

TUESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 1944

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER

CHINA THEATER (Fourteenth Air Force): In China, 6 B-25s bomb the railroad yards at Yuncheng; 2 B-25s and 21 P-51s, P-40s, and P-38s hit targets of opportunity around Wanling, Burma and Mangshih, Chefang, and Lungling; HQ 68th Composite Wing moves from Liuchow to Luliang; the air echelon of the 118th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Fourteenth AF (attached to 23d Fighter Group), ceases operating from Liuchow and returns to base at Chengkung with P-51s.

INDIA-BURMA THEATER (Tenth Air Force): In Burma, 80+ P-47s hit gun positions, supply areas, and troops at Bhamo, Pintin, and in the vicinity of Myazedi, bomb airfields at Kawlin, Shwebo, and Onbauk, hit a fuel dump near Panghkam road junction, attack railroad targets of opportunity between Indaw and Shwebo, and targets of opportunity along the Irrawaddy River between Bhamo and Katha; 28 other P-47s maintain overlapping patrols over the area S of Myitkyina; transports fly 260+ sorties to forward areas.

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (ETO)

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Ninth Air Force): No bomber operations because of unfavorable weather; fighters fly patrols and armed reconnaissance, attacking railroads, gun positions and other targets; the IX Tactical Air Command supports the US V Corps as fierce counterattacks force the US 28th Infantry Division to retreat from the village of Kommerscheidt, Germany; the V Corps decides to withdraw the Kall River bridgehead.

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO)

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Fifteenth Air Force): 550+ B-17s and B-24s attack Maribor and Alipasin Most, Yugoslavia and Brunico, Italy marshalling yards; the Floridsdorf oil refinery at Vienna, Austria; the Brenner Pass railroad route; railroad bridges at Pinzano al Tagliamento, Casarsa della Delizia, Mezzocorona, Ora, and Albes, Italy; and troop concentrations at Novi Pazar, Sjenica, Prijepolje, and Mitrovica, Yugoslavia; fighters escort all operations except the attacks on troop concentrations; in Yugoslavia, 124 P-38s strafe troop concentrations at Podgorica and roads and railroads near Raska, between Visegrad-Prijepolje-Sjenica and from Sjenica to Novi Pazar.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS (Twelfth Air Force): The Adjutant General officially orders the de facto action of 19 Oct redesignating HQ XII Fighter Command to HQ XXII Tactical Air Command. In Italy, medium bombers of the 42d Bombardment Wing (Medium) aid the Royal Air Force's (RAF's) Desert Air Force (DAF) in supporting the British Eighth Army's attack on Forli; the 57th Bombardment

Wing continues an interdiction campaign against railway supply lines in NE Italy; fighter-bombers closely support US Fifth Army forces astride the Idice River in the mountains S of Bologna and bomb communications N of the Apennines, scoring many hits on bridges between Piacenza and Bologna.

PACIFIC OCEAN AREA (POA)

AAFPOA (Seventh Air Force): B-24s from Guam Island strike Iwo Jima Island and, during an armed reconnaissance flight, bomb AA positions on Marcus Island. P-47s strafe the airfield on Pagan Island during the early morning and follow up with rocket and strafing runs later in the morning.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA [SWPA, Far East Air Force (FEAF)]: In the Philippine Islands, B-24s and fighter-bombers hit Fabrica, Alicante, and Bacolod Airfields on Negros Island, and Opon Airfield on Cebu, Island; shipping at various C Philippine Islands locations, and communications and supply targets at Tambuco, Ormoc, and Palompon on Leyte Island, Valencia on Mindanao Island, and other areas; P-38s and B-25s hit Del Monte Airfield on Mindanao Island and targets of opportunity in Macajalar Bay on Mindanao Island, and Mandai Airfield on Celebes Island; the 89th Bombardment Squadron (Light), 3d Bombardment Group (Light), moves from Hollandia, New Guinea to Dulag, Leyte Island with A-20s. On Celebes Island, B-25s hit Tanamon, Mapanget, and Langoan. On Halmahera Island, B-25s and fighter-bombers hit Galela, Miti, and Kaoe Airfields. In sweeps over Boeroe Island, Lesser Sunda Islands, and Ceram Island, Moluccas Islands, small groups of B-25s and P-38s hit runways and small shipping. B-24s bomb Raba Estate in the Sunda Islands. In New Guinea, the 4th Photographic Charting Squadron, 311th Photographic Wing (Mapping and Charting) (attached to Thirteenth AF), arrives at Hollandia from the US with F-7s (the squadron will begin mapping of the SW and W Pacific in Dec 44).