

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 1944

AMERICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS

ALASKA (Eleventh Air Force): 3 B-24s bomb Kashiwabara on Paramushiru Island. B-25s call off a shipping sweep due to weather.

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER

CHINA THEATER (Fourteenth Air Force): 6 B-25s bomb Ninh Binh, French Indochina and 8 hit Lashio and 3 attack Hsenwi, Burma. 20 P-40s, P-38s, and P-51s hit targets of opportunity in the Chefang, China area. 23 P-38s and P-51s attack bridges, horses, shipping, and rail traffic around Hochih and Nanning, China; Quang Yen, French Indochina; and Hsenwi, Kawngka, and Namhkai, Burma.

INDIA-BURMA THEATER (Tenth Air Force): In Burma, 50+ fighter-bombers fly close support strikes in the battle areas around Bhamo and Pinwe; bridges at Tonbo, Pauktaw, Man Loi, Meza, Bon Chaung, and at 2 unnamed points in N Burma are pounded by 60+ fighter-bombers; 8 others bomb supplies, personnel and ammunition stores at Tigyaing. 323 transport sorties are flown to forward areas. The 1st Combat Cargo Squadron, 1st Combat Cargo Group, moves from Sylhet to Tuliha, India with C-47s; the 490th Bombardment Squadron (Medium), 341st Bombardment Group (Medium), moves from Moran, India to Warazup, Burma with B-25s.

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (ETO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Eighth Air Force): 2 missions are flown. Mission 729: 1,077 bombers and 946 fighters are dispatched to make PFF attacks on viaduct rail targets and oil refineries in Germany; 1 bomber is lost:

1. 445 B-17s are sent to hit the oil refinery at Misburg (391); targets of opportunity are Osnabreuk (36) and others (5); 6 B-17s are damaged. Escorting are 419 P-47s and P-51s without loss.
2. 307 B-24s are sent to hit the Schildesche rail viaduct at Bielefeld (152) and the Altenbeken rail viaduct (144); 2 others hit targets of opportunity; 1 B-24 is lost and 9 damaged; 10 airmen are MIA. Escorting are 261 P-47s and P-51s without loss.
3. 312 B-17s are sent to hit the Hamm marshalling yard (294); 4 others hit targets of opportunity; 1 B-17 is damaged beyond repair and 87 damaged; 3 airmen are WIA. Escorting are 112 of 120 P-51s without loss.
4. 12 of 13 B-17s fly a screen mission and hit a target of opportunity. Escorting are 26 of 32 P-47s without loss.
5. 31 of 34 P-51s fly a scouting mission.

Mission 730: 6 B-17s and 7 B-24s drop leaflets in the Netherlands and

Germany during the night.

HQ 489th Bombardment Group (Heavy) and the 844th, 846th and 847th Bombardment Squadrons (Heavy) depart Halesworth, England for the US; this B-24 group will become a B-29s outfit that is destined for the Pacific.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Ninth Air Force): In Germany, 301 B-26s and A-20s hit defended areas, barracks, and military depots at Wittlich, Mariaweiler, Pier, Eisdorf, Limburg, Rastatt, and Landau; fighters escort the 9th Bombardment Division and Eighth AF, fly armed reconnaissance over W Germany, and support the 104th Infantry Division in a holding action against counterattacks at Inden and Lammersdorf, the 8th Infantry Division at Hurtgen, and the 7th Armored Division in the XIII Corps drive toward the Roer. HQ 10th Photographic Group (Reconnaissance) and the 31st Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron with F-5s moves from Robinson Airfield, St-Dizier to Doncourt Airfield, Conflans and Jarny, France respectively.

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Fifteenth Air Force): Weather limits operations to photo and weather reconnaissance missions.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Twelfth Air Force): In Italy during the night of 28/29 Nov A-20s fly armed reconnaissance over the Po Valley, dropping incendiaries at several points including bridges at Piacenza and Castel Maggiore and the airfields at Ghedi and Villafranca di Verona; during the day weather grounds the medium bombers however, fighters and fighter-bombers can operate, and blast enemy communications on the Brenner line and in the NC Po Valley, cutting rail lines in numerous places and destroying a large number of vehicles and railroad cars.

PACIFIC OCEAN AREA (POA)

AAFPOA (Seventh Air Force): 18 B-24s from Guam Island bomb Iwo Jima Island. 4 P-47s from Saipan Island strafe Pagan Island.

HQ AAF (Twentieth Air Force): 24 Mariana Islands-based B-29s strike the Tokyo dock and industrial area during the night of 29/30 Nov; 2 B-29s bomb the last resort targets of Yokohama and Numazu.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA [SWPA, Far East Air Force (FEAF)]: In the Philippine Islands, B-24s bomb Matina Airfield on Mindanao Island while A-20s and P-47s hit the airfield at Pangsagan; B-24s, with fighter cover, pound Puerto Princesa Airfield on Palawan Island and Kendari Airfield on Celebes Island. B-24s, B-25s, and fighter-bombers fly several light raids against Halmahera Island airfields and against shipping and other targets of opportunity in the Philippine Islands, the Ceram Island area, N Celebes Island, and N Borneo.