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1 Burma: At MS 149, Allied forward positions draw arty fire from enemy while advance continues along "chocolate staircase," Tiddim road stretch with about 40 horseshoe curves, to MS 150 where 5th Ind Div elements (33d Corps) contact enemy. Approximately 150 enemy dig in at Sialam Vum, 7 mi. E of Tiddim, and 80 more are contacted S of Beltang Lui, 4 mi. N of Tiddim. British patrols on way to Kalemmyo are opposite Yazagyo.

Main air concentration falls in Tiddim area where 123 Hurribombers and 42 P-47s destroy bashas and bomb hq and other positions with 53 tons; 6 Hurricanes strafe gun positions; 10 Hurricanes attack Kindat ridge and Kalemmyo and Tiddim road targets. Force of 71 Hurribombers and 17 P-47s expending 17 tons of bombs blankets Mawlaik area, hitting many buildings, and strikes Kalemmyo stockade region. Seventy-four planes fire Pinlebu camp hq, destroy 2 bashas, and score direct hits on buildings; in Kalemmyo and Pinlebu areas, 12 and 22 planes, respectively, damage buildings and other installations; 14 Spitfires and 2 Hurricanes operate in Kalewa--Ye-u area, destroying river craft and MT, damaging water tower, rolling stock, and MT, and firing oil drums; Aungba airfield and Chindwin targets attacked by 21 Mosquitoes which strafe pens, hangars, and damage oil tank; 11 planes raid Ft. White, dropping most of bombs in target area; 10 B-25s hit tracks but render no damage to Bawgyo bridge; in Chin Hills and upper Chindwin areas, bashas, and river craft sunk or damaged by 17 Hurricanes, 8 Mosquitoes, and 8 Spitfires. Nine fires started at Bhamo by 8 P-47s. In raids on dump in Kwazon area, 4 Hurribombers and 6 Spitfires score direct hits on bashas, destroying 1. Eight P-47s carry out patrols S of Myitkyina.

Hq of SE Asia Air Command moves from Delhi to Kandy.

Salween: Chinese repulse enemy attack on Pagoda Hill (N of Lungling); enemy position at Lipapo Hill (1 mi. W of Lungling) completely surrounded.

Twenty-nine B-25s with 18 tons operate in area: 8 cause much damage on E Burma road, while 15 score well in attack on Mangshih buildings. Fifteen 14th AF P-47s score hits on approaches to Mangshih bridge and bomb storage areas, while 8 fire building at Wanling.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Along Hengyang-Kweilin RR, enemy forces capture Hsinganhsien and villages to NE. Japanese troops enter Paoching and street fighting is in progress.

Weather restricts air operations: 12 P-51s damage compound NE of Hsinganhsien, fire tent area S of Chuanhsien, damage sampan near Lungfukwan, and destroy tents SE of Yungming.

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**KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI:** Enemy columns move SW from Taiping, capture Pingnam, and continue along West R. toward Konghow, forcing 135th Div, Ch 31st Army, to withdraw. Enemy troops are engaged with 155th Div, Ch 64th Army, S of Tanchuk.

Shipping and troop concentrations along West R. from Dosing to Pingnam attacked by 35 P-51s and 21 P-40s; storage buildings, compounds, and 118 river craft destroyed or damaged, and estimated 320 enemy troops killed. Twelve B-25s achieve fair results in bombing of Tien Ho and White Cloud airfields; 6 others hit 3 boats near Tengyun and start fire at Wuchow. In Luichow Peninsula area 2 P-51s sink 2 and damage 8 cargo junks; loaded junk fired and 6 others left sinking at Weichow Tao I.

**CHEKIANG-FUKIEN:** In Foochow area Japanese and puppet troops move S along Min R. from Kwantow, capturing Pantu. Enemy lands reinforcements at Amoy and Quemoy.

**F.I.C.:** Two P-51s damage 3 of 5 75-ft. vessels attacked in the Red R. delta area.

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**Burma:** In Chindwin area, Valvum, 3 mi. E of Tiddim, reported clear of enemy.

Seven P-47s bomb and strafe buildings and MT in vicinity of Kalembo; 16 P-38s strafe Kalewa and Chindwin areas. In central Burma, 8 P-47s attack troops and villages in Mawlu area; 6 B-25s with 12 tons destroy 2 bridges, RR tracks, rolling stock, damage landing stage, and fire 6 barges. On lower Chindwin, Mosquitoes attack RR in Shwebo area and canal crossing near Ye-u, damaging rolling stock, MT, and possibly locomotive; Beaufighters damage MT in Monywa, Ye-u, and Gotleik areas. In S Burma, 4 B-25s with 3 tons bomb bridge near Panghkam.

**China:** **HUNAN-KWANGSI:** Ch 58th Div engages in rear-guard action W and S of Hsinganhsien; Ch 93d Army withdraws SW of Hsinganhsien. Enemy forces near Lungfukwan are reinforced.

Japanese concentrations in and around Hsinganhsien attacked by 31 P-51s and 3 P-40s; road bridge and 5 locomotives in vicinity damaged. In Chuanhsien area 24 P-40s damage compounds and bridge; 20 P-51s hit compounds, tents, and troops in Taohwan and Taohsien areas.

**KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI:** Enemy forces continue moving W from Pingnam along West R.

Total of 28 P-51s and 12 P-40s hits targets along West R. from Takhing to Pingnam, damaging huts, compounds, 11 steamers,

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20 junks, 13 barges, and 20 rafts, and killing estimated 100 Japanese. Eleven B-25s score very good hits in bombing of Pingnam; 10 others hit White Cloud and Tien Ho airfields and Samshui. In Weichow Tao I. vicinity 2 P-51s attack supply boat, junks, and barges.

CHEKIANG-FUKIEN: Two B-24s bomb Amoy I. scoring hits on S side of city. Single B-24 probably sinks vessel in convoy E of Pescadores Is.

F.I.C.: Japanese barracks and supply areas at Luc Nah attacked by 6 P-40s which score direct hits on targets; 2 P-51s hit 10 75-ft. junks at Campha Port and damage 2 100-ft. barges at Hongay.

Formosa Strait: Three B-24s claim 275-ft. AK probably sunk 10 mi. E of Pescadores Is. in night sea sweep.

3 Burma: Two cos of 123d Brig (5th Ind Div) by-pass enemy roadblock 6 mi. N of Tiddim and are at MS 158 on Tiddim road.

Nine Hurribombers ably support ground operations with good concentration on Tiddim positions. In lower Chindwin, 6 Spitfires harass targets from Kalewa to Ye-u. In N and central Burma, 10th AF B-25s bomb 2 road bridges at Lashio and RR bridge N of Kyungon.

Salween: At night Ch 200th Div repulses 30-man patrol attempting to enter old Lungling.

P-47s with over 8 tons of bombs operate in area: 21 damage buildings, start fires, and destroy bashes in 4 villages near Bhamo, while 6 destroy MT in raid on Mangshih airfield installations. Fifteen P-47s destroy buildings in Kutkai area and fire warehouses on road to Lungling. Twelve B-25s of 3d TAF hit Mawlu, Mangshih, and Sinkan.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Main deployment of Japanese strength diverted from SW drive from Hengyang along RR zone to points due S of Lingling and Chuanhsien from which movement is SW: 1,000 Japanese move on Kaotien, 20 mi. NE of Kweilin, another 1,000 15 mi. SE of Hsinganhsien, and a third column approximately 34 mi. S of Kwanyang; 4,000 enemy troops and plainclothesmen 14 mi. E of Siyenhsien, NW of the rail zone.

Troop concentrations in Hsinganhsien, Chuanhsien, Tunganhsien, and Taochwan areas continually attacked by 47 P-51s and 14 P-40s which damage compounds, tents, barracks, cavalry, and river craft loaded with troops; Hsinganhsien RR yards and 2 road bridges also hit.

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**KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI:** Ch 135th and 155th Divs move from Pingnam toward Kweiping on West R. Estimated 5,000 Japanese cross West R. S of Taiping and concentrate in area between river and Tanchuk-Kweiping road.

Shipping on West R. in Wuchow-Pingnam-Konghow area attacked by 40 P-51s and 10 P-40s; compounds, buildings, and 48 river craft, including 11 motor launches and 5 steamers, damaged or destroyed. Twenty-three B-25s bomb towns of Pingnam, Wuchow, and Samshui, MT at Nanyo, and White Cloud airfield.

**CHEKIANG-FUKIEN:** Moving in 3 columns from Lienkong, 3,000 Japanese reach points 8 mi. SE, 6 mi. NE, and 14 mi. E of the town.

Six carrier-borne enemy seaplanes attack Changchow, Haiteng, and Haitang, all in Amoy area.

**SHENSI:** Ten enemy aircraft damage 1 P-40, 1 B-25, and 2 P-51s at Hanchung airfield; other enemy aircraft drop 38 bombs on Hsian airfield with only 3 hitting field.

4 **Burma:** Along RR corridor, 29th Brig (Br 36th Div) forward elements continue probing in Mohnyin area.

Hurricanes and Hurribombers bomb and strafe enemy positions and MT along Tiddim road; 12 B-25s score direct hits in Kalewa area. In N Burma, planes of 10th AF attack Zaibru town and bridge, firing bashas; bridge remains serviceable. Eight P-47s fire bashas at Momauk. Twenty-four P-47s damage Katha buildings, start fires, hit road approaches N and S of a Myothit bridge, and fire Bhamo villages. Seven river craft on Kaladan R. damaged by 12 Spitfires and 24 Hurricanes which also hit dumps and bashas in Kwazon area.

**Salween:** Elements of Ch 107th Regt (36th Div) seize Sunkuanpo, highest peak SW of Lungling. In Mangshih sector, Hua 226th Regt (76th Div) repels enemy attack 4 mi. NE of the city. Number of Japanese casualties result.

Three B-25s bomb and strafe area 10 mi. S of Chefang.

**China:** **HUNAN-KWANGSI:** Elements of Japanese 40th and 58th Divs move through Chinese positions 8½ mi. W of Hsinganhshien; Chinese forces establish defensive positions at Tajungkiang, S of Hsinganhshien. Following occupation of Paoching, units of Japanese 116th and 37th Divs move W on Paoching-Tungkow-Chihkiang highway closing in on Chowwangpu and Taohwaping. Units of Ch 74th and 100th Armies deploy N and S of highway between Taohwaping and Tungkow.

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Two bridges, sampans, compounds, villages, gun positions, troops, and horses in Paoching area attacked by 21 P-40s. Fourteen P-51s damage bridge W of Hwanshapu and another SW of Chuanhsien; 11 others hit compounds in Taohsien and Hsinganhsien areas.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Chinese irregulars, either provisional or Communist, reoccupy Szewui, NW of Samshui, and Tsingyun, NW of Canton.

Shipping on West R. in Takhing-Wuchow-Pingnam areas, and Tanchuk town and river craft in vicinity attacked by 25 P-51s and 2 P-40s; 2 groups of enemy aircraft encountered near Wuchow and 4 P-51s lost. In area N of Liuchow, 9 P-51s destroy barge and many buildings. On Luichow Peninsula 2 P-40s heavily damage buildings at Ft. Bayard in skip-bombing attack on 12 junks, and slightly damage junks by strafing. Nine B-25s damage revetments and barracks area at Tien Ho airfield; score 100% hits on revetments at White Cloud airfield, unsuccessfully attack runway at Tanchuk, and bomb Wuchow with unobserved results. In 8 runs over Liuchow airfield, enemy aircraft destroy 1 P-51 and damage 1 P-51, 1 P-40, and 1 B-25.

CHEKIANG-FUKIEN: Elements of Japanese 8th IMB engage Chinese troops at Foochow.

HONAN: Two B-25s escorted by 3 P-40s destroy N end of bridge and strafe RR cars at Hsinantien.

Formosa: Two B-24s damage 2 freighters in attack on convoy of 12 merchant ships off NW tip of Formosa.

F.I.C.: Twelve barges destroyed at Campha Port and Hongay by P-51s.

- 5 Burma: In N Burma, active patrols make no contact with enemy in outskirts of Mohnyin or N of Nalong. Activity increases NW of Mawku and on E Chindwin R. where British patrols kill 6 of 16 Japanese attacked. Patrols of 26th Brig (11th EA Div) reach Okkan; 123d Brig (5th Ind Div) elements operate E and S of MS 158 on Tiddim road.

In N Burma, 10th AF P-47s bomb and strafe Mawlu, causing fires; destroy large building in vicinity; hit 2 locomotives at Naba junction; damage approaches to Zaibru bridge; hit buildings at Kwegyi, Hantet, and Man; 3 P-47s missing. In Chindwin area, B-25s blanket Kalewa area, bomb and strafe Kalemio stores, and hit bridges and stores in Indaingyi

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vicinity. In central Burma, B-25s bomb 3 bridges in Namhkai, possibly rendering 2 unserviceable, and damage N and S approaches to Hsenwi main bridge, thereby possibly rendering all Hsenwi bridges useless. Beaufighters harass Irrawaddy targets from Thabeikkyan to Ketka. In Arakan sector, Hurricanes score 2 direct hits on Nagara targets and strike possible ammunition dump S of Kaletwa; 7 Spitfires destroy 27 river craft, 3 bashas, and other targets in Akyab, Lemro R., Kaladan R. sweep.

Salween: Three B-25s and 8 P-40s of 14th AF destroy MT and heavily damage Mangshih storage area in Mangshih-Lungling raids.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Changning, encircled by Japanese since first week of September, falls to enemy. Japanese moving from Lungfukwan split into 2 columns: one moves toward Kwanyingko, the other S about 12 mi.

Seventeen P-51s and 6 P-40s damage bridge E of Hwangshapu, further damage bridge SW of Chuanhsien, unsuccessfully bomb bridge at Lingling, and hit compounds at Chuanhsien and Hsinganhsien.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: S of West R., Japanese forces advance to point  $8\frac{1}{2}$  mi. NE of Kweiping. Estimated 1,000 Japanese move W of Pingnam.

Eight P-40s and 22 P-51s attack compounds, destroy junk and 2 barges, and strafe over 100 boats in Konghow, Pingnam, Tanchuk, Tengyun, Takhing, and Dosing areas. Eight B-25s start fires at Wuchow and Samshui and damage 8 river craft at Tengyun. Twelve B-25s, 14 P-51s, and 8 P-40s score 100% hits at Koyiu, causing fires among buildings; 14 enemy planes encountered and 3-1-3 claimed; 1 P-51 and 1 P-40 missing. Two B-24s bomb Kowloon Peninsula, sink freighter, and damage another in South China Sea. Liuchow airfield attacked in 2 runs by enemy aircraft causing light damage; 4 enemy aircraft also bomb Ishan city with no damage reported.

