

FRIDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 1944

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER

CHINA THEATER (Fourteenth Air Force): 69 P-40s, P-51s, and P-38s on armed reconnaissance over E Burma, SW and SE China, and N French Indochina hit targets of opportunity in the Lungling, China area, damage a railroad bridge S of Lashio, Burma, hit the town of Mangshih, China and destroy a nearby warehouse. In China, the fighter-bombers hit the town areas and docks at Takhing and Tengyun, attack troops in the Mosun area, destroy 2 Japanese fighters near Amoy, hit trains at Hongay, French Indochina, and bomb areas on Hainan Island.

INDIA-BURMA THEATER (Tenth Air Force): In Burma, 12 B-25s, supported by 18 P-47s, hit Nawngkhio Airfield; a single B-25 attacks targets of opportunity between Myitkyina and Lashio; 90+ fighter-bombers attack bridges, enemy forces, town areas and numerous targets of opportunity at and Hinlong, China and Kawngmu, Namhai, Tonlon, Ho-hko, Namhsum, Hkusan, Hkawngwa, Wingkang, Namhkam, and S of Mansi. Tenth AF transports fly 240+ sorties to forward areas.

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Twentieth Air Force): 49 B-29s, operating from rear bases in the Calcutta, India area, bomb the Malagon railroad yards in Burma; almost as many others hit alternate targets.

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (ETO)

AIRBORNE OPERATIONS (IX Troop Carrier Command): In France, HQ 50th Troop Carrier Wing moves from Le Mans to Chartres; HQ 441st Troop Carrier Group and the 100th and 301st Troop Carrier Squadrons move from St Marceau to Dreux with C-47s.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Ninth Air Force): In Germany, 140+ B-26s and A-20s hit a rail overpass at Kaiserslautern, and rail bridges at Neuwied-Irlich, Bad Munster am Stein, Morscheid and Konz-Karthus; fighters fly armed reconnaissance, ground forces cover, attack railroads, bridge, and observation posts in W Germany, and escort 9th Bombardment Division aircraft. In France, HQ 64th Fighter Wing moves from Dole to Ludres; HQ 50th Fighter Group and the 10th, 81st and 313th Fighter Squadrons move from Lyons/Bron to Toul/Ochey with P-47s; the 34th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, XII Tactical Air Command (attached to Provisional Reconnaissance Group), moves from Dijon to Azelot with F-5s.

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Fifteenth Air Force): In Austria, 46 B-17s and

B-24s, in an operation adapted to bad weather and flying without escort, bomb Vienna S ordnance depot, Moosbierbaum oil refinery, Munich W marshalling yard in Germany, Klagenfurt aircraft factory, the towns of Innsbruck and Graz, and the rail line SE of Graz; the bombers attack individually, depending on cloud cover for protection; 30+ other heavy bombers abort due to clearing weather.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Twelfth Air Force): Heavy clouds over most of N Italy begin to disperse; medium bombers are still grounded but fighter-bombers manage to fly 8 sorties against gun positions in mountains S of Bologna, Italy.

PACIFIC OCEAN AREA (POA)

AAFPOA (Seventh Air Force): 14 B-24s from Guam Island pound shipping at Chichi Jima and Haha Jima Islands. 34 P-47s from Saipan Island bomb and strafe Pagan Island. B-24s from Saipan Island continue armed reconnaissance and snooper missions over Marcus and Iwo Jima Islands.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA [SWPA, Far East Air Force (FEAF)]: In the Philippine Islands, B-25s bomb Alicante Airfield on Negros Island and P-40s hit a highway and oil dump N of Ormoc on Leyte Island; HQ 6th Photographic Reconnaissance Group moves from Biak Island to Leyte Island; the 110th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 71st Tactical Reconnaissance Group, moves from Biak Island to Dulag, Leyte Island but the air echelon operates from Tacloban, Leyte Island with P-40s. A-20s and B-25s bomb Babo Airfield on New Guinea. During the night of 3/4 Nov harassing strikes are flown at airfields in the C Philippine Islands, on the NE peninsula of Celebes Island, and on Halmahera Island in the Moluccas Islands.