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1 Burma Twenty-sixth Brig of 11th EA Div, advancing down Kale Valley toward Kalembo, takes two enemy positions about 10 miles N of the town. On the Myitkyina-Mandalay RR, Br 36th Div captures Mawlu against slight resistance; Japanese are being engaged just S of Mawlu but appear to have withdrawn in haste from region between Nansiaung and Mawlu.

Greatest weight of 10th AF and 3d TAF attacks is against Kennedy Peak in XXXIII Corps zone: 60 B-25s of 10th AF unload 70 tons of bombs; 3d TAF flies 140 sorties over Corps front, with main effort against Kennedy Peak, and drops 23.2 tons. Twelve aircraft of 3d TAF support XV Corps troops. In N Burma, P-47s of 10th AF strafe Naba, Indaw, and Bhamo areas. Nine B-25s of 10th AF concentrate on bridges at Hsenwi, Namhkai, and Kawngka with 10.8 tons; last named also bombed by 8 P-47s. Nine Beaufighters of 3d TAF engage in communications sweeps over central Burma. Small groups of 3d TAF planes raid Namsang, Meiktila, Shwebo, and Onbauk airfields, while others strafe transport during sweep from Meiktila to Shwebo.

Salween Front Chinese maintain pressure on Lungling and report capture of hill features near the city. Local actions occur in Mangshih area, SW of Lungling. Troops in Lungling area ably supported by 41 P-40s of 14th AF which bomb and strafe targets indicated by radio.

China KWANGSI: Chinese 31st Army is staunchly defending Kweilin, although Japanese complete encirclement of the city, with advance from N to S RR station, and are said to hold Yangtong, Erhtong, and Lichiachen airfields. Some 100,000 Japanese estimated to be involved in Kweilin operation, and Japanese 40th Div elements believed to be at Kweilin city.

Simultaneously with siege of Kweilin, Japanese are thrusting toward Liuchow, last important American air base SW of Kweilin, from the NE, E, and SE: from the NE, elements of Japanese 58th and 116th Divs are moving down Hunan-Kwangsi RR; from the E, units of Japanese 3d and 13th Divs are driving along Patpo-Pinglo-Liuchow highway and take Pinglo; from the SE, enemy column from West R. area is advancing on Mosun. On West R., Japanese are moving SW from Menghu toward Kweih sien. Weather prevents air operations in Kweilin area.

KWANGTUNG: Four P-51s effectively bomb and strafe radio tower at Dosing, while 2 others dive-bomb Kiungshan airdrome on Hainan I. and strafe targets on Luichow Peninsula, including road transport and junks.

HONAN: On sweep of Yellow R., 11 P-40s and 2 P-51s strafe trucks, fire stores along RR from Kungasien to Loyang, and strafe river craft at Mengsien Ferry.

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Thailand Four B-24s of 10th AF attack Dara RR bridge, knocking out center span with 10 tons of bombs.

French Indo-China Two P-51s of 14th AF dive-bomb Luc Nam barracks and damage shipping near Haiphong and Hon Gay.

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Burma. In Chin Hills, 123d Brig of 5th Ind Div clears enemy from positions at Sialam Vum, 4 miles N of Kennedy Peak, but an estimated three hostile companies remain just N of "Vital Corner," 2 miles N of Kennedy Peak. Continuing down Kale Valley, 11th EA Div's 26th Brig captures Inbaung, about 8 miles N of Kalembo, and overcomes opposition at road block just to the S. Advance units of Br 36th Div now 2 miles S of Mawlu. Two regts of Ch 38th Div (114th and 112th) are executing flanking movement to E from Myothit to envelop Bhamo from E, while 113th contains enemy on Taping R. in Myothit area.

Kennedy Peak, on XXXIII Corps front, continues to bear brunt of aerial attacks: 36 B-25s of 10th AF strike with 51.3 tons of bombs. Third TAF flies 192 sorties over XXXIII Corps zone and drops 32 tons of bombs; targets include bashes, MT, and oil and gas storage depots in Fort White, Kalembo, Kalewa, and Mawlaik areas. Thirty-seven P-47s of 10th AF harass N Burma targets, including traffic, supply dumps, and Meza RR bridge, while 42 others bomb Nyaung airfield. Shwebo and Heho airfields lightly bombed by 3d TAF Mosquitoes, and communications lines S of Lashio raided by 4 Beaufighters.