CHEKIANG-FUKIEN: Foochow, only important coastal city still held by Chinese, recaptured by approximately 3,000 Japanese. (Foochow was captured by Japanese in April 1939 but was later retaken by Chinese.)

Formosa Strait: E of Pescadores, night B-24 destroys 1 300-ft. AK and damages another of estimated 10-ship convoy.

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Burma: In upper Chindwin, Kongyi, 11 mi. ESE of Thaungdut, reported clear of enemy. On Chindwin front

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6 British forward elements held up by strong enemy position S of MS 158 and in vicinity of Sialum Vum; estimated Japanese co contacted in Dolluang area. Goppe Bazar in Arakan sector attacked by 150 Japanese who suffer casualties before withdrawing to S and SE.

B-25s attack Kalembo, Indaingyi, and Kalewa and score possible direct hit on W end of Bawgyo bridge, destroying tracks. Many Hurricanes and Hurribombers destroy and damage MT and other targets on Tiddim road, accurately bomb Kalewa target area, and bomb and strafe Valvum spur. P-47s strafe building and rolling stock and damage approaches to Indaw RR bridge; attack Bilumyo. Nine Spitfires destroy river craft, bashas, stores, and bullock carts in lower Chindwin--Ye-u areas. Beaufighters harass road and rail traffic, rolling stock, and MT; medium sized factory and 50-ft. schooner hit. Six Spitfires and 8 Hurribombers drop bombs in target areas SW of Labawa and in Buthidaung area. At dawn, 12 B-25s attack RR bridge at Nyaungyan near Meiktila; planes intercepted by 10 enemy fighters near Mandalay; in ensuing 75-min. air battle, 1 B-25 destroyed and 3 damaged for claim of 3-4-0 enemy planes. Mosquito explodes enemy bomber on Heho airstrip.

China: HUMAN-KWANGSI: Ch 8th Div of 93d Army holds Tajungkiang, 24 mi. NNE of Kweilin; approximately 7,000 Japanese are 5 mi. NE of Tajungkiang. Japanese plainclothesmen are active about 20 mi. NE of Kweilin.

Bridge W of Hwangshapu again under attack: 5 P-51s knock out 3 piers. In Lingling-Chuanhsien-Tungsiangchiap-Kiyang area 15 P-51s and 8 P-40s damage compounds, 2 bridges, and 39 sampans. In Hengyang area 4 P-40s and 2 P-51s destroy RR bridge and 2 large boats, damage barracks, and silence AA position.

KWANGTUNG: Enemy reinforcements numbering approximately 10,000 move W from Wuchow.

Twelve P-40s and 27 P-51s destroy 17 river craft and damage compounds, RR bridge, and 197 boats along West R. from Takhing to Pingnam. Twelve B-25s strafe approximately 250 small river craft at Samshui, start fires at Wuchow and Pingnam, and bomb revetments and barracks areas at White Cloud and Tien Ho airfields.

CHEKIANG-FUKIEN: Enemy troops cross river S of Foochow and move SE, capturing Changlo. Japanese suffer temporary setback when Chinese recapture Hungshan bridge over Min R. SW of Foochow.

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Thailand: Sixteen B-24s of SAF concentrate on Burma-Thailand RR, knocking out rolling stock, locomotives, RR shed, water towers, and bridges in 2,000-mi. round trip; intercepted by enemy fighters, bombers lose 1 and claim 1.

7 Burma: In N Burma, Br 36th Div Hq is now in Namkwin Chuang area, 6 mi. N of Hopin. Enemy is digging in at Bilumyo, Nyaunggon, and Mohnyin. Enemy in Chindwin sector is consolidating positions at Sialum Vum. At night enemy MT observed withdrawing S of Tiddim; patrols contact 150 Japanese at Dolluang, 16 mi. ESE of Tiddim. Force of 400 enemy reaches area 2 mi. NE of Taung Bazar, 10 mi. N of Buthidaung, and its patrols are active against Allied positions. Foray made at Panzai Bazar, N of Goppe Bazar in Arakan sector, by smaller enemy group than that engaged yesterday; party also withdraws to S and SE.

In Chindwin area, Indaingyi targets fired in attack by 12 B-25s; Hurricanes drop bombs in Kaung area, fire Zingalaing town, and destroy bashas at Theizang. In N Burma, P-47s damage large building at Man Hpa but render no damage to Ugyi bridge. Thirty-three B-25s destroy N end of Pyinmana bridge. Force of 96 Hurribombers and Hurricanes strongly supports 33d Corps with about 22 tons of bombs. Beaufighters harass locomotives, rolling stock, and troops, while Mosquitoes strike with unobserved results on Meiktila, Thabutkon, and Monywa bridges in central Burma. Four Hurribombers attack Mowdok area (SW of Labawa in India). Hurribombers score cannon hits on 4 schooners in Gulf of Martaban. Spitfires down enemy rcn plane N of Imphal.

Salween: Enemy attack against 599th Regt (Ch 200th Div) positions on Pagoda Hill repulsed after an hour's fight; 262d Regt (Ch 88th Div) forward elements contact enemy in N Lungling. Enemy shells Chinese position 4 mi. E of Manghsih.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Chinese defense positions at Tajungkiang, 23 mi. NE of Kweilin, hold out against light Japanese pressure. W of Paoching, Ch 100th Div units engage enemy forces near Yenkowpu.

Seven P-40s and 22 P-51s destroy 2 compounds and small ammunition dump, partially destroy 2 bridges, and damage 7 compounds and 3 sampans in Lingling-Chuanhsien-Hsinganhsien area. Two P-40s bomb and strafe tents W of Paoching.

KWANGTUNG: Enemy reinforcements numbering 8,000 pass through Fengchuan and move toward Wuchow.

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SW of Wuchow in Notungyu area 7 P-51s and 4 P-40s strafe one group of 500 troops with unknown casualties, and kill estimated 110 Japanese and 210 horses in attacks on other concentrations.

CHEKIANG-FUKIEN: Changlo, S of Min R. and SE of Foochow, reported recaptured by 300 Chinese troops plus armed civilians.

KIANGSI: In Kiukiang area, 4 P-40s and 2 P-51s probably sink 300-ft. boat and damage another; 8 enemy aircraft encountered and 2-1-2 claimed. Kanchow airfield attacked by 10 enemy aircraft with no damage.

SHENSI: Nancheng airfield (Hanchung) attacked by 3 enemy aircraft with slight damage to P-51 on field.

SZECHWAN: Seven enemy bombers attack Kwangshan airfield destroying 1 P-51, damaging 13 P-51s, 1 P-47, and 1 B-29, and firing 8 gasoline drums.

8 Burma: In N, Br 36th Div patrols are active in Bilumyo area; Ch 30th Div leading elements reach point 15 mi. SSE and SW of Kantaoyang. In Chindwin area, 5th Ind Div patrols continue to probe NE and E of Tiddim; strong enemy position in MS 158 area stalls Allied advance. Patrols report Thaungdut and all villages in 16 mi. area E of it clear of enemy.

In N Burma, 10th AF P-47s and B-25s bomb bridges: destroy Seywa bridge, render additional damage to new bridge at Namhkai, destroy span of RR bridge S of Wuntho, and knock out supports of bridge S of Kawlin; also destroy bashas at Mawhun and Man Yut. In Arakan and Chindwin sectors 3d TAF Hurribombers hit enemy positions in support of ground operations, while escorting Hurricanes account for 7 river craft destroyed, 40 damaged, and 6 bashas damaged. Fourteen Beaufighters damage 5 locomotive sheds, 6 bashas, and 2 MT in area Yamethin to Pyihmana.

Salween: Force of approximately 100 Japanese repulsed in attacks on Chinese positions in old Lungling; Chinese make minor unsuccessful raid 1 mi. W of Lungling; enemy fire silenced by Chinese counter-battery 4 mi. NE of Mangshih.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Column of 1,000 Japanese moves 34 mi. SW of Sinning, enemy position NW of Lingling.

Weather restricts 14th AF operations.

KWANGTUNG: In West R. area units of 135th Div, Ch 31st Army, contact estimated 800 Japanese in vicinity of Szewang, NW of Pingnam. Loting, S of Takhing, reported reoccupied by Chinese with Japanese forces moving NW.

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KIANGSI-ANWHEI: NE of Pengyseh, 4 P-40s destroy 2 trucks and barge, probably sink steamer, and damage tug; 5 enemy aircraft encountered and 1-O-2 claimed; 1 P-40 destroyed by ground fire. Kanchow airfield attacked by 2 enemy aircraft with no damage.

HONAN: Eight P-51s destroy 3 locomotives at Anking; 1 enemy aircraft intercepted and shot down, another destroyed and 2 damaged on ground. Kwangan airfield bombed by 7 enemy aircraft with 1 P-51 destroyed, major damage to 3 planes, minor damage to 6 others, but no damage to field.

SHENSI: Hsian airfield attacked by single enemy aircraft which slightly damages field.

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Burma: In N, enemy patrols active N of Bhamo. Stiff resistance continues from enemy positions astride MS 158 on Tiddim road; Hq 123d Brig (5th Ind Div) moves to MS 154. Eleventh EA Div patrols skirmish with enemy 20 mi. N of Kalembo. On Arakan front in Sangu Valley, India, West African troops force enemy withdrawal from village NW of Mowdok, according to a Southeast Asia Command communique.

Seven P-47s bomb smoke-marked targets in 36th Div area near Mohnyin; bashas fired. In Chindwin area, 3d TAF Mosquitoes destroy buildings at Mawlaik, while Hurricanes bomb Tahan, Mawlaik, Pyinthazeik, dumps at Siyin, enemy positions at Tualzang, Pinlebu, and in general area. Force of 93 Hurribombers destroys stockades, dumps, bashas, and buildings in Tiddim, Kalembo, and Mawlaik areas with 20 tons. Tenth AF B-25s and P-47s operate in N and central Burma: B-25s demolish suspension bridge at Nalang and road bridge at Nampawng; 33 B-25s probably destroy N end of Pyinmana RR bridge; about 40 P-47s expend over 12 tons against Man Yut and Mawlu towns and bridges; several buildings in Bhamo area demolished by land mines.

Salween: Hon 1st Div relieves 88th Div in E Lungling; new location of 88th Div is at Hwangtsaopa, 10 mi. NW of Lungling.

Five B-25s destroy suspension bridge 21 mi. SW of Lashio; 2 destroy bridge 14 mi. SE of Lashio and fire bashas. Two B-25s of 14th AF bomb bridge N of Mangshih with unobserved results.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Chinese troops reoccupy Tajungkiang and Laopaochun, respectively SW and NW of Hsinganhsien; upon Japanese withdrawal

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**KWANGTUNG:** Estimated 10,000 Japanese concentrated in Pingnam-Tanchuk area on N bank of West R. Szewang, NW of Pingnam, occupied by enemy troops.

Four P-51s put landing strip at Tanchuk temporarily out of commission and damage barge and pontoon bridge. In Tengyun area 8 P-40s and 4 P-51s destroy steamer and 16 boats, damage compound, 18 boats, and 2 steamers, and inflict casualties.

**CHEKIANG-FUKIEN:** Ch 80th Div opposes Japanese troops in NW outskirts of Foochow.

Four P-40s and 1 P-51 destroy single enemy aircraft as it takes off from Amoy airfield, attack 18 junks E of airfield, and skip-bomb AA positions on N end of airfield.

**ANWHEI:** Four P-51s and 4 P-40s destroy tug and damage 4 barges at Anking; enemy aircraft at Anking landing strip strafed and 10 destroyed and 1 damaged.

10 **Burma:** Hq 161st Brig (5th Ind Div) moves to MS 143 on Tiddim road; SE of Valvum, encircling movement by force of Japanese thwarted by strong Allied assault; later, positions shelled by enemy without damage. In Arakan, Kandy reports attacking enemy suffers large casualties in bayonet charge by men of Royal Garhwal Rifles; enemy arty active against recently acquired Mayu Hills positions. West African troops seize Mowdok, India; contact maintained in frontier hills NE of village.

In N Burma, 10th AF P-47s bomb and strafe Mawhun town. Force of 54 Hurribombers, 11 P-47s, 18 Hurricanes, and 6 Spitfires concentrates on Tiddim-Kalewa targets. In central Burma, 45 B-25s expending almost 65 tons score near misses on Chaung-U RR bridge, inflict no damage on Budalin by-pass bridge, and raid stores at Myaungbyugyi; 3 P-47s fire 6 bashas and destroy others N of Myothit; Mosquitoes damage S pier of bridge N of Myittha; bridge near Ye-u, and much river craft; 10 Beaufighters range over central and S Burma, attacking communications, factory buildings, rolling stock, rail installations, coolies, and 3 schooners near Tavoy. Twenty-three P-47s patrol Myitkyina; 48 P-47s with estimated 17 tons destroy bashas and start many fires in Momaik, Bhamo, and Mohnyin areas. In Arakan sector, RAF planes raid bashas S of Buthidaung; 4 Hurribombers and 7 Hurricanes damage 10 river craft and 30 bashas at Foul Point; 7 Hurricanes damage 17 river craft at Paletwa.

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Salween: Hon 1st Div and 87th Div patrols are in contact with enemy in Lungling area; 244th Regt of 32d Div occupies Mon Ning Shan, hill SE of Mangshih.

Fourteenth AF operates in vicinity: Kunlong ferry on Salween R. and Mangshih area bombed by 14 B-25s which score hits on buildings; 24 P-40s and P-38s also hit Mangshih targets, causing fires and explosions and damaging approaches to bridge with direct hits.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Force of 1,000 Japanese moves S from Siyenhsien to points 6 mi. from Lungsheng, NNW of Kweilin. Threat to Kweilin from E develops with concentration of enemy troops at Yengko.

Weather continues to hold up 14th AF operations.

KWANGTUNG: Japanese resume westward advance in West R. area in morning with crossings in force to N and S of Kweiping against slight resistance; 1,600 cross West R. near Shekchung and move W, 1,000 cross river opposite Kweiping with street fighting reported in progress, and 1,000 move S on Konghow from Szewang.

Sixteen P-40s and 12 P-51s destroy or damage compounds, steamer, 2 junks, and barge in Tanchuk-Wuchow-Dosing area; docks at Dosing also heavily damaged.

F.I.C.: On sweeps against communications, P-51s destroy 2 locomotives, launch, and a number of barges.

