

MONDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 1944

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER

CHINA THEATER (Fourteenth Air Force): 17 B-24s bomb Gia Lam, French Indochina. 17 B-25s blast the Hochih, China area, 6 bomb Phu Lang Thuong, French Indochina, and 8 pound warehouses at Lashio, Burma. 56 P-40s, P-51s, and P-38s on armed reconnaissance over E Burma, N French Indochina, and vast areas of S China attack town areas, railroad targets, bridges and other targets of opportunity around Lampang, Thailand; Phu Binh, French Indochina; Pachai, Ishan, and Chefang, China; and Wanling, Hsenwi, and Kawngghka, Burma. A detachment of the 426th Night Fighter Squadron, Fourteenth AF, begins operating from Hsian, China with P-61s (squadron is based at Chengtu with a detachment at Kunming).

INDIA-BURMA THEATER (Tenth Air Force): In Burma, 12 P-47s fly close support strikes in the Pinwe area; 21 fighter-bombers destroy bridges at Inailong and Thegyaung and damage bridges at Ho-hko and Kawngghka; 60+ fighter-bombers attack personnel and supply areas at Kutkai, Kyungon, Kodaungbo, Mongmit, Datwin, Man Namsawk, Old Lashio, and Ugingyi. Transports fly 280+ sorties, carrying men and supplies to forward bases and frontline areas. A detachment of the 9th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, 8th Photographic Reconnaissance Group, begins operating from Myitkyina, Burma with F-5s (squadron is based at Barrackpore, India); the 165th Liaison Squadron (Commando), 1st Air Commando Group, moves from Yazagyo, Burma to Asansol, India with UC-64s and L-5s; the 434th Bombardment Squadron (Medium), 12th Bombardment Group (Medium), moves from Comilla to Fenny, India with B-25s.

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Twentieth Air Force): Operating from the Calcutta, India area, 55 B-29s bomb the Bangsue railroad yards at Bangkok, Thailand; 3 others hit individual targets.

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (ETO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Eighth Air Force): Mission 727: 530 bombers and 770 fighters are dispatched to make PFF attacks on marshalling yards in Germany and fighter-bomber strikes on 4 oil centers in N and C Germany; they claim 102-4-12 aircraft; 15 fighters are lost:

1. 148 of 190 B-17s hit the Bingen marshalling yard; 2 others hit targets of opportunity; 46 bombers are damaged; 2 airmen are WIA. Escorting are 91 of 95 P-51s; 1 P-51 is lost (pilot MIA).
2. 181 of 186 B-17s hit the Offenburg marshalling yard; 1 hits Freiburg; 14 B-17s are damaged; 1 airman is WIA. Escorting are 105 of 107 P-51s; 2 P-51s are lost (pilot MIA) and 1 damaged beyond repair.
3. 144 of 154 B-24s hit the Offenburg marshalling yard; 7 others hit targets of opportunity; 9 B-24s are damaged. Escorting are 45 of 48 P-51s

without loss.

4. 460 P-47s and P-51s fly fighter-bomber missions against oil targets in N and C Germany; about 750 Luftwaffe fighters, the largest sighting to date, attack in the Magdeburg-Munster-Hannover areas when the Germans mistake the fighters for a heavy bomber formation; the AAF claims 98-4-11 aircraft in the air and 4-0-1 on the ground; 2 P-47s and 10 P-51s are lost (pilots MIA).

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Ninth Air Force): Weather forbids bomber missions; fighters patrol over W Germany, dive-bomb a bridge at Rurdorf, and support the US 104th, 8th, and 1st Infantry Divisions near Hurtgen and in the Weisweiler-Franz area, and the XIX Corps (mainly the 2d Armored Division) at Merzenhausen.

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Fifteenth Air Force): P-51s and P-38s fly reconnaissance and reconnaissance escort missions; bad weather cancels other operations.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Twelfth Air Force): In Italy, weather grounds all missions except 5 weather reconnaissance sorties.

PACIFIC OCEAN AREA (POA)

AAFPOA (Seventh Air Force): 24 B-24s from Saipan Island, escorted by 12 P-38s, hit Iwo Jima Island; 29 more B-24s, from Guam Island, fly a second strike against the island. 25 B-24s from Angaur Island bomb Del Monte Airfield on Mindanano Island.

HQ AAF (Twentieth Air Force): 81 Mariana Islands-based B-29s fly against Tokyo; none of the B-29s bomb the primary targets, the Musashino and Nakajima plants, but 59 hit the secondary, the urban area and docks; 7 bomb Hamamatsu, a target of opportunity; while the mission is in progress 11 enemy airplanes attack Isley Field on Saipan Island, destroying or damaging several B-29s; AA and intercepting fighters down 10 aircraft.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA [SWPA, Far East Air Force (FEAF)]: In the Philippine Islands, B-24s bomb Malago and Bacolod Airfields on Negros Island and Daliao Airfield on Mindanao Island. B-25s blast Namlea Airfield on Buru Island; Liang and Laha Airfields on Ambon Island. A variety of FEAF aircraft attack airfields, shipping, and targets of opportunity on Celebes Island, N Borneo, and in the Halmahera and the Ceram Islands areas. The detachment of the 419th Night Fighter Squadron, XIII Fighter Command, operating from Noemfoor Island moves to Morotai Island with P-61s (squadron is based on Middleburg Island).