Salween Front Chinese make further gains at and near Lungling; Ch Hon. 1st Div elements reported fighting inside the city. Supporting Chinese troops, P-40s, in 36 sorties, bomb and strafe targets indicated by radio in Lungling-Mangshih area with good results. Four P-38s, after bombing Hsenwi bridges with unobserved results, raid village 3 miles SW and another 3 miles N of Mangshih; heavy damage caused at former.

China KWANGSI: Stubborn fighting continues at Kweilin where Japanese are employing tanks in N zone. Enemy makes progress in three-pronged drive on Liuchow: column moving down Hunan-Kwangsi RR has taken Liangfeng and is pushing toward Yungfu; troops from Pinglo are moving SW toward Lipuhsien; Tungsiang, E of Mosun, now in enemy hands. Fighting reported in Menghu area, SW of Kweiping, and Sheklung is said to be held by enemy.

P-40s and P-51s, in 38 sorties, concentrate on Kweilin and Pinglo areas; targets include bridge, village, tanks, and

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compounds near Kweilin; junks and villages in vicinity of Tahsu, SE of Kweilin; troops and horses E of Yungfu; factory between Erhtong and Kweilin; town of Pinglo and troops near the town.

Thailand-F.I.C. Twenty-nine RAF B-24s attack Makasan RR shops at Bangkok and airdrome and shipyards at Vinh during night with 59 tons of bombs; main effort is against former target which is left aflame. Sixteen P-40s and P-51s of 14th AF severely damage Gia Lam airdrome at Hanoi in bombing raid.

South China Sea B-24s of 14th AF attack three convoys in area generally E of Hainan I., sinking DD and leaving transport listing.

Indian Ocean SS Fort Lee (U.S. tanker, 10,198 tons) sunk by enemy action at 27-35 S, 83-11 E.

3 Burma Appointment of Lt. Gen. Sir Oliver W. H. Leese as commander of newly-organized 11th Army Group announced.

On XV Corps front, 81st WA Div repulses local attack against positions N of Paletwa, on the Kaladan. Fifth Ind Div, in Tiddim sector of XXXVIII Corps zone, ousts enemy from "Vital Corner" positions, killing some 100 Japanese; stragglers being eliminated, and Kennedy Peak-Fort White road blocked. To the E, 11th EA Div continues active in Kale Valley and along the Chindwin: elements N of Kalemyo advance slightly S of Inbaung and clear Japanese from positions N of Sin-u; N of Mawlaik, 21st Brig is checked by strong opposition at Pt. 825, near Mawku. In N Burma, forward elements of Br 36th Div now 4 miles S of Mawlu. Ch 64th Regt (22d Div) reaches the Irrawaddy at Kyaukkyi, 6 miles NW of Shwegu.

B-29s of XX BC, in 14th mission of XX BC, strike hard at Rangoon: 44 bombers, each with record load of 10 tons of bombs, execute highly successful precision bombing attack against marshaling yards; aiming point, roundhouse of Malagon marshaling yards, completely demolished; tracks, rolling stock, and buildings damaged or destroyed. Enemy fighters offer weak opposition, and AA fire is meager to moderate. Secondary target, military stores at Taungup, hit by an additional B-29. Seventy-two Eastern Air Command fighters (from 10th AF, Air Commandos, and 3d TAF) strafe airfields in Rangoon area in conjunction with B-29 attack, damaging installations and destroying 1 grounded plane; 4 other enemy planes damaged, and 4 Allied fighters lost.

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Thirty-third Corps troops again closely supported by 10th AF and 3d TAF: 48 B-25s of 10th AF release 59.5 tons of bombs in Kennedy Peak and Kalewa areas; 176 sorties flown by 3d TAF, chiefly against targets indicated by ground forces, and 26.5 tons of bombs dropped. Third TAF also supports XV Corps, flying 16 sorties. Two missions of 10th AF B-25s, totaling 24, successfully bomb Nawnghkio airfield, NE of Mandalay; first group escorted by 18 fighters; second mission also raids Meza. Single 10th AF B-25 raids Man Si, while 24 P-47s bomb and strafe Man Si and Namkham, SE of Bhamo. Third TAF, in 20 sorties, raids airfields at Thedaw, Shwebo, Meiktila, and Heho. Small force of Beaufighters engages in customary sweeps against enemy communication lines in central Burma.