11 Burma: Patrols inflict casualties on enemy on Tiddim-Kalemyo road. Forward elements of 5th Ind Div reach MS 159.

In day-long air support, Hurribombers, P-47s, and Mosquitoes operate in Tiddim area; 93 Hurribombers ably support ground with over 22 tons, bombing and strafing enemy positions and transport. In N Burma, P-47s bomb and strafe Japanese positions at Man Wein and S of Pinwe with good concentration: some damage inflicted at Nansiaung; bridge destroyed N of Mu-Chuang; land mines dropped on Tugyaung; Kwanghkan bridge damaged; no results observed after bombing and strafing attack on Hkawan and Wanling bridges. In central Burma, 41 B-25s escorted by 15 P-38s destroy N span of Kyaukse bridge and also hit Man Pwe, Namyau, and Pyinmana bridges, damaging tracks and approaches; tracks W of Sinthe RR bridge damaged. Force of 55 P-47s drops about 19 tons in support of ground operations in Mawlu area, on villages in Bhamo area, and on 2 bridges on Lashio-Lungling road, hitting dug-outs, gun positions, and bashas. In Arakan and Chindwin sectors, Hurribombers and P-47s support ground forces in

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attacks against enemy positions, an enemy camp W of Pinlebu, positions E of Dimlo, and river craft. In central and S Burma, Beaufighters harass enemy transport, communications, and shipping, hitting water towers, trains, locomotives, schooners, and 400-ton coastal vessel SW of Rangoon, leaving it veering.

Salween: Chinese Hon 1st Div seizes hill positions just SE of Lungling, killing 10 Japanese and capturing some materiel, but in follow-up attacks only minor gains achieved. In the Mangshih area, attacks by elements of 9th Div preceded by arty shelling make only slight gains on 2 hill positions about 4 mi. E of town. At night Chinese suffer 30 casualties in 2 unsuccessful raids.

Fourteenth AF continues to render support to ground troops: P-38s and P-40s bomb and strafe village 3 mi. S of Mangshih; 2 B-25s destroy bridge and bomb Burma Road targets.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Advance elements of Japanese column of 1,200 moves 7 mi. SW of Fujung (40 mi. NW of Hsinganhsien).

Weather restricts 14th AF operations.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: In Kweiping area, Ch 135th and 155th Divs retire to hills after minor resistance.

Three P-40s strafe 12 sampans E of Tanchuk with minor damage, and E of Konghow bomb steamer, leaving it smoking.

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Burma: Sustained Allied air attack forces enemy to abandon his positions astride Tiddim road 2 and 3 mi. N of the town; enemy arty 5 mi. S of Tiddim harasses Allied positions; 80-100 Japanese are repulsed in arty-supported inf attack 4 mi. E of Tiddim; enemy casualties high. Two cos of 161st Brig (5th Ind Div) reach Dolluang, 15 mi. ESE of Tiddim.

In N Burma, P-47s damage tracks S of Nayakaung and patrol southward. In central Burma 3d TAF B-25s render extensive damage to Sinthe and Myittha RR bridges but inflict no damage on Pyinmana RR bridge. Mosquitoes strafe Meiktila airfield and hit shipping targets on Chindwin and Irrawaddy rivers. Twelve Spitfires and 31 Hurricanes bomb enemy positions, damage or destroy MT and river craft, and hit road targets in Tiddim-Pinlebu-Kalewa-Mawlaik areas; smoke-marked targets in Lailo, Kinlu, and Dimlo areas also successfully attacked with enemy casualties. In N and central Burma, 8 B-25s bomb bridges, destroying half of Lashio main bridge, demolishing the N RR bridge (by-pass) S of Kawlin, severely damaging the next bridge S, and knocking

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out supports of span of RR bridge near Bongyuang; Man Pwe bridge suffers no damage; 20 P-47s score near misses on Wanling bridge, cause fires and explosion in village SW of Wanling, and largely destroy 1 and hit another village in Mohnyin area.

Salween: First Regt, Hon 1st Div, makes small gain, continuing attack on hill position SE of Lungling. At Mengka elements of 82d Div are reinforced by platoon of engineers and an antitank co.

Sixteen P-40s attack dumps and positions in Mangshih area, causing large fires; enemy positions strafed. Four P-38s attack warehouse area SE of Hsenwi, and 3 B-25s bomb road and rail bridge in Mangshih and Chefang; P-40s start fires in village 2 mi. S of Mangshih.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Ch 93d Army contacts advance elements of estimated 1,200 Japanese on NW flank in vicinity of Tajungkiang, SW of Hsinganhsien.

Two P-51s attack compound NE of Taochwan, scoring 2 hits; 4 P-40s and 4 P-51s bomb bivouac area, buildings, 2 road bridges, and troops in Hsinganhsien area.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Japanese forces contact Ch 155th Div elements S of Kweiping in Menghu vicinity.

River shipping in Kweiping and Tanchuk areas attacked by 14 P-51s and 10 P-40s with 130 river craft damaged or destroyed and estimated 125 Japanese and 25 horses killed; 2 bridges, compounds, and 2 small towns also hit.

SHENSI: Eight P-51s bomb Yuncheng airfield, leaving runway inoperative, and strafe radio tower and adjoining buildings between Puchou and Tungkwan.

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Burma: In N Burma, Japanese troop and MT movement observed along RR corridor between Naba and Mawhun. In Chindwin sector, British with tank and air support attack enemy positions on road 1½ mi. NW of Tiddim where resistance is strongest; land mines and steadily increasing arty fire prevent any success; 2 medium tanks badly damaged. Patrols N of Ft. White report enemy withdrawing ½ mi. southward. In general area Ft. White to Tiddim, innumerable small attacks occur. In Arakan area, harassing operations continue against Goppe Bazar and Panzai Bazar.

Thirty 10th AF P-47s operate over N Burma, Salween, and central Burma, bombing and strafing Theinlon, Shwegu, Yebyangale, and Mawhun, demolishing several buildings, cratering Wanling bridge, causing explosions at Ywathit and Okkyin; fires and explosions caused at ManWing; many bashas destroyed and fires and explosions caused in Myothit area. In Chindwin area,

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Hurribombers attack enemy dug-in positions E of Lailo. In central Burma, B-25s hit buildings in Hsenwi military area and cause explosions; Mosquitoes explode sampans but have poor results at Allagappa; Beaufighters damage locomotives and rolling stock near Yamethin and patrol RR and roads in central Burma, hitting rolling stock, stores, and MT at Pyinmana, Kyauktada, Yinmabin, and Shwenyaung. Two Hurricanes, 4 P-38s, and 4 Spitfires hit village W of Labawa, and barges and river craft in Akyab area.

Salween: Japanese night attack against hill 1 mi. SW of Lungling repulsed. Fourteen P-40s attack enemy positions along front, encountering heavy flak which downs 1.

China: HUMAN-KWANGSI: On Paoching front main force of enemy troops moves S toward Tunganhsien, in RR zone, while other elements dig in 15 mi. W of city.

Three P-40s and 18 P-51s damage pontoon bridge, compounds, buildings, and barracks, killing approximately 10 Japanese in Chuanhsien-Hsinganhsien area; 4 P-51s bomb monastery W of Lungfukwan and strafe buildings in area, killing estimated 75 men.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Japanese troops occupy Taiping, 20 mi. due N of Pingnam.

Fifty-three P-51s and 42 P-40s bomb Kweiping (near Tanchuk) town, roads, and compounds, killing estimated 70 troops, and on sweep over West R. from Tengyun to Shekchung damage or destroy 83 river craft. Two P-51s skip-bomb barracks area at Kiungshan airdrome with heavy damage resulting; 1 sampan fired and another destroyed in strafing attack in area. Single B-24 bombs Swatow I. with unobserved results.

14 Burma: Brief clashes reported in Kabaw valley. Along front, enemy arty fire increases.

In N Burma, P-47s cause fires and smoke in attack on Wanling bridge, with unobserved results raid Pintha-Nyaunggon, and start fires at Kyungyi and Mohnyin. Force of 96 Hurribombers and 6 Hurricanes scores direct hit on gun position and MT with 22 tons. In Arakan and Chindwin sectors, enemy positions indicated by smoke markers successfully attacked; at Labawa, all bombs loosed by 4 Hurribombers fall in target area; river craft in Arakan sector destroyed by Hurricanes.

Salween: In early morning attack by Hon 1st Div elements in E sector of Lungling, 2 enemy pillboxes destroyed before heavy arty fire forces withdrawal.

Four P-40s attack village near Mangshih.

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China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Japanese enter Tajungkiang, 23 mi. NE of Kweilin in RR zone.

Two P-51s bomb 2 compounds in Hsinganhhsien area with unobserved results.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Seven P-40s and 15 P-51s bomb Samshui and Tachuchiang towns and destroy or damage approximately 40 river craft in Kweiping area. Single B-24 bombs Kowloon with unobserved results.

CHEKIANG-FUKIEN: Japanese aircraft bomb Tungan, Changtai, Punam, and Changpu towns on fringe of enemy occupied territory near Amoy; 9 enemy aircraft bomb Entung, some 100 mi. W of Amoy.

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Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory, AEAFC commander-in-chief under General Eisenhower, is named Allied Air Commander-in-Chief in southeast Asia, the Air Ministry and Supreme Headquarters announce.

Burma: Allied patrols report village 7 mi. W of Nalong clear of enemy; active enemy patrols operate in area 13 mi. N of Bhamo and along road N of Myothit. In brief skirmish with enemy 3 mi. SE of Yazagyo, 11th EA Div patrols kill 9 Japanese; 3 mi. N of Kennedy Peak enemy initiates successful attack. On Arakan front, West African troops force enemy to evacuate positions in hills between the Sangu and Kaladan valleys inside Burma border; in Maungdaw area, enemy arty fairly active.

In N Burma, 30 P-47s of 10th AF bomb Mawlu, Man Naung, and wooded area S of Mawhun; 3d TAF P-47s hit target area in Pinlebu. In N and central Burma 12 10th AF B-25s with 24 tons score direct hits on runway at Onbauk and put all bombs in target area at Indaw. In Tiddim area, Hurribombers heavily bomb and strafe bunkers and other positions; enemy positions E of Lailo attacked 3 times. In central Burma, Hurricanes destroy bashas and large building at Thazi. Thirty-six B-25s escorted by 24 P-38s twice attack Meiktila airfield, hitting runway and dispersals, starting fires and probably destroying 1 aircraft; Thedaw runways and dispersals also hit. Beau-fighters fly widespread patrols, attacking rolling stock, factory, MT, and small shipping. In S Burma, Mosquitoes attack sampans on Irrawaddy, hit locomotives and rolling stock at Myittha and river craft and rolling stock at Kanbyu and Thedaw.

Salween: Chinese attack enemy positions 4 mi. SE of Mangshih.

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Four 14th AF P-40s bomb enemy troops in Mangshih area.  
China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Chinese oppose enemy troops in Tajungkiang.

Weather cancels 14th AF operations in this sector.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Japanese move out of Szewang and Taiping toward Pingnam and on to Kweiping. Light engagements take place between Chinese and Japanese forces at Menghu, SW of Kweiping.

Twenty-five B-24s escorted by 31 P-51s and 14 P-40s bomb White Cloud airfield, scoring 75% hits on reveted area in hills to NE of runway; escorting fighters destroy 2 enemy aircraft in revetment area and also damage shipping off Hong Kong. Two P-51s unsuccessfully bomb radar station at Canton; 2 other P-51s strafe compound in Tachuchiang area. Two B-24s locate 6-ship naval force approximately 150 mi. E of Hong Kong and sink 1 cruiser and 1 destroyer.

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Burma: In N Burma, 66th Regt of Ch 22d Div reaches Pahok; 113th Regt of Ch 38th Div reinforced by arty and engineers crosses Irrawaddy R. in Myitkyina area. Kandy reports West African troops have captured 2 more positions E of Mowdok; enemy suffers losses farther S in ambush and in attacks on river craft.

In N Burma, P-47s hit bashas at Mohnyin, attack Japanese concentrations in Madangyang, and damage tracks in attacks on Indaw and Pinwe RR bridges. Force of 105 Hurribombers and 25 P-47s strikes at Pinlebu, Thazi, villages in Kalemvo area, and Tiddim targets; good concentration achieved with about 40 tons of bombs, and objectives further damaged by strafing. Twenty Hurribombers and Hurricanes score direct hits on smoke-indicated targets at Labawa, bomb Lailo and Tualzang, and raid hq and bunker positions in Tiddim-Dimlo area. Twelve P-47s strafe concentration of bashas at Foul Point. In lower Chindwin--Ye-u--Pyingaing areas, 8 Spitfires damage 5 sampans, 2 bashas, and 2 large buildings; 4 Mosquitoes destroy rolling stock in strafing attack on Wuntho station; 12 Spitfires strafe gun positions and Shwebo and Onbawk airfields. Twelve B-25s escorted by 8 P-47s also attack Shwebo airfield with hits on runway and revetments, score hits on Nawngkhio runway, damage tracks W end of Tatpyin RR bridge, and do no damage to Kawlin RR bridge.

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Salween: Second Bn of 244th Regt (Ch 82d Div) captures Yang Kung. Four P-40s of 14th AF damage Pingka bridge, while 4 others damage approaches to another between Mangshih and Pingka; 2 P-40s and 2 P-38s bomb village N of Chefang with unobserved results.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Ten P-40s hit buildings in Hsinganhsien town and bomb compounds to SW with good hits, starting fire.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Twenty-eight B-24s and 7 B-25s escorted by 21 P-40s and 21 P-51s attack Kowloon docks; Liberators bomb dock area, placing 85% hits on buildings, wharves, and harbor facilities with remaining bombs falling among ships tied to E side of docks; Mitchells destroy 1 freighter and 2 tankers, probably destroy 1 400-ft. vessel, 1 tanker, and 1 freighter, and damage 4 freighters; fighters intercept 13 enemy aircraft and claim 1-0-2; 1 P-51 is missing; 13 fighters destroy 1 400-ft. vessel and 1 tanker and damage 1 freighter, 1 steamer, and buildings in Muchow dock area. Fifteen P-51s and 5 P-40s bomb Kweiping town and compounds in area and damage approximately 43 river craft.

FUKIEN: Two P-51s unsuccessfully bomb tankers in Amoy Bay, but strafe gun pit with good results.

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Nicobars: Heavy units, including DDs and CVs, of the British Eastern Fleet under command of Vice Admiral John Power bombard Car Nicobar and Nancowry islands on the first of a 3-day engagement; aided and supported by approximately 24 carrier-based planes, this surprise attack is concentrated on airstrip installations, AA positions, and shipping in Nancowry harbor for 2½ hours; amid heavy AA fire, planes account for medium sized AK, several smaller ships, and fires in Nancowry harbor. Car Nicobar shelled again at night.

