

TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 1944

AMERICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS

ALASKA (Eleventh Air Force): 1 B-24 photographs and bombs the Matsuwa Island shore area in the Kurile Islands.

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER

CHINA THEATER (Fourteenth Air Force): In French Indochina, 17 B-24s, escorted by 12 P-51s, bomb Gia Lam and 6 B-25s hit a railroad bridge at Phu Lang Thuong. In Burma, 3 B-25s blast 6 warehouses at Hsenwi, 3 bomb Wan Lai-Kam, 1 hits Kutkai, and 4 attack buildings in the Wanling and Chefang, China areas. 60+ P-40s, P-51s, and P-38s on armed reconnaissance over wide areas of E Burma and S China hit troops, bridges, horses, and other targets of opportunity at many locations,

INDIA-BURMA THEATER (Tenth Air Force): In Burma, 39 P-47s support ground forces in the Pinwe and Bhamo areas; supply and personnel concentrations and targets of opportunity at Nwegyo, Kutkai, the Meza area, Mankang, Manai, Nawnglok, Nawnglong, Loimawk, Man Myeng, Mong Wi and Kungmong are attacked by about 80 fighter-bombers; 16 hit targets of opportunity along the Maymyo-Bawgyo rail line. Transports fly 317 sorties to forward areas. HQ 4th Combat Cargo Group and the 13th Combat Cargo Squadron arrive at Sylhet, India from the US with C-46s.

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (ETO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Eighth Air Force): Mission 728: 6 B-17s and 6 B-24s drop leaflets on the Netherlands and Germany during the night. The 845th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 489th Bombardment Group (Heavy), departs Halesworth, England for the US; the squadron will transition to B-29s in 1945.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Ninth Air Force): In Germany, the 9th Bombardment Division hits the defended villages of Birgel and Merken, a rail bridge at Sinzig, and a Billiger Forest ammunition dump; fighters fly escort, night intruder missions, and armed reconnaissance in the Kall-Trier area, and support the US 1st, 8th, and 104th Infantry Divisions as they take Langerwehe, Jungersdorf, Hurtgen, and the bridge at Inden.

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Fifteenth Air Force): Bad weather limits operations to reconnaissance flights.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Twelfth Air Force): In Italy, B-25s hit railroad bridges at Magenta, Torre Beretti, and Casale Monferrato, and an abandoned ship in La Spezia harbor; fighters and fighter-bombers support ground forces in the battle area in the Apennines S of Bologna, hit communications targets N of the battle zone, and cut railroad lines in 40+ places in the Brenner Pass and NC Po areas.

PACIFIC OCEAN AREA (POA)

AAFPOA (Seventh Air Force): 21 Saipan Island-based B-24s bomb the airfield on Iwo Jima Island; 3 others, flying an armed reconnaissance mission, bomb Marcus Island. During the night of 28/29 Nov 1, a B-24 on a snooper mission hits Iwo Jima Island. 3 B-24s from Angaur Island bomb the radio station on Arakabesan Island.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA [SWPA, Far East Air Force (FEAF)]: On Mindanao Island,

B-24s bomb Daliao and Matina Airfields. Small attacks by B-24s, B-25s, and fighter-bombers are launched against airfields, shipping, and targets of opportunity over wide areas of the SWPA, including C Philippine Islands and the Halmahera and Timor Islands area. The 2d Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 22d Bombardment Group (Heavy), moves from Leyte Island to Angaur Island with B-24s; the 35th Fighter Squadron, 8th Fighter Group, that has been operating from Morotai Island, joins the ground echelon at Dulag, Leyte Island with P-38s.