Salween Front Chinese capture Lungling, scene of much fighting for some months. This city on the Burma Road was largely secured by Chinese on 10 June but shortly afterward regained by Japanese. Japanese casualties from 29 October, when final assault on Lungling was launched, to date reported as 600. Enemy is withdrawing toward Mangshih, next major objective on Burma Road.

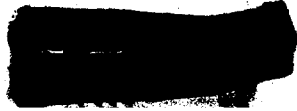
Forty-nine P-47s of 10th AF carry out offensive sweeps against troops and buildings on Salween front. Forty-one fighter bomber sorties flown by 14th AF in support of Chinese troops, during which Lungling area, RR bridge S of Lashio, and warehouses 2 miles W of Mangshih are hit.

China KWANGSI-KWANGTUNG: Fighting for Kweilin continues vigorous. Japanese make further progress toward Liuchow: column moving down Hunan-Kwangsi RR is approaching Yungfu; Lipuhsien, SW of Pinglo, falls to enemy moving W on Liuchow; Mosun reported captured by enemy night of 3/4. Kweihsien, on West R., now said to be held by enemy force which pushed SW from Menghu.

Sixteen P-40s and P-51s raid shipping and other targets along West R., destroying 1 barge and damaging 10 others and a steamboat, starting fires at Tengyun, and destroying loading dock near Wuchow. Two P-51s attack Japanese troops E of Mosun. Two others dive-bomb merchant vessel in Hainan Bay.

FUKIEN: Two P-51s shoot down 2 enemy fighters taking off from Amoy airfield.

F.I.C. While operating over NE F.I.C., 2 P-51s damage 5 locomotives, sink 2 coal barges at Hon Gay, and damage steamer near Haiphong.



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4 Burma Fifth Ind Div overruns enemy positions on Kennedy Peak, and elements proceed 2 miles S. In N Burma, 66th Regt (Ch 22d Div) occupies Mosit, on E bank of the Irrawaddy SE of Shwegu, without opposition.

Taungup is last resort target for 3 aircraft of XX BC mission against Singapore; 3.75 tons of bombs dropped. Rangoon area heavily hit for second successive day; 29 RAF Liberators of Strategic Air Force attack Insein RR shops near Rangoon, dropping 61.3 tons of bombs with good results; escorting fighters (of 10th AF, Air Commandos, and 3d TAF) drive off enemy fighters attempting to intercept bombers and raid airfields, claiming 3 enemy planes destroyed and 9 probably destroyed or damaged; bombers account for another enemy fighter shot down and probably 2 more. Rail objectives at Myingyan attacked by 13 10th AF B-25s which start large fires with 14.3 tons of bombs. Twenty-one P-47s, while sweeping RR from Shwebo to Pintha, damage rolling stock, water tank, and locomotive sheds. Third TAF supports XXXIII Corps with 150 sorties and XV Corps with 20; Fort White, Kalembo, and Kalewa are chief targets in XXXIII Corps zone. Small groups of 3d TAF planes raid Moiktila and Thedaw airfields and Yenangyat oil installations.

Six or more enemy planes raid Myitkyina, causing light damage.

Salween Front Fourteenth AF P-40s, P-38s, and P-51s, during 36 sorties, successfully raid enemy positions in Mangshih and Lungling areas in support of Chinese troops and knock out highway bridge on Burma Road S of Wanling.

China KWANGSI: Stiff fighting continues at Kweilin, with both sides sustaining heavy casualties. Moving in toward Liuchow, Japanese take Yungfu, on Hunan-Kwangsi RR, reach outskirts of Hsiujenhsien, SW of Lipuhsien, and are swinging N from Mosun.

Weather denies Chinese troops air support.

Malaya Singapore receives its first aerial attack since its capture by the Japanese in 1942 as 53 B-29s of XX BC, flying longest daylight mission on record (Command's 15th mission), concentrate 83.25 tons of bombs on naval base with excellent results. Caisson gate of main drydock breached; drydock and 465-foot vessel damaged by direct hits; possible control tower destroyed and a number of buildings damaged; trackage and rolling stock hit. Japanese, it is believed, will require some three months to restore target to operation.

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Unable to reach Singapore, 7 B-29s attack Pangkalan-Brandon oil refinery on Sumatra, 3 hit Taungup, as noted above, and 1 raids target of opportunity.