Burma: Elements of 29th Brig, Br 36th Div, traveling W of RR toward Mohnyin reach Kangon, 8 mi. SW of Hopin; patrols along RR contact small enemy patrol at Nyaunggon, 4 mi. NNE of Mohnyin; 72d Brig (Br 36th Div) moves into Hopin area, 66th Regt of Chinese 22d Div closes in on Taungni, followed by 65th and 64th; forward elements of 113th Regt (Ch 38th Div), relieved by co of 89th Regt (Ch 30th Div) reach Kantaoyang on Bhamo road S of Kazu; 114th Regt (Ch 38th Div) crosses R. at Katkyo. Ten mi. E of Bhamo, Kachins kill 10 Japanese before enemy withdraws. Brief skirmishes held in Yazagyo area where unknown number of enemy holds strong position. At Turbul, 9 mi. NE of Ft. White, 25 Japanese with

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17 arty support unsuccessfully attack Allied position. On  
Cont Tiddim road, 5th Ind Div elements lose contact with enemy  
2 mi. N of Tiddim. Enemy commences evacuation of Tiddim.  
In Arakan sector, Allied arty shells enemy earthworks and  
buildings near Buthidaung and river craft on the Kalapanzin,  
according to Southeast Asia communique; N of Buthidaung,  
Indian troops inflict number of enemy casualties in patrol  
action.

Thirteen B-24s lay 72 mines in Ye harbor. In Chindwin  
area, Hurribombers destroy inspection bungalow at Webula and  
destroy bashas at Kindat and Thazi. In N, S, and central  
Burma P-47s bomb Myitkyina area bridges, hit Naba supply  
area, destroy 10 large buildings and cause explosions at  
Myazedi, reportedly large enemy supply base. Eighteen Hurri-  
bombers operate in area SW of Kindat and Kalewa destroying  
bashas and building. B-25s damage approaches to Hsenwi  
bridges, hit approaches to Namhkai and Wuntho bridges, and  
damage tracks at Meza. In Chindwin-Myittha valley areas, 6  
Spitfires damage river craft, MT, and bashas. In Arakan  
sector, 4 Hurribombers and 4 Hurricanes again bomb Labawa  
smoke-marked targets in support of ground operations; 14  
P-47s damage bashas, fire 2 dumps, and destroy 2 river craft  
in Thinbondon area. In S Burma, Beaufighters attack steam  
roller and coolies working on new landing field near Gonmin  
and hit small shipping with RP near Gwa, Sattha, Bassein  
delta, and Salween estuary.

Salween: Chinese repulse enemy attack against Yang  
Kung; another enemy attack 4 mi. NE of Mangshih also repelled.

Two P-38s and 10 P-40s again support ground troops with  
attacks against Mangshih and Chefang area villages, kindling  
large fires.

China: KWANGTUNG: Japanese forces reoccupy Szewang,  
NW of Pingnan.

Fifteen B-25s escorted by 12 P-40s and 10 P-51s bomb  
supply dump area W of Tien Ho airdrome, scoring good hits; 8  
enemy aircraft attack bombers but are driven off by fighters;  
2-0-2 enemy aircraft claimed. Fourteen P-40s and 22 P-51s  
bomb Tanchuk airfield, scoring direct hits and damaging  
runway, compounds, stores, troop concentrations, and buildings,  
as well as damaging or destroying approximately 113 river craft  
on West R. from Dosing to Kweiping. Two B-24s bomb wharves  
in Victoria harbor with unobserved results.

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Nicobars: British Eastern Fleet continues operations against Nicobars.

Burma: In N combat area, 29th Brig (Br 36th Div) troops occupy Bilumyo and Pinwe along RR corridor; 66th Regt (Ch 22d Div) is en route to Pinbaw from Taungni, followed by 64th and 65th regts. On Chindwin front, Tiddim, held by enemy as supply base since Nov. 1943, is occupied without opposition by elements of 123d Brig (5th Ind Div) which then proceed SE without contacting enemy; enemy arty in concealed positions continues action against Allied troops in area; enemy position at Kennedy Peak (known as "Vital Corner") garrisoned by estimated 200 troops. Elements of 161st Brig (5th Ind Div) contact 30-man patrol in Tuibal-Dolluang area but contact not maintained. Kandy reports Allied arty hits ammunition dump and other targets in Buthidaung area.

Twenty-three Hurribombers and 10 P-47s with 7½ tons operate in Kindat-Kalemio area; 10 Hurricanes strafe Tiddim gun positions in able support of troops; 10 additional Hurricanes sink 2 river craft in Yazagyo-Kalewa-Mawlaik areas. Huts in village SW of Kwazon damaged by 8 P-47s and 12 Hurricanes; 4 Hurribombers bomb bashas N of Rathedaung. In S Burma, B-25s destroy buildings and cause several explosions at Taungup and attack Prome dumps, trailing bombs through target to Kinde where large explosion occurs. Around Rangoon fields, 12 Beaufighters strafe 8 pens and other installations at Hmawbi airfield and strafe bashas near Mingaladon airfield; 9 Mosquitoes strafe and damage 1 grounded rcn plane on Zayatkwint airfield and strafe surrounding pens and installations; 6 P-47s and 24 P-38s also sweep Rangoon airfield, causing much damage; total enemy planes claimed are 8-1-7 for loss of 1 Beaufighter.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Six P-51s and 1 P-40 attack bridge and strafe men and horses at Shangkaishow; compounds and town in Lungfukwan and Hsinganhhsien areas also hit.

KWANCTUNG-KWANGSI: Forty-four P-40s and 53 P-51s concentrate on shipping on West R. from Wuchow to Shekchung, damaging or destroying approximately 153 river craft; Kweiping, towns SE of Konghow and N of Menghu, radio station near Dosing, Tanchuk airfield, MG position, supply dump, compounds, and troop concentrations also hit, killing estimated 110 Japanese and 3 horses. Six P-40s strafe and destroy enemy bomber on unidentified enemy airfield and score good hits on power plant SE of field. Single B-24 sinks enemy DD in South China Sea.

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F.I.C.: In Langson area 2 P-51s strafe 12-car train, destroying locomotive and damaging some cars.

19      Nicobars: Simultaneous air and naval attacks again successfully launched, this time, however, achieving no surprise and encountering considerable air opposition; 8 Japanese fighters downed for 3-day loss of 4 Allied planes.

Burma: In N combat area 29th Brig (Br 36th Div) draws 155-mm gun fire which delays its advance toward Mohnyin; other 36th Div units progress SE toward town. On Chindwin front, enemy contacted 2 mi. S of Tiddim; Falam and Haka abandoned by enemy who is now reported at Hranhring, 7 mi. NNE of Haka. Patrols engage estimated 150 enemy troops 9 mi. N of Haka.

In N Burma, P-47s knock out span of Mawlu RR bridge, undermine tracks on approach of bridge 5 mi. S, bomb Kadu, and destroy bridge SE of Pinlon. In Chindwin area, approximately 36 B-25s with nearly 60 tons bomb "Vital Corner" and troop concentrations in the Kennedy Peak area; 22 hit tracks N of Chuang bridge and bomb Indainggyi supply area with 36 tons; 12 drop 15 tons on Budalin by-pass bridge without results. Fighter bombers also strongly support ground forces in the "Vital Corner," Kennedy Peak, Indainggyi, and Kalewa areas; road net near Pinlebu bombed and strafed. Ten P-47s concentrate 3 tons on bridges in Mawlu area. Mosquitoes strafe sampans along Irrawaddy in Shwebo-Sagaing area. Spitfires and Hurricanes support 15th Corps. In S Burma, 35 B-24s with approximately 100 tons cause fires visible for 40 miles and damage sawmill, RR installations, buildings, jetties, and warehouses in attack on Moulmein jetty and warehouse area; P-47s and P-38s of 10th and 3d AFs in attacks on Mingaladon airfield destroy 3 fighters and 1 bomber in air and on ground and damage 3 fighters on ground; P-38 damaged by ground fire.

Salween: Four P-40s and 2 P-38s attack Chefang fuel drums and storage buildings with unobserved results.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Single P-40 damages compound near Hengshan. Two P-51s unsuccessfully bomb road bridge near Hsinganhsien, hitting RR and causing considerable damage.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Shipping on West R. again under attack: 50 P-51s and 45 P-40s damage or destroy 96 river craft, including many steamers; compounds, warehouses, buildings, and new barracks also bombed at Tanchuk, Dosing,

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Muklok, Pingnam, Langtow, Taiwu, and Kweiping with good results. Two P-51s sink 2 junks and damage 4 others in strafing attack in Luichow Peninsula area.

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Burma: In N combat area 29th Brig (Br 36th Div) takes Mohnyin to the apparent surprise of the enemy who abandons large supplies of stores and ammunition; patrols active SE to Kadu but no contact made; leading elements reach Nalong on Myitkyina-Bhamo road. On Chindwin front, both Haka and Falam, hq of the Japanese civil administration in the central Chin Hills, occupied by elements of Lushai Brig; Webula, 16 mi. SW of Kalembo, entered by levies. In Arakan, enemy has withdrawn from positions in Oktaung area 5 mi. NNE of Buthidaung.

In N Burma 18 P-47s in 2 waves attack Nahka causing fires and explosions, explode Japanese ammunition and supplies, hit troops and supplies at Nansiaung and Mong Yu, and destroy by-pass bridge at Kawngka. On Chindwin front Hurribombers and P-47s bomb and strafe Kindat, Kyigon, and Shabin; total of 185 sorties flown in support of 33d Corps. Along Ye-u--Mandalay RR, all but center of Budalin by-pass bridge destroyed, and 2 bridges destroyed and 1 damaged in Chantha area by B-25s. Total of 44 river craft destroyed in central Burma. XV Corps receives support in 26 sorties; 12 P-47s damage many bashas and river craft in Pi Chaung-Kaladan-Lemro areas. In S Burma, estimated 30 P-38s and 40 P-47s again bomb and strafe installations at Mingaladon, Hmawbi, and Zayatkwint airfields; on the ground Allied planes claim 6-0-1 while in aerial combat with 16 fighters, 2 planes are claimed destroyed and 5 damaged; 1 P-38 destroyed, 1 damaged.

Salween: Four P-38s start 3 fires and damage 3 trucks in motor pool in Hsenwi military area; large building strafed with unobserved results; 4 P-40s and 2 P-38s achieve good concentration in military area 3 mi. SW of Chefang.

China: HUMAN-KWANGSI: Ch 93d Army stands firm in positions 23 mi. NE of Kweilin.

Three P-51s bomb Kaotienhu, inflicting considerable damage in center of town.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Column of estimated 500 Japanese advances from E bank of West R. in vicinity of Shekchung at river bend.

Samshui dock area attacked by 12 B-25s, escorted by 15 P-40s and 13 P-51s, with very good results; escort contacts enemy fighters, destroying one, probably another, and damaging a third; enemy plane destroyed on White Cloud air-

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field. Six B-25s score 100% hits along river bank at Kweiping; 14 P-51s and 7 P-40s hit compounds and silence MG position in same area, killing estimated 50 Japanese. Just SW of Kweiping 4 P-51s and 7 P-40s attack Menghu and many compounds in vicinity. Eight P-51s bomb Pingnam, causing considerable damage, and knock out bridge span NE of Shangkai-show. On sweep of West R. 13 P-40s and 9 P-51s destroy or damage 30 river craft, including 8 steamers.

FUKIEN: In Amoy area 2 P-51s bomb freighter, leaving it on its side, strafe and probably sink naval motor launch, damage gun positions NW of airfield, and score good hits on buildings.

F.I.C.: On sea sweep in Hongay area, 4 P-51s glide-bomb steamer, causing heavy damage, and hit 5 locomotives in vicinity.

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Burma: Br 36th Div encounters only slight resistance advancing along RR corridor S of Mohnyin; Div's forward elements reach Kadu and Nyaunggaing; along Myitkyina-Bhamo road 113th Regt (Ch 38th Div) elements now at point 3 mi. S of Nalong without contacting enemy. On Chindwin front, 26th Brig Hq (11th EA Div) moves S to Yazagyo area; enemy strongly resists 11th EA Div troops in encounter in Mawku area; Allied advance patrols contact enemy 9 mi. S of Tiddim.

Main air effort is in Chindwin sector in direct cooperation with ground; approximately 70 B-25s achieve good concentration on enemy installations and positions in Kennedy Peak, "Vital Corner," and Kalewa area; 30 Hurribombers also attack smoke-marked positions N of Kennedy Peak. Additional 125 Hurribombers support 33d Corps. B-25s and P-47s attacking bridges in Chindwin area knock out center span of RR bridge N of Naba, damage road bed approaching Nansiaung, inflict no damage on Panghkam bridge, and destroy Thitchauk bridge and S ends of Chaunggyin bridge; Kalewa #1 and 2 bridges and partially built bridge at Narigan also raided. P-47s cause fires and explosions at Ywathit, Mawhun, and Bumbrai, attack crossroads and buildings at Mingen, and bomb SW of Mohnyin with unobserved results. Mosquitoes destroy boats near Myitche, damage locomotives and trucks, and bomb Pakokku, causing much debris and smoke. Twelve Hurribombers and 8 P-47s damage Akyab bridge, ammunition dump, and bashas in Rathedaung and Thinbondan areas; other planes render further support to ground action. Beaufighters explode MT, hit troops and steam rollers in central Burma and hit steamer on waterway S of Bassein.

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Salween: Six P-38s bomb RR bridge 7 mi, NE of Hsipaw, knocking out 2 spans and approaches to bridge; 10 P-40s bomb bridge in Muse area, W of Wanling, and 2 bridges at Pingka.

China: KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: As enemy forces consolidate and reinforce their positions in Kweiping area, Chinese take initiative and troops cross river, moving toward Matung; elements of Ch 64th Div attack strong enemy positions S of Menghu.

Yuma, enemy supply point SE of Kweiping, strafed and bombed by 3 B-25s which score excellent hits and start large fire; 7 P-40s bomb same target, causing heavy damage and inflicting casualties. Main weight of air support directed against compounds and troop concentrations in forward sectors along West R.: 75 P-51s and 28 P-40s bomb and strafe towns of Shekchung, Menghu, Shekpo, Kweiping, Kwangkiang, Tungpungchi, Hawan, and Konghow, causing extensive damage and killing estimated 475 men and 20 horses. On river sweep, 4 P-51s and 4 P-40s bomb and strafe stockpiles and 6 sampans in Takhing area and, near Dosing and Tengyun, destroy or damage 4 river craft.

