIC OCEAN AREA (POA)

AAFPOA (Seventh Air Force): 17 B-24s from Guam Island hit shipping at Chichi Jima and Haha Jima Islands and bomb the town of Okimura in the Bonin Islands.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA [SWPA, Far East Air Force (FEAF)]: In the Philippine Islands, B-24s bomb Matina Airfield on Mindanao Island; the 63d and 64th Bombardment Squadrons (Heavy), 43d Bombardment Group (Heavy), move from Owi, Schouten Islands to Tacloban, Leyte Island with B-24s.