5 Burma Fifth Ind Div is converging on Fort White from N and S: fighting reported 4 miles N and 3 miles S of objective. Mawku, on the Chindwin N of Mawlaik, occupied by 21st Brig of 11th EA Div. Patrols of Br 36th Div probing area S of Mawlu, on Myitkyina-Mandalay RR. Ch 64th Regt (22d Div) crosses the Irrawaddy at Kyaukkyi and occupies Shwegugale without opposition.

Rail objectives heavily hit by 10th AF: 35 B-25s attack Kinu, NW of Shwebo on Myitkyina-Mandalay line, achieving excellent results with 46.5 tons of bombs; rail station at Myingyan, on branch line SW of Mandalay, is target for 23.4 tons dropped by 24 B-25s; to the N, 4 P-47s bomb Kanbalu, NW of Kinu, and farther N, 15 more strafe rail line from Wuntho to Naba. Lashio bombed by 9 B-25s and strafed by 25 P-47s of 10th AF; buildings set on fire. Other 10th AF P-47s, in 56 sorties, bomb Namhpakka (near Hsenwi), strafe Bhamo northward, harass Kyundaw islands, and patrol Myitkyina area. Third TAF again closely supports troops, particularly on XXXIII Corps front where 165 sorties are flown and 23.2 tons of bombs dropped on Army-indicated objectives; XV Corps assisted by 30 sorties during which barges at Akyab are bombed and Chittagong area patrolled. In central Burma, small groups of 10th AF and 3d TAF planes sweep airfields, and a few Beaufighters sweep communication lines without incident.

Tamu, Palel, and Imphal Valley bombed by at least 9 enemy fighters, of which intercepting Spitfires down 3 for loss of 1 Spitfire; damage caused by raids limited to destruction of 1 B-25 on ground at Tamu.

Salween Front In support of Chinese troops, 24 P-40s bomb and strafe targets in Mangshih area as directed by ground radio. Ten fighters strafe rail and road targets SW from Lashio and power house at Inai with good effect; after refueling, 7 of the fighters successfully strafe river craft and warehouse area at Chefang. Warehouse area at Wanling bombed by 4 P-38s which also strafe fortified hill E of Mangshih.

China KWANGSI: Heavy street fighting reported in N. Hsiujenhsien, SW of Pinglo, falls to Japanese. From Kwanghsien, on West R., enemy troops have moved rapidly toward Hsing and reached Laitong against negligible resistance.

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Weather prevents air operations from Liuchow, but 2 P-40s from Nanning, while on offensive sweep along West R. in vicinity of Kweih sien, strafe enemy troops and horses.

Hainan I. Unable to locate shipping in Samah Bay, 2 B-24s from Kunming bomb Japanese installations E of Samah airdrome at night.

Thailand Sixteen RAF Liberators strike at Bangkok, firing engine shed in marshaling yards with 15.8 tons of bombs and mining harbor.

Bay of Bengal SS Marion Moller (British cargo ship, 3,827 tons) sunk by enemy action at 10-40 N, 81-10 E.

6 Burma Fifth Ind Div continues two-pronged move on Fort White, with units one mile N and three miles S of the town; Japanese being engaged at these points. In Bhamo sector of N Burma, Shwegu falls to Ch 64th Regt. (22d Div); 66th Regt, crossing the Irrawaddy SE of Shwegu in vicinity of Mosit and Thinbawin, subsequently joins 64th at Shwegu.

Taungup, N of Sandoway on the Arakan coast, twice bombed by 10th AF: first mission, of 23 B-25s, drops 24.3 tons; second mission, consisting of 35 B-25s, divides 30.8-ton load between Taungup and Toungoo; good results achieved at both targets. Supporting troops in N Burma, 10 B-25s of 10th AF successfully raid Namun, near Bhamo, with 12 tons; 73 P-47s sweep Katha area and region from Indaw to Shwebo, attacking stores W of Indaw, destroying 2 bridges between Indaw and Shwebo, and strafing airfields in same area. Heho, Meiktila, and Anisakan airfields strafed by 19 P-38s of 10th AF, and Shwebo and Onbauk airfields raided by 3 Mosquitoes of 3d TAF. Third TAF continues strong support of troops: 189 sorties flown over XXXIII Corps zone against indicated targets in Fort White-Kalembo area and along the Myittha R.; 40 sorties flown against objectives indicated by XV Corps.

Salween Front From Lungling, Chinese have secured the Burma Road as far as Machang, 3½ miles to the SW; considerable enemy equipment captured. Indecisive fighting continues in Mangshih area.