22 Burma: Moving S from Mohnyin 29th Brig (Br 36th Div) enters Kadu and Nyaunggaing against slight resistance; leading elements of 113th Regt (Ch 38th Div) reach Khalayang, 6 mi. S of Nalong, without contacting enemy; enemy is withdrawing S of Kadu RR station. On Chindwin front, arty fire upon Allied positions from positions on Kennedy Peak proves troublesome. Kandy reports Allied arty scores direct hits on Japanese hq in Arakan area; West African troops have reached Kaladan R.

In Chindwin sector, about 30 P-47s destroy several buildings in bombing and strafing attack on bivouac area in S Indaw, bomb Hwemun troop concentration and supply area, knock out span of RR bridge SW of Kadu with direct hit, leave span of RR bridge S of Pinlon sagging, destroy bridge at Shwegyu, attack reported Japanese hq at Manna, and bomb Mawhun. Hurribombers destroy bashas and cause explosions at Kindat and Pantha, hit smoke-marked enemy positions in area, and bomb dumps at Alechaung. In central Burma, B-25s render no damage to Taungdwingyi bridge, destroy 1 of 3 bridges attacked between Ye-u and Kin-u and score direct hits on Natmauk bridge. Fighters fly sorties in support of XV Corps. In S Burma, 35 B-24s cause explosions and fires in successful 35-ton

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attack on Moulmein dock area; 2 large warehouses destroyed, 2 rice and sawmills largely destroyed, main RR station completely destroyed, and stationary train hit. Intercepted by several Japanese planes, 3 U.S. B-24s destroyed and 3 damaged and 1 British plane slightly damaged for U.S. claim of 1-3-2.

Salween: Local skirmishes continue with slight gains claimed by Chinese.

Four P-38s and 4 P-40s attack Nampang and Wanling bridges, starting fires at latter place.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Chinese troops surround part of Japanese 58th Div at Sungkiangkow, 10 mi. W of Tajungkiang.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: In Menghu area, Chinese take many small villages; Japanese fall back into city where street fighting is in progress.

Twenty P-40s and 33 P-51s attack enemy concentration points: towns and compounds at Kwangkiang, Shekpo, Pingnam, Menghu, Kweiping, and Anfu bombed with good results; many Japanese killed.

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Burma: Moving along RR corridor S of Mohnyin, forward elements of 29th Brig (Br 36th Div) reach Ywathit, 10 mi. S; 113th Regt (Ch 38th Div) elements skirmish with enemy patrol at Khalayang on Bhamo road. Elements of 21st Brig (11th EA Div) capture enemy positions 6 mi. E of Mawlaik; no contact made on E bank of Chindwin R. in Sittaung area. Tiddim road reported clear for 11 miles S of Tiddim; 161st Brig troops of 5th Ind Div surprise Japanese in attack 12 mi. ESE of Tiddim; brisk fighting continues in Kennedy Peak area.

In N Burma, 9 B-25s break tracks N of Nawngpengh RR bridge, bomb motor pool W of Anilshim, and bomb rolling stock and sidings at Kyaukar, setting oil tank car afire and damaging buildings in motor pool. P-47s attack buildings and Japanese concentrations in Bhamo, Kyungyi, and Indaw areas. In Chindwin sector, 140 Hurribombers raid enemy positions at Siolam Wun and Migyaungdwin; bomb and strafe targets at Indaingyi, Dolluang, Insein, Wayongon, and Panma Taung, destroying bashas and buildings, attack Dabrugyaung and enemy camp near Insein, and hit approaches to bridge near Natkyigon with 26 tons. In central Burma, 36 B-25s possibly damage Bawgyo RR bridge and score direct hits on a Hsipaw RR bridge and its approaches. In support of XV Corps, 15 Hurribombers hit dumps and hq near Buthidaung. In S Burma

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16 B-24s lay mines in Mergui area and fire dumps at Taungup. In patrols over lower Chindwin and Myittha valleys more than 9 river craft destroyed and 50 damaged.

Salween: Four P-38s of 14th AF cause considerable damage to Wanling warehouse area, bomb Pangkam bridge with no hits, and cause 5 fires at Mengmao; 4 P-40s attack Mangshih targets and 4 more start fires in Burma Road village and in Chefang.

China: KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Reinforced Japanese drive Chinese back to positions 6 mi. N of Pingnam and 2½ mi. W of same town. Chinese forces surround Menghu on 3 sides.

Menghu area receives brunt of air attack: 6 B-25s, 30 P-51s, and 38 P-40s operating in close support of ground forces heavily damage town itself and compounds in vicinity, killing estimated 150 enemy troops. Nineteen P-51s also damage compounds in attacks on Kweiping, Kwangkiang, and Szewang and inflict casualties. On river sweep in Dosing-Wuchow area 12 P-51s destroy or damage 23 river craft.

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Burma: Enemy delaying action continues in N combat zone as 29th Brig (Br 36th Div) enters Ywathit and patrols proceed along RR S of Kadu and Ywathit. Elements of 26th Brig (11th EA Div) by-pass enemy positions 5 mi. S of Yazagyo on Tamu-Kalemmyo road and set up base 4 mi. to rear of enemy; units then move toward Kangyi. On Tiddim-Ft. White road, sniper fire harasses 5th Ind Div troops. Contact regained with enemy 11 mi. S of Tiddim on Ft. White road.

Hq IV Corps and 19th Div established at Imphal.

In N Burma, P-47s of 10th AF set fire to warehouses and gasoline installations in Meza bridge area, attack Aunggon, Hante, a small village reported to contain number of Japanese, road bridge near Madangyang, Mengmao, Wanling bridge, and cause fires in Manna. In Chindwin sector, Hurribombers attack Ingaingyi and smoke-marked targets near Kalemmyo, destroy bashas in Mawlaik and Kale, bomb and strafe Pinlebu, Pyintha, enemy positions E of Sibin and at Migyaungdwin, and fire enemy installations at Indaw, Wayongon, and Pinlebu. P-47s hit oil tank at Pantha and buildings at Silaung and Myauk. In central Burma, 7 B-25s knock out rolling stock, locomotive shelters, and bridge in sweep along RR from Maymyo to Lashio; about 30 B-25s hit many buildings in Monywa area with about 50 tons. Beaufighters shoot up rolling stock and MT on RR sweep from Thazi to Toungoo and along road from Teku ferry to Chiengmai.

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Salween: Fourteenth AF again attacks: 4 P-40s render some damage to bridge SW of the Man Sam Falls, 7 strafe and bomb fortified hill position E of Mangshih in close support of ground, and 3 destroy buildings and cause fires in Chefang and surrounding villages. Four P-38s bomb rail bridge 30 mi. SE of Lashio.

China: General Joseph W. Stilwell is recalled to the U.S. for another assignment, and the China-Burma-India Theater is divided into the China and India-Burma Theaters. Lt. Gen. Daniel I. Sultan becomes the new Commander of the India-Burma Theater, and Maj. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer assumes command of the China Theater.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Japanese press attack against Ch 37th Army positions on flank N of Pingnam.

Twenty P-40s and 11 P-51s bomb towns to NE of Lenghu and compounds and hills in area, causing much damage; MG position silenced and pillbox destroyed. Nine P-40s and 17 P-51s bomb towns of Pingnam and Sinteh and compounds in vicinity, scoring very good hits. Two P-51s bomb and destroy large building at end of SW runway at Tanchuk airfield.

FUKIEN: At Amoy, 3 P-51s and 6 P-40s bomb warehouse, barracks area, docks, and estimated 210-ft. vessel in dry-dock, causing much damage; gun positions strafed and slightly damaged.

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Burma: Along Myitkyina-Mandalay RR, enemy is engaged N of Mawhlin. Entire road Bhamo-Myothis to Namhkam area reported prepared for demolition; 113th Regt (Ch 38th Div) elements reach Uhtang Yang, 10 mi. N of Myothis.

Twenty-four B-24s escorted by 12 P-38s bomb Paleik and Ye-u rail yards with hits in target area. In N Burma, P-47s bomb and strafe Taunggon and Indaw landing grounds; hit Japanese positions at Tawba Sakan; and attack bridges on Myitkyina-Naba RR and bridge at Nanthayan. In Chindwin area, 24 B-25s and Hurricanes attack enemy installations and positions in Ft. White, Kalemyo, Kalewa, Sialam Vun, Kindat, and surrounding small villages. Spitfires also support 33d Corps. P-47s bomb Mingen and strafe Thaungdara. Fifty-eight P-47s with 27½ tons bomb 3 bridges at Wanling, render bridges in Panghkam area unserviceable, start fires in strafing attack on Bhamo area troop concentrations, damage or destroy buildings in villages near there, start fires and explosions at Mengmao warehouse area, hit troop concentrations and buildings in Indaw area, and fire similar targets in Kawlu.

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Mawhun area. Six P-38s destroy bridges W of Wanling; 3 P-38s and 1 P-51 strafe forces and carts on roads in Maymyo area.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: In Kweilin area Chinese report Japanese forces in Tajungkiang now number only 600 with balance withdrawn to S.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Japanese counterattack in Menghu sector, retaking eastern part of town.

In Menghu area, 21 P-51s and 26 P-40s bomb and strafe compounds, towns, buildings, and Menghu itself, causing extensive damage and killing estimated 115 Japanese troops. N of Menghu in Kweiping-Szewang area and to NE in Konghow-Tengyun area, 19 P-51s and 2 P-40s bomb buildings, supplies, 2 river craft, and 7 carts with excellent results.

Thailand: Six B-25s escorted by 4 P-38s, score 2 hits on bridge in northern area; P-38s strafe Uttaradit barracks.

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Burma: Advance on Bhamo-Myitkyina road now reaches 6 mi. N of Myothit; Mawhun occupied by units of Br 36th Div against only meager resistance. Units of 113th Regt (Ch 38th Div) reach Tali, 6 mi. N of Myothit, without contact. Enemy continues to hold his ground in Kennedy Peak area.

Twelve Allied B-24s achieve poor results on Prome dump; 1 B-24 bombs Akyab high school.

At night in N Burma, Wellington hits Namsa airfield dispersal areas. In N and central Burma, 85 P-47s with almost 16 tons of bombs achieve excellent results in strafing attack on Nawngkhio barracks, hit hangarages at Namsang airfield, damage buildings and revetments on Onbawk airfield, demolish buildings in Naung Saung and Bhamo military area, leave Ton Lon monastery smoking, bomb bivouac area at Indaw and buildings near Pinwe and Naba RR station; they further bomb and strafe troop concentrations in Mawhun area, knock out temporary bridge at Wan Ting and center span of Panghkam by-pass bridge and damage approach to Hintong by-pass bridge and Henu RR bridge; building area at Hante and buildings in Japanese hq area at Nansiaung destroyed. Approximately 45 B-25s escorted by 12 P-38s hit Burma railway and airfield targets: score direct hits on Pyinmana center span, Kantha bridge, and tracks to SW of Lewe RR bridge; escorting fighters destroy 1 grounded fighter at Meiktila. In Chindwin area, Hurribombers attack Insein town and vicinity and Ingon; Tanko and Thaungdara also bombed and strafed. At night, 70 Hurribombers achieve excellent results against Kennedy Peak positions, while other targets in Mawlaik area are hit by 50 Hurribombers. In central and S Burma, B-24 fighters hit stores

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on Heho airfield, small factory near Moulmeingyun, strafe locomotive at Ani Sakan, and destroy rolling stock and MT along roads and RRs; 12 B-25s blast RR tunnel at Sedaw. Ten Hurribombers destroy many bashas and bomb Buthidaung-Akyab area; 4 Hurricanes destroy much river craft in Mayu-Kaladan region.

Salween: Four P-40s of 14th AF raid military hq. SW of Wanling.

China: KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Enemy forces occupy Konghow and repulse Chinese counterattack at Pingnam.

In Tengyun area, 6 P-51s and 4 P-40s attack military equipment and cavalry along shore, fire 5 barges and steamer, and damage approximately 25 sampans. In Kweiping-Monghu area, 2 P-40s and 15 P-51s strafe 200-300 troops with heavy casualties, start large fires, and damage 2 compounds. Two P-51s cause slight damage in bombing of Kwangkiang. On sweep of South China Sea 2 B-25s and 12 P-51s score direct hits on 350-ft. AK, leaving it burning and sinking, probably sink 500-ft. transport, and damage 200-ft. tanker and 350-ft. AK; 4 B-24s locate convoy and probably sink DD and damage tanker and AK.

HONAN-HUPEH: Seven B-25s escorted by 8 P-40s bomb Hsuehchang RR yards, scoring 75% hits; 2 B-25s escorted by 12 P-51s score 2 direct hits on Yellow R. bridge, causing 2 spans to collapse; 1 enemy aircraft destroyed by escort. Nine P-40s strafe ship buildings and barracks with some damage at Kingmen airfield, and fire 3 trucks between Tangyang and Shihlipu.

F.I.C.: Four P-51s sink 1 barge, damage 29 barges and sampans, and heavily damage 125-ft. steamer in Hongay-Campha Port area.

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Burma: Advancing along RR corridor, units of Br 36th Div reach Sinchi, 2 mi. S of Mawhun; Ch 22d Div closes in on "Broadway" airstrip, about 25 mi. S of Mohnyin. Along Bhamo road, Ch 38th Div forward elements engage enemy patrol at Sihet, 2 mi. N of Myothit. In Chindwin area enemy remains firmly dug in.

Twelve B-24s of SAF dropping over 14 tons of bombs hit Pakokku with good results. At night 15 B-24s successfully lay mines in Penang harbor (Malaya); 9 others with 20 tons hit Pegu RR station, Mandalay, and Shwebo airfield. In N and central Burma, B-25s destroy both ends of Lashio by-pass bridge and N portion of main road bridge; 15 P-47s set fire to box cars

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at Pinwe and Naba in RR sweep S of Mawlu; 43 B-25s start fires at Pakokku and Monywa; Hurricanes score many hits on enemy bunker positions in Kindat and Mawlaik areas. One enemy bomber damages 3 grounded P-47s at Myitkyina.

Salween: Chinese make only slight gains in attack on enemy positions 4 mi. SE of Mangshih; on Burma Road raid, Chinese destroy 6 trucks, 1 light tank, and 30 Japanese.

Four 14th AF P-40s raid Mengmao, finding town apparently gutted.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Air attacks against troops advancing on Kweilin resumed: 12 P-40s and 26 P-51s hit troop concentrations in Hsinganhshien-Chuanhsien area, killing estimated 85 Japanese and 80 horses, bomb road bridges N and NE of Hsinganhshien, damaging 2, and score good hits in bombing of Litow, just S of Hsinganhshien; 26 P-40s and 17 P-51s concentrate on compounds in Kaotienhu town and vicinity (NW of Kweilin at source of Hsiang R.), strafing 300-400 troops and killing estimated 120 men and 41 horses; road bridge and 2 small fuel dumps in area destroyed; 1 P-40 lost to ground fire. In rear areas of Kweilin front, fighters and fighter bombers strike enemy airfields: 44 P-40s and 4 P-51s fire buildings and damage revetments at Siangtahn airfield, strafe Paoching airfield, destroying 13 buildings, and bomb buildings, revetments, and runway at Changsha airfield.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Compounds, buildings, and military areas near Menghu are targets for 10 P-51s and 4 P-40s; estimated 30 Japanese killed. On river sweep from Wuchow to Tanchuk 14 P-40s destroy or damage 37 barges and sampans and strafe MG positions. Four P-51s score hits on runway at Weichow I., off Luichow Peninsula.

HUPEH: Sixteen P-40s strafe RR yards in Puchi area, destroying locomotive, firing RR cars, and causing heavy casualties, and in Kiyiu area probably destroy sampan. At Kingmen airfield same flight catches enemy bombers in landing pattern with fighter top cover; 12 enemy fighters and 5 bombers destroyed in air and 5 bombers destroyed on ground; 1 fighter damaged in air; 2 P-40s destroyed.

F.I.C.: Two P-51s destroy 100-ft. steamboat in Campha Port area, destroy or damage 10 barges in Hongay area, destroy steam roller at Do Son and locomotive at Langson, and strafe 6 river steamers at Nam Dinh, leaving one smoking and hitting others.

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28      Burma: In N Burma, Japanese continue delaying action down RR corridor; enemy relinquishes one position NW of Mawlu; 29th Brig units (Br 36th Div) reach point 5 mi. S of Mawhun, drawing fire from snipers. Elements of 26th Brig (11th EA Div) gain 2 enemy strong-points 4 mi. S of Yazagyo. Stubborn resistance continues in Kennedy Peak-Ft. White area.

Continuing strong support of ground troops, 189 Hurricanes and Spitfires and 1 Wellington with 25 tons of bombs score direct hits on Japanese positions at Shwegyin (near Kalewa), the "Vital Corner", Mawlaik, Panma Taung, Ft. White, and Sibin, destroying bunkers and bashas; at night Hurricanes destroy MT in Ft. White, Kalewa, and Ye-u areas. Hurribombers destroy 2 sections of E end and damage center of Natkyigon bridge. Seventeen Hurricanes hit 27 river craft while patrolling Chindwin, Pyingain, and Kalewa areas. P-47s attack troops, supply dumps, and RR installations at Pinwe, Auktaw, and Naba; 15 B-25s aided and escorted by 16 P-38s hit dispersals at Namsang airfield and revetments on Kinlon field. In Arakan sector, 8 Hurribombers score direct hits with 2 tons on Rathedaung dumps; one pagoda destroyed. In S Burma, Mosquitoes destroy buildings and pens at Heho airfield and have unobserved results on Meiktila field; Beaufighter leaves schooner sinking in Gulf of Martaban. At night enemy aircraft, MT, and targets along Burma-Thailand RR attacked.

Single enemy bomber lightly damages 4 Spitfires at Cox's Bazar.

Salween: Eight B-25s destroy 1 and damage another bridge at Hsenwi.

China: HUMAN-KWANGSI: Japanese resume offensive in Kweilin area with 2 columns totaling 6,000 equipped with arty moving W from Kaotien: one column is at Lingtien, the other at Meiyang; a third of 2,000 moves from Kwanpingko to points 15 mi. SE of Kweilin. On E flank enemy troops advance 18 mi. due S from Yungming and occupy Fuchwan. In Hengyang area enemy offensive reported at Leiyang and Anjen.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: In West R. area, Japanese force of 10,000 passes through Tengyun and moves toward Taiping. Enemy drives back into Menghu.

Air attacks continue on troop concentration points. In Menghu-Kweiping area 44 P-51s and 12 P-40s hit compounds, villages, Menghu town, destroy fuel dump, silence MG position, and kill estimated 135 Japanese. In Konghow area, towns of Konghow, Sunhu, Szewang, and Sintien bombed with considerable damage by 25 P-51s and 18 P-40s; gun positions and compounds along river strafed and damaged, 25 junks and 5 sampans

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destroyed or damaged, troop column in canyon bombed and strafed with estimated 700 Japanese and 200 horses killed there and in attacks on towns. In Wuchow-Tengyun area 17 P-40s drop napalm bombs and strafe many barges and sampans, destroying approximately 21 and damaging 5 and 1 steamer.

CHEKIANG-FUKIEN: Japanese clear bank of Min R., thus opening water route from Foochow to the sea.

F.I.C.: Two P-40s sink junk in Hongay area, strafe barge and car with trailer, and damage group of box cars.

Thailand: Twelve B-24s with over 30 tons of bombs cause explosions and straddle RR line W of Hnongpladuk, score direct hit on E end of Nakon Chaisri RR bridge, and attack RR line near Ye and Bahpong.

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Burma: In N Burma combat area, 29th Brig (Br 36th Div) forward elements attack strong enemy bunker position 7 mi. N of Mawlu; 1 mi. N of Myothit, Ch 38th Div troops successfully engage estimated enemy platoon.

In Chindwin sector, 96 Hurribombers achieve good concentration with 24 tons of bombs on smoke-marked targets in Kennedy Peak, Sibin, Gazet, and Indainggale areas. SAF B-24s achieve excellent results in attack on Taungup stores; also bomb Vinh Yen barracks (F.I.C.) and road bridge across Chau R.; B-25s also bomb Taungup, scoring direct hits in stores area. In central Burma, Beaufighters hit and damage 2 locomotives and trains along RR lines near Ye-u and Sinthegon. Enemy bomber inflicts casualties in raid on Rangamati, 30 mi. NE of Chittagong.

Salween: At 0900, Chinese launch attack for capture of Lungling: 200th Div captures enemy hill position 2½ mi. WSW of Lungling; other Chinese Divs N and E of Lungling also attack; in raid by 76th Div, 3 mi. NE of Mangshih, large portion of 1 enemy position captured.

In active support of renewed ground offensive, 37 P-40s and 2 P-51s of 14th AF attack fortified positions in Lungling area with good results.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Supply points for Kweilin front hit from the air. W of Sinshih, 24 P-40s destroy pontoon bridge, damage another bridge, and hit 20 trucks. At Changsha, 20 P-40s hit SE landing strip, destroying 12 buildings, strafe airfield, probably destroying 1 enemy plane and damaging 2 others, and silence AA positions. S of Changsha 12 P-40s hit shipping in Siangtan area, destroying 2 steamboats and 4.

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sampans, probably destroying 3 steamers, and damaging 3 steamboats and 46 sampans; villages along river also bombed, with 5 buildings destroyed and approximately 18 Japanese killed.

**KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI:** Two P-51s bomb compound NE of Kweilin, scoring good hits and causing damage.

**HUPEH:** Eight P-51s strafe and destroy 9 locomotives on Pinghan RR with many casualties. Sixteen P-40s strafe Siaokan airfield, setting buildings on fire; hit 10-12 RR cars, destroy 2 locomotives and probably another in this area; strafe radio station and barracks at Ichang.

**F.I.C.:** P-51s destroy a steamship near Hongay and locomotive on RR S of Langson; at Phu Lanhuong, unestimated casualties result in attack on enemy trucks transporting personnel; 4 junks also destroyed and others damaged.

B-24s bomb Vinh Yen barracks.

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**Burma:** Br 36th Div troops continue advance after capturing 2 enemy positions 7 mi. N of Mawlu and contact strong enemy position 5 mi. N of Mawlu. Ch 38th Div occupies Myothit; 114th Regt crosses Taping R.

In N Burma, P-47s seriously damage RR bridges S of Kyauktalon and at Bongyaung and bomb and strafe wooded area near Mansi thought to contain Japanese troops, Man Yut, and Pinwe; tracks to RR bridge S of Naba damaged. In N and central Burma, bridges again principal target for B-25s; Wuntho, Okkyin, and Zawchaung bridges destroyed; B-25s also hit S portion of Chuang-u town and start fires at Shwegu airfield at night. Ten P-47s strafe pens on Meiktila airfield, badly damage 1 grounded enemy aircraft, and score direct hits on hangars and an armored car; a Wellington also attacks Meiktila airfield, hitting road and runway intersection. In Chindwin area, Hurricanes hit smoke-indicated targets in Sialam Vum area and enemy camp and bridge; at night Mosquitoes destroy river craft and MT in Chindwin--Ye-u area. In S Burma, Beaufighters destroy MT, 2 locomotives with trains, and boats while sweeping RR S of Mandalay and to Prome and Taungup.

**China:** **HUNAN-KWANGSI:** In Kweilin area enemy advances from E and SE.

Main air effort again concentrated against rear bases for Kweilin front. Trucks and compounds hit in Siangtan-Paoching area by 19 P-40s which destroy 22 trucks and damage 44. At Kiyang, 18 P-40s sink 11 sampans, damage 3 ferries,

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killing estimated 55 men and 20 horses, and hit truck convoy on road to Hengyang, destroying 29 and damaging 26. Nearer front 31 P-40s and 26 P-51s damage road bridges, sampans, compounds, and villages near Lingling, Chuanhsien, Hsinganhsien, Kaotienhu, Shangkaishow, and Tajungkiang; estimated 310 enemy troops and 26 horses killed.

KWANGTUNG-KIANGSI: Chinese offensive in Kweiping area ends and forces withdraw to line 8 mi. W of Kweiping and 4 mi. W of Menghu. Entire sector is in Japanese hands and enemy advance westward continues with occupation of Samkong, 20 mi. NW of Kweiping.

Two P-51s and 4 P-40s bomb compounds in Kweilin area, causing damage and starting fires.

F.I.C.: Four P-40s strafe and damage truck in Phu Lang Thuong area; 8 junks also skip-bombed with hits scored.

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Burma: Toward Mawlu, Br 36th Div advances to point 4 mi. N of town without contacting enemy. Elements of 26th Brig (11th EA Div) reach point 10 mi. S of Yazagyo on Kalemio road; no contact made; 21st Brig occupies enemy positions in Mawku area. Along Tiddim-Ft. White road, 123d Brig (5th Ind Div) advances 1 mi. E from abandoned enemy position 11 mi. S of Tiddim.

In N Burma, B-25s in Bhamo area attack barges and Meza bridge with unobserved results; 8 P-47s start fires and destroy buildings in Bhamo and Man Si; P-47s start fires at Nakang and destroy bridge spans at Lenaung, Nyaungwun, and Zawchaung; locomotive sheds at Wuntho destroyed. In Chindwin area, Hurribombers hit smoke-marked targets at Tonmakeng and Ft. White and render further support to ground in successful attacks on Dolluang and Kennedy Peak. Mosquitoes attack Mingen military billet, possibly damage pens and runways at Meiktila and Kangaung airfields, and bomb Myittha RR station.

During the past 2 weeks in Burma nearly 2,000 sq. mi. of N Burma have been cleared and numerous villages have been liberated. One hundred and sixteen miles of Myitkyina-Mandalay RR have now been cleared. The new British and Chinese offensive has carried Allied troops to within 18 and 22 air miles, respectively, of communication centers of Katha and Bhamo; Chinese troops have traveled 87 mi. S of Myitkyina. In the Arakan sector, West African troops make further gains southward in the Kaladan valley. Throughout month, routine supply dropping and jungle rescue missions flown. Patrols flown in Myitkyina area regularly.

Salween: Japanese counterattack SW of Lungling repulsed.

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31 by troops of Ch 200th Div; Chinese seize position 3 mi. SW  
Cont of Lungling in follow-up attack; SE of Lungling other  
Chinese attacks secure 1 hill position.

Force of 29 P-40s and 2 P-51s supports ground action, attacking-enemy positions and installations in Lungling area.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Enemy advance on Kweilin continues: Japanese occupy RR station to N of city, Erhtong field, and Seven Star Cave E of Kweilin; heavy fighting is in progress. Along RR enemy enters Lingchuan; Chinese units are still in city but effect of opposition is negligible. Japanese force of 2-3,000 cuts Pinglo-Kweilin road at Yangsa. Enemy force of 500 occupies Tanganchu, cutting highway from Pinglo to Patpo. Japanese troops also enter Chungshan, W of Patpo on highway.

Fourteen P-40s and single P-51 damage compounds and 37 junks in Lingling area, hit factory at Kiyang, and attack compounds in Lingchuan area.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: In West R. area Japanese continue to move W from Samkong and reach Shirly Pass, 23 mi. NW of Kweiping, where fighting is in progress.

Twenty-one P-38s bomb Konghow, scoring many hits and causing 8 secondary explosions; large fires started and much damage caused. Thirteen P-40s and 15 P-51s bomb Mengkong, Menghu, and Samkong towns, and compounds in area, causing damage and casualties. On sweep of West R. from Takhing to Wuchow, 8 P-40s and 14 P-51s destroy or damage 2 steamers, 15 sampans, and 2 barges; Kweiping town and radio station near Takhing also bombed. Five B-25s bomb barracks area N of Tien Ho airdrome with poor results.

HUPEH-ANWHEI: Four B-25s escorted by 12 P-40s bomb Pengpu RR bridge with unobserved results and strafe RR yards, hitting many cars and moving train; escorting P-40s strafe airfield, firing 1 transport, and strafe cars in RR yards; 1 P-40 damaged. Single B-25 bombs Kingmen runway and hostel area with unobserved results.

FUKIEN: Three P-51s score near misses on 4 freighters in Amoy harbor with some bombs hitting warehouses and causing damage; patrol vessel opposite airfield carrying many troops strafed and left smoking.

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- 1 Volcano Is.: Nine B-24s intercepted by 8 enemy fighters before reaching Iwo Jima; 1 B-24 destroyed; others, damaged, deposit  $7\frac{1}{2}$  tons on Iwo.  
Caroline Is.: PELELIU: U.S. troops control all island except high pocket about 900 x 400 yds. in width (Bloody Nose Ridge). Enemy infiltration attempts of 7th Marines' sector stopped with enemy casualties.  
 At night enemy float plane unsuccessfully drops 2 bombs in NE swamp area and strafes USS Bailey (DD), damaging ship.  
 NGESEBUS-KONGAURU-ANGAUR: Military government proclaimed.  
 BABELTHAUP: Eight F4Us score 8 direct hits on airstrip, destroying 3 grounded fighters.  
Marshall Is.: Sixty-three F4Us bomb gun positions at Emidj and Enybor with 33 and 3 tons respectively; small raft strafed W of Emidj; AA damages plane.
  
- 2 Bonin Is.: Nine B-24s releasing 12 tons of bombs score direct hit on AK while attacking shipping 30 mi. W of Chichi Jima.  
Marcus I.: Two B-24s drop 2 tons on runways and installations.  
Caroline Is.: On Peleliu, 1st Marines depart for Russell Is.  
 Thirty tons of bombs released on Dublon positions by 13 B-24s; AA damages 2 bombers; 2 interceptors damage 1. Eight F4Us, operating from Peleliu, bomb Babelthaup airstrip; 6 torpedo bombers attack Koror, encountering heavy flak.  
Wake I.: B-24 with  $2\frac{1}{2}$  tons attacks the island.
  
- 3 Bonin Is.: Eight B-24s continue to harass enemy shipping: 10 tons loosed on 6-8 small and medium AKs in Chichi Jima harbor.  
Marianas Is.: Twenty-three P-47s strike Pagan: 12 release 6 tons on wharf area, buildings, and gun positions; 11 fire rockets into building areas; 3 B-24s strike at radio station and personnel areas.  
Caroline Is.: On Peleliu, after hour of intense mortar and arty fire, 7th Marines (reinforced) attack caves and other strongpoints. Terrain prevents any appreciable gain.  
Marcus I.: Three B-24s attack with more than 3 tons.

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- 4 Volcano Is.: Fifteen B-24s drop 22½ tons of bombs on enemy DD and large AK NW of Iwo.
- Marcus I.: Three B-24s harass island, releasing 3.75 tons of bombs.
- Marianas Is.: Pagan attacked by P-47s and B-24s: 23 P-47s hit Osukagan beach defenses and gun positions with rockets and 3½ tons of bombs; 2 B-24s strike at radio station with 2 tons; 2 raid personnel areas.
- Caroline Is.: Weather causes critical ration situation on Peleliu. Troops slowly eliminate enemy employing his terrain advantage to the fullest.
- Marshall Is.: F4Us and PVs pound Jaluit with more than 26 tons: 49 F4Us strafe warehouses on Kinadyeng and hit heavy AA positions with 21.75 tons; PVs hit gun positions with 4.5 tons; flak damages F4U and PV.
- Fifteen SBDs strike Mili with 6.4 tons aimed at gun positions.
- Kurile Is.: On return from Paramushiru and Shimushu raid, 4 B-25s intercepted by 15-20 enemy fighters, of which 2 are destroyed, 2 damaged; B-25s damaged but return to base. At night, 2 B-24s attack Kashiwabara and Kurabuzaki.
- 5 Caroline Is.: Mopping up on Angaur and Peleliu continues. F4Us strafe 12-14 enemy on reef NW of Bloody Nose Ridge; at least 5 Japanese killed.
- At night U.S. guns fire on possible enemy barges in Garakayo I. vicinity.
- Twelve F4Us crater Ponape airfield and hit installations with 6 tons of bombs. Thirty-six F4Us strike Babelthaup and Koror: at Babelthaup 20 F4Us release 8 tons on airdrome and revetments, and 16 strafe motor pool on S part of island; 8 additional tons land on Koror warehouse area.
- Marshall Is.: Jaluit hit by 38 F4Us and 3 PVs with 26 tons; AA damages F4U.
- 6 Caroline Is.: Three-four enemy fighters ineffectively intercept B-24s dropping 33 tons of bombs on Moen hangars and airstrip.
- Fifth Marines relieve 7th on lines surrounding Bloody Nose Ridge. Sealing up of caves continues.
- Marshall Is.: Seventeen F4Us strike at Wotje defenses with 4½ tons of bombs; Jaluit radar station area receives ton from 4 F4Us which also strafe warehouses.

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Nauru I.: Twelve B-25s, in groups of 4 and 8, bomb runways and AA positions with 8 tons.

7 Volcano Is.: Five B-24s drop fragmentation clusters on Iwo.

Marcus I.: B-24s bomb island and score near misses on 2 AKs NW of there.

Caroline Is.: Mopping up on Angaur continues. On Peleliu, Marines supported by arty and tanks make some progress on Umurbrogal Mt. from N and S.

F4Us strike at villages in SW Babelthaup, damaging 28 trucks, 2 ammunition dumps, 5 supply dumps, 9 fuel dumps, and 2 buildings; also strafe 7 barges and 3 boats in Gamliangel Bay and Komebail Bay.

Marshall Is.: Fifty F4Us pound Jaluit with 24 tons of bombs: 26 bomb island with 16½ tons; 14 hit AA positions. Eleven F4Us drop 4½ tons on coastal defense guns at Mili.

Wake I.: Two B-24s harass island with 5 tons.

8 Marcus I.: Two B-24s loose 2½ tons on island.

Marianas Is.: One of 8 F4Us shot down by AA over Rota. Pagan attacked by 3 B-24s and P-47s; radio station area and airfield hit by B-24s with 4 tons; gun positions and buildings get 3½ tons and rockets from P-47s.

Caroline Is.: Angaur mopping up continues. Peleliu F4Us support coordinated attack on Umurbrogal Mt. with 14½ tons of bombs. Fuel dump and 2 sheds damaged in air strike on Ngatpang and Gamliangel towns on Babelthaup.

Marshall Is.: Taroa hq area and magazines attacked by 12 F4Us dropping 9 tons of bombs; 59% fall in target area.

9 Bonin-Volcano Is.: Six-eight fighters intercept 18 B-24s dropping 27 tons on Iwo airfield and AA positions; 2 enemy planes downed, 2 damaged.

Single PBY scores direct hit on targets of 4 vessels sighted off Bonins.

Marcus I.: Task Group 30.2, commanded by Rear Admiral A.E. Smith, heavily bombards shore defenses and other installations; fires started and buildings hit. Ineffective coastal guns silenced.

Caroline Is.: One co of RCT 321, 81st Div, lands on Garakayo I., less than 2 mi. N of Ngesbu, and proceeds inland, meeting little opposition.

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F4Us aid 5th Marines continuing operations on Peleliu by dropping 6 tons on enemy pocket.

Eighty-first Div still mopping up on Angaur.

F4Us damage 4 oil barges, 10 trucks, and 2 warehouses in Gamliangel area and strafe 6 barges and 3 motor boats in Ngatpang Bay.

Wake I.: Three B-24s drop 6 tons on island.

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Ryukyu Is.: Japanese home waters invaded by Admiral William F. Halsey's Third Fleet which attacks enemy shipping and shore installations on islands, extending SW of S tip of Kyushu to within 75 mi. of Formosa. Carrier aircraft under Vice-Admiral Marc A. Mitscher concentrate main attack on Okinawa, about 300 mi. SW of Kyushu. Amami and Miyako Is. also hit. This surprise attack claims 1 DE, 4 SSs, 14 AKs, 1 AS (submarine tender), 1 AO, 25 ships and 41 barges and small craft sunk; 10 small ships, 1 AM, and 9 small craft probably sunk; 8 AKs, 1 LSM, 1 CM, 10 small ships, and many barges, sampans, and luggers damaged. Twenty-three aircraft destroyed in air and additional 88 on ground or water. Following installations damaged or destroyed: 1 factory, 2 lighthouses, 3 hangars, 3 fuel dumps, 1 ammunition dump, and many barracks, buildings, and warehouses. N shore of Naha harbor (Okinawa) and Ono Yama (off Naha harbor) devastated by fires and explosions. U.S. loses 14 aircraft.

Volcano Is.: Fourteen B-24s strike Iwo Jima: 10 hit airfield with 16 tons; 4 raid harbor. Two of 8 interceptors destroyed, 1 probably destroyed, 1 damaged; B-24 damaged by flak.

Marianas Is.: Twelve P-47s and B-24 raid Pagan; 1 of the P-47s strafing personnel areas lost; B-24 drops ton on radio station.

Caroline Is.: PALAU IS.: With complete capture of Garakayo, small ships given fairly safe anchorage from storms hampering Palau operations.

On both Peleliu and Angaur mopping up continues.

Palau supply and personnel areas bombed by 24 P-47s dropping 2.4 tons.

Off E and NW coasts of Babelthaup, 9 barges and 4 small craft strafed by F4Us.

TRUK: Three-four enemy fighters unsuccessfully intercept 26 B-24s operating in two forces against N Moen airfield and other Truk installations with 55 tons.

Wake I.: Two B-24s drop 5 tons on Peacock Pt.

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Marshall Is.: Twenty-four F4Us in two waves strike at Jaluit: 13 hit gun positions with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  tons; 11 drop  $7\frac{1}{2}$  tons and  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton depth charges on radio station and gun positions.

11. Volcano Is.: Three PB4Ys down 6 of 8 enemy interceptors off Iwo.

Marianas Is.: Pagan building area bombed by 21 P-47s in 2 missions: 7 fire rockets and 14 drop bombs.

Caroline Is.: Elements of RCT 321, 81st Div, land without opposition on Bairakasaru I., NW of Garakayo.

On Peleliu ammunition dump explodes in large enemy cave.

At night on Angaur enemy plane destroyed by night fighter after ineffectively dropping 4 bombs.

F4Us striking Babelthau score 15 direct hits on air-strip and taxiways and strafe 11 barges, 6 motor boats, and 2 whale boats in Gamliangel and Ngatpang Bays.

Marshall Is.: On Jaluit missions, 1 of 28 F4Us dropping  $16\frac{1}{2}$  tons on AA positions and power plant downed. Twenty F4Us release  $16\frac{1}{4}$  tons on Wotje coastal defenses and strafe gun installation; 1 explosion visible. Nineteen SBDs strike Taroa power plant and blockhouse areas with 9 tons; possible hit on latter.

Nauru I.: Runways and gun positions receive 12 tons from 12 B-25s; PB4Y drops  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton.

Wake I.: Wake harassed by 2 B-24s dropping  $4\frac{1}{2}$  tons.

12 Formosa: Early morning marks beginning of 3-day carrier strike by TF 38 of Adm. Halsey's 3d Fleet against industrial, military, and shipping targets on Formosa, powerful naval base and staging area for Japanese air forces. In effort to neutralize these installations, carrier aircraft destroy 7 hangars at Tainan and heavily damage 5, destroy or damage 33 aircraft, buildings in barracks area, and fuel tank; 5 planes on adjacent airfield also damaged. At Takao, 450-ft. boat, 385-ft. boat, and 2 200-ft. boats destroyed and 310-ft. boat damaged; 30 warehouses completely demolished, fuel tank destroyed, and alcohol plant main building extensively damaged and another lightly damaged. On Heito airfields, 43 planes damaged or destroyed; 14 buildings and 5 barracks destroyed and 8 heavily damaged. Shoko buildings and alcohol plant left burning; buildings, airfields, hangars, and other installations at Tainan, Okayama, Karenko, Reigaryo, Tansui, and Einansho hit; railway installations, strafe

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facilities, and barracks also targets. In day's activity, total of 432 enemy aircraft encountered over target and near force; 216 destroyed for loss of 31 planes in combat and 5 operationally.

Bonin Is.: Twenty-five B-24s concentrate on small shipping and installations: 1 of 19 hitting Chichi with 27.75 tons damaged; 6 sink small AK, 20 mi. SW of Haha.

Marcus I.: Three B-24s drop 3.75 tons on island.

Marianas Is.: Gun positions at Rota pounded by 50 F4Us releasing 14 GP and 6 napalm bombs. Pagan building area strafed, bombed, and rocket-fired by 24 P-47s with 4 tons and 5 B-25s with 6 tons.

Caroline Is.: No enemy discovered on Arimasuku I. by 81st Inf Div rcn elements. Two B-24s hit Truk. Seven barges sunk by F4Us in Ngatpang and Komebail Bays as well as 175-ft. steel boat between Babelthaup and Koror and 10 motor boats off N and W Babelthaup coasts.

Wake I.: At night 2 B-24s hit Peale I. installations with 4 tons.

Kurile Is.: Paramushiru buildings destroyed and damaged by 4 B-25s.

13 Formosa: Carrier attacks continue with planes also hitting Pescadores, site of large enemy naval base; concentration is on islands' aircraft installations, utilities, ship facilities, warehouses, and oil dumps. After sunset, 10-12 enemy planes attack TG 38.1 85 mi. off S Formosa, one of which scores hit on USS Canberra (CA), flooding both engine rooms and the 2 after-engine rooms; action necessitates towing of Canberra to Ulithi. In 2 days' activity, 3d Fleet planes sink 2 large AKs, 10 medium AKs, 9 small AKs, 4 coastal AKs, and 8 PCs; probably sink 3 large AKs, 3 medium AKs, 6 small AKs, 15 coastal AKs, 3 AOs, 5 PCs, 3 AMs, and 4 small escorts; damage 1 large AK, 6 medium AKs, 39 small AKs, 22 coastal AKs, 1 large AP, 11 PCs, 2 large AOs; over 80 small craft destroyed or damaged.

Caroline Is.: Attack and occupation phase in Palau Is. campaign ends though enemy pockets remain. The principal Japanese units encountered in this campaign are identified as elements of 14th Div, 53d IMB, navy combat units, and small machine cannon units. U.S. casualties on Peleliu and Angaur total: 1,097 killed in action, 6,796 wounded in action, 146 missing in action; enemy losses are 11,639 killed and 305 captured.

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Preceded by air strike, 5th Marine elements progress in N and 7th Marines advance 150 yds. on SW of perimeter; 1 bn, 81st Div, reduces remaining pocket on NE Angaur.

F4Us damage or sink 11 Ngatpang R. barges, 17 additional barges, 8 motor launches, and 2 small boats off W and E coasts of Babelthaup; also damage 2 boat houses, strafe locomotive, and drop 4 napalm bombs on Ngardmau; 1 F4U lost.

Three B-24s harass Yap with 4.5 tons of bombs.

Marshall Is.: Fifty F4Us attack Jaluit gun positions and power plant with 33 tons, causing fuel fire. Direct hit scored on Mili coastal guns by 12 F4Us loosing about 4½ tons.

Wake I.: At night 3 tons dropped on island by 2 B-24s.

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Formosa: Closely coordinated with carrier operations, 104 China-based B-29s rain 651 tons of GP and incendiaries on Okayama aircraft repair and assembly plant, destroying 43 large buildings and 12 of 80 small buildings; approximately 50 aircraft destroyed; all bombing visual. Hengyang airfield and shipping targets along China and Formosa coasts also hit.

Carrier planes continue operations against airfield installations. Carrier force suffers casualties: 15 mi. from TG 38.2, USS Hancock (CL) damaged by near miss in attack by 26 enemy planes; USS Reno (CL) hit by suicide plane; heaviest damage is inflicted on USS Houston (CL) at dusk about 150 mi. off Formosa coast in attack against TG 38.1 by 11-16 planes most of which are shot down; ship, partially abandoned, under tow by USS Boston (CA); USS Cowell (DD) damaged attempting to go alongside Howell.

Marcus Is.: Airfield bombed by 3 B-24s.

Marianas Is.: Twenty-four bombing and strafing P-47s hit Pagan storage caves; Rota airstrip and supply area bombed by naval plane.

Marshall Is.: Two of 11 F4Us attacking Taroa magazines and power plants with 8½ tons damaged; flak damages F4U and 2 SBDs in 33½-ton raid by 39 F4Us and 17 SBDs on Jaluit AA guns and radio station.

Nauru I.: Twelve B-25s loose 10.8 tons on installations and runways; 1 bomber damaged; island harassed by PBX.

Kurile Is.: Over Paramushiru 4 B-25s hit buildings and strafe 2,000-ton AK and 7 small vessels; 2 B-24s attack Kurabuzaki dock areas; 1 B-24 damaged; during night 4 B-24s with 5½ tons fire Kashiwabara targets.

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Formosa: With arrival of reinforcements presumably from Japan proper, carrier planes meet renewed opposition: of 309 enemy planes encountered, 135 destroyed. Crippled Naval force, now designated as Task Units 30.3.1 and 30.3.2, is covered by TG 38.1 and augmented by 2 CLs and 2 DDs. Enemy planes attack units in strength; 52 planes shot down. USS Hornet (CV) is damaged in attack on TG 38.1 40 mi. W of force.

Volcano Is.: Iwo storage areas, gun positions, and airfield installations bombed: S airfield area hit by B-24; 27 B-24s blasting Iwo with 45 tons intercepted by 8 enemy fighters; 1 of which is destroyed and 3 are damaged.

Marianas Is.: Pagan airfield harassed by B-24.

Caroline Is.: Mopping up on Palau continues.

Wake I.: At night, island gets 4 tons from 2 B-24s.

Kurile Is.: Onneketon port facilities and buildings and other installations in Otomae Bay attacked by 4 B-25s.

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Formosa: Second B-29 raid in series of attacks is directed against Okayama and Heito: 33 of 54 planes hitting Okayama drop 208 tons on aircraft plant, destroying all but 6 small buildings; 69 aircraft destroyed. Secondary target is Heito airfield where 25 bombers release 160 tons; 4 hangars, 4 large warehouses, and several buildings in administration area hit. Bombing again visual. Takao and China harbors hit with damage to RR lines in Takao marshalling yards. Twenty-six B-29s intercepted by 33 enemy fighters in target area and over Formosa Straits; 3 B-29s damaged; 3 enemy planes destroyed, 3 probably destroyed, and 9 damaged.

Crippled 3d Fleet force attacked by enemy planes: 50 of 60 attacking fighters destroyed by air patrols from Cabot and Cowpens but not before Houston is again torpedoed; all but 200 crewmen removed from ship. Aircraft of TGs 38.2 and 38.3 down 15 enemy planes.

Marianas Is.: Bombing B-24 and 15 bombing and strafing P-47s attack Pagan with 7.5 tons. Sixteen F4Us receive MG fire in Rota attack.

Caroline Is.: U.S. forces occupy Ngulu atoll, killing 7 enemy, and capturing 1 POW. With both Ulithi and Ngulu in U.S. hands, Yap, once important air and supply base, flanked.

Wake I.: Two B-24s attack Peacock Pt.

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Formosa: For second successive day B-29s hit aircraft installations; Einansho aircraft depot near Tainan receives 62 $\frac{1}{4}$  tons from 10 of 23 attacking planes; Takao harbor, secondary target, receives almost 85 tons from 13; 5 ships hit and some damage caused to docks and other targets. Fourteen B-29s attacked by 22 enemy fighters in target area; 8 enemy planes destroyed and 7 damaged as against 4 B-29s damaged. Domei reports 1,949 private buildings destroyed and plants, military installations, shipping, harbor, and railways hit.

Enemy plane losses inflicted by 3d Fleet in Formosa area from 12-16 October total 529 destroyed of approximately 1,000 engaged. U.S. aircraft losses total 76 planes in combat and 13 operationally.

Bonin-Volcano Is.: Okimura town on Haha Jima and 6 vessels in harbor receive 16.5 tons from 11 B-24s; during night B-24 bombs Iwo airfield.

Caroline Is.: One of 4 enemy planes intercepting 13 B-24s which drop 19.6 tons on Eten I. damaged; Yap harassed by U.S. carrier-based plane.

Wake I.: Two B-24s loose 2 tons on Heel Pt.

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Bonin Is.: Air strikes on Haha shipping continue; 19 B-24s score direct hits on AO and large AK against heavy AA which damages 3 bombers; airborne are 8 enemy fighters and 4 seaplanes which do not intercept.

Marianas Is.: P-47s bomb and strafe Pagan storage areas with 6 tons; at night Rota runways strafed by 2 F6Fs.

Caroline Is.: F4Us strafe and bomb Yap airdrome, firing 2 grounded aircraft. Ponape gun emplacements, supply dump, and runways receive 6 tons from 12 F4Us; 2 small fires started in storage area.

Marshall Is.: Flak damages 2 of 12 F4Us hitting Enybor AA positions with 4 tons. Sixteen strafing and bombing F4Us loose 15.5 tons on Wotje AA and coastal defense positions with 55% hitting target area.

Nauru I.: On raid over island, 1 of 13 B-25s hitting AA positions and runways damaged.

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- 19      Caroline Is.: Six of 10 F4Us striking Babelthaup use 5 tons on Mizuho village NW of airstrip, score direct hit on dam, cause fires and destroy 2 planes and 3 warehouses. Four B-24s bomb Yap bridge and town area with 8 tons; planes on airstrip damaged.
- Marshall Is.: Twenty-two SBDs and F4Us bomb Jaluit AA positions with 24 tons; F4Us strafe and drop 13 tons, scoring 3 possible direct hits; F4U destroyed, F4U and SBD damaged. Mili bivouac areas receive 10 tons from 14 SBDs. USS Gilligan (DE 508) bombards Mili; no return fire encountered.
- Kurile Is.: Eight to 12 enemy interceptors damage 1 B-25 over Paramushiru; 2 enemy planes destroyed, 2 probably, and 1 damaged.
- 20      Volcano Is.: Iwo attacked by B-24.
- Marianas Is.: Pagan bombed and strafed by 8 P-47s and 4 B-24s dropping 6 tons; B-24s loose 3 tons on storage and supply areas; P-47s also hit Pagan storage areas and buildings on Sarigan I.
- Caroline Is.: Commanding General, 81st Div, U.S. Army, takes command of all combat forces in S Palaus.
- F4Us score near misses on Babelthaup lighthouse.
- 21      Volcano Is.: Attacks on Iwo Jima continue with raid by 28 B-24s releasing 49 tons on revetments, airfield, and AA areas; of 8 interceptors, 2 destroyed, 1 probably, 1 damaged; B-24s rendezvous 30 mi. SW of Iwo with 16 P-47s which destroy 1 enemy plane.
- Caroline Is.: Babelthaup lighthouse and AA positions bombed by 12 F4Us releasing 4 tons. Twelve other F4Us in ground support against Peleliu pocket use incendiaries. Two B-24s dropping 4 tons harass Yap, beginning series of neutralizing raids by Guam-based 11th Army Bomber Group.
- 22      Marianas Is.: F4Us strafe Rota gun positions.
- Caroline Is.: Sixteen F4Us drop incendiaries in ground support mission on Peleliu and also fire oil dump at Malakal. Yap attacked by 8 F4Us and single B-24; 8 additional B-24s start small fire on airfield and town center.

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Marshall Is.: Twelve F4Us bomb Mili gun positions with 3.75 tons of bombs.

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Marianas Is.: Two B-24s drop 3 tons on Pagan.

Caroline Is.: Eight B-24s harass Yap; damage airstrip and environs.

Marshall Is.: SBDs and F4Us attack Wotje and Jaluit: 15 SBDs loose 17½ tons on Wotje; 38 SBDs and 17 F4Us drop 34 tons on Jaluit AA and gun positions, scoring 2 possible hits and causing explosion; 2 SBDs damaged. Jaluit receives minor bombardment from USS Gilligan (DE 508); weak AW return fire offered.

Nauru I.: AA positions bombed by 14 B-25s dropping nearly 12 tons.

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Caroline Is.: N Palaus attacked by 37 strafing and bombing F4Us: ammunition and fuel dumps fired and trucks and barges destroyed; AA damages 10 F4Us. AA damages 1 of 8 F4Us hitting Yap dispersal area with 3.5 tons.

Marshall Is.: F4Us and SBDs attack Wotje and Jaluit for 2d day: Wotje coastal defense positions struck by 10 tons from 20 SBDs; 2 of 34 F4Us damaged while dropping 17.25 tons on Jaluit operations buildings, radio station, and power plant. Two possible direct hits scored on Taroa by 18 F4Us releasing 9½ tons of bombs; 1 F4U damaged.

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Japan: Fifty-nine China-based B-29s drop nearly 160 tons in strike on Omura aircraft assembly plant located on E coast of Omura Bay, 12 mi. NE of Nagasaki; Sasebo naval base and China targets raided by 1-2 B-29s; 40-50 enemy aircraft intercepted; 7 destroyed, 5 probably, and 18 damaged; 1 B-29 lost and 12 damaged.

Volcano Is.: Three fighters unsuccessfully intercept 29 B-24s bombing Iwo with 58.5 tons of bombs.

Caroline Is.: Four B-24s and 25 F4Us bomb and strafe Yap; same F4Us also destroy small buildings, vehicles, and barges in N Palaus.

Marianas Is.: F4Us strafe Rota gun positions along beach. Eight P-47s dump 2 tons on Pagan personnel area.

Kurile Is.: Off Paramushiru, 2 B-25s damage a 6,000-7,000-ton AK with 2 tons; Suribachi receives 1 ton from 2 B-24s; Shimushu attacked by 3 P-47s with 1 ton.

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- 26      Marianas Is.: F4Us meet AA resistance in Rota airstrip attack; P-47 strafes and bombs Pagan personnel area.  
           Caroline Is.: Sixteen F4Us strike Babelthaupt: 4 strafe barges; 12 hit radio station with 6 tons. Yap airfield receives 4 tons from 8 F4Us.  
           Marshall Is.: AA damages 5 of 20 SBDs raiding Jaluit AA positions with 9.9 tons. Mili receives 4 tons from 15 F4Us. Strafing and bombing PVs and F4Us concentrate on Wotje gun and coastal defense positions in 2 missions: 31 fighters drop 19 tons; at night PVs put 3.1 tons on coastal defenses and fuel dumps.
- 27      Bonin Is.: Navy plane destroys Muko Jima weather station.  
           Caroline Is.: Enemy PT boat sunk after effective strafing attack on Peleliu. Yap airdrome takes 2 tons of bombs from 2 B-24s.  
           Marshall Is.: Four night PVs harass Wotje with 3 tons.  
           Nauru I.: Majority of 13 tons dropped by 15 B-25s lands on airfield and installations; large fire started.
- 28      Bonin-Volcano Is.: Eleven B-24s bombing Haha and small boat in harbor cause large land fire; Iwo airfield gets 1½ tons and fragmentation clusters from 3 B-24s.  
           Caroline Is.: In first POA-based B-29 raid, 14 from Saipan strike Dublon I.; most bombs fall in target area. Yap airfield raided by 2 B-24s.  
           Marshall Is.: Eleven tons of GP and napalm bombs released on Jaluit gun positions by total of 38 F4Us in two attacks, causing large fires; 4 F4Us damaged. At Mili PBVs sink 1 of 2 whaleboats in strafing attack during day and at night sink 25-ft. sailboat.
- 29      Bonin-Volcano Is.: B-24s continue shipping strikes: 1 possible CL, 3 DEs, 3 SCs, 3 SBs, and several small craft in Chichi harbor attacked by 19 B-24s losing 27 tons; AA damages 3 B-24s. Two barges in Haha harbor harassed by B-24.  
           Marianas Is.: Intense AW fire encountered by 16 F4Us over Rota.  
           Marshall Is.: Four night PVs in harassing attack on Wotje put 2 tons directly in target area, causing fire.

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Caroline Is.: F4Us support Peleliu ground attack with napalm bombs; F4Us strafe barges at Yap.

In period 1-29 October, 2,572 Japanese killed and 308 POW captured on Peleliu and Angaur islands.

North Pacific: SS John A. Johnson (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons) sunk by enemy action at 29-37 N, 141-42 W.

30      Volcano Is.: B-24 drops fragmentation clusters on Iwo airdrome installations; navy plane damages SD and fires 1 of 4 picket boats off Iwo.

Marianas Is.: Rota airstrip takes 3 tons from 16 F4Us, while Pagan receives 12 tons from 14 P-47s. From 29 September-29 October, 618 Japanese killed on Saipan; 818 killed on Guam between 29 September and 30 October.

Caroline Is.: Seventeen B-29s bomb Dublon with 39 tons, scoring hits on personnel areas and on jetties; 2 large explosions result. Four F4Us fire warehouses on Babelthaup, while 4 others sink 2 barges off coast. Yap airfield fired by B-25s; 11 F4Us fire fuel supply and hit runway at Gagil-Tomil. Ten F4Us drop 9½ tons on Ponape, 2 damaged.

In ground support on Peleliu, 16 F4Us score 15 hits on enemy pocket with fire bombs.

Marshall Is.: F4Us drop 7½ tons on Mili coastal defenses; 1 F4U damaged; Taroa power plant target for 10 F4Us with 5 tons; 1 damaged.

31      Volcano Is.: B-24 drops 1½ tons on Iwo.

Marianas Is.: Rota strafed by F4Us.

Caroline Is.: Intense AA encountered by 12 F4Us dropping 6 tons on Koror piers and strafing fuel dumps; Babelthaup trucks and barges destroyed. Gagil-Tomil airstrip hit by 12 F4Us; 1 destroyed. Enemy positions on Peleliu fire-bombed by 15 F4Us.

Marshall Is.: Four PVs harass Wotje and small boat in lagoon.

Nauru I.: B-25s bomb gun positions and airstrip.

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