Ground radio again directs aerial support of Chinese troops: 16 P-40s successfully bomb and strafe Japanese fortified positions in Mangshih and Lungling areas. Other fighter bombers, in 9 sorties, raid storage area 3 miles S of Chefang and warehouses at Wanling, reporting good results at each objective.

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China KWANGSI: Violent fighting rages at Kweilin where Chinese are still holding out against enemy onslaughts. Japanese thrusts toward Liuchow continue to make progress. Enemy units cross to W bank of Liu R. S of Sianghsien during night of 6/7, Chinese report.

Weather virtually grounds 14th AF, but two missions of P-40s (6 sorties) from Nanning strafe troops and horses W of Kweih sien.

Thailand Eight B-24s of 10th AF attack rail bridge and tunnel on the Bangkok-Chiangmai line near Kenghluang with 20 tons of bombs.

7 Burma On XXXIII Corps front, 5th Ind Div elements repulse strong counterattacks approximately 1½ miles N of Fort White and clear enemy position 3 miles SSE of the town. Continuing S along the Chindwin, forward elements of 21st Brig (11th EA Div) are approaching Tunbin, 4 miles N of Mawlaik; to the N, small enemy forces remain at and near Pt. 825 in Mawku area.

Strategic bombers of RAF (4 Liberators) raid shipping off coast of Tavoy, damaging 2,000-ton vessel and a motor vessel with 7 tons. Rail objectives at Shwebo receive 10.9 tons from 12 10th AF B-25s. P-47s of 10th AF, in more than 100 sorties, patrol Myitkyina area, sweep river from Bhamo to Katha and RR from Wuntho to Shwebo, and strafe Shwebo and Onbauk airfields. XXXIII Corps troops aided by 157 sorties of 3d TAF, during which 22.5 tons of bombs are dropped and targets indicated by ground forces strafed; objectives at Pakokku hit. During 21 sorties over XV Corps zone, 3d TAF planes concentrate on bunker positions and traffic along the Kaladan.

Salween Front Two B-25s and 21 fighter bombers and fighters of 14th AF bomb and strafe fortified positions and stores in Mangshih-Lungling area, Wanling town, and villages near Chefang.

China KWANGSI: Fourteenth AF destroys and evacuates Liuchow air base as Japanese threat to the city becomes more imminent. Hostile column advancing SW on Liuchow splits in Hwangminhu-Chungtu area, one force continuing along RR and capturing Lojunghsien, 20 miles NE of Liuchow, and the other moving W to take Tungchwan, 17 miles NE of Liuchow. Taiping, about 20 miles N of Liuchow, reported captured by enemy column moving W from Liting. On Tung R. S

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of Liuchow, Chenglungu falls to enemy during night, reports indicate. Entire region S of Tuni R. now in enemy hands. Force of 1,000 Japanese reported at Sianghsien, SE of Liuchow, probably from Szewang.

Ten Nanning-based P-40s raid troops, horses, carts, and sampans in Tamtong-Kweihsien area.

SHANTUNG: Six B-25s escorted by 10 P-51s drop 6 tons of bombs on Yuncheng RR yards with excellent results.

CHINA COAST: Fort Bayard and Kowloon docks bombed by 2 B-24s at night.

8 Burma On XV Corps front, 81st WA Div is now within 4 miles of Paletwa. To the NE, in the XXXIII Corps zone, 5th Ind Div occupies Fort White unopposed, and elements are in contact with enemy at Vownalu Mual, 4 miles E of Fort White on road to Kalemwo. Along the Chindwin, enemy withdraws, apparently in haste, from Tunbin, 4 miles N of Mawlaik, and from positions near Mawku during night. In N Burma, entire Ch 22d Div now across the Irrawaddy. E of Bhamo, Ch 38th Div has column 6 miles S of Myethit and another 4 miles E of Momauk.

Strategic bombers of 10th AF and RAF concentrate on S Burma targets: Bassein and shipping S of Tavoy attacked by 16 B-24s of 10th AF with 49.5 tons of bombs; shipping off Tavoy also raided by 5 B-24s of 10th AF with 13.5 tons; 27 RAF Liberators release 38.8 tons on rail objectives, including a station, rolling stock, and bridges, along the Ye-Thanbyuzayat line. Eight B-25s of 10th AF escorted by 17 P-47s concentrate 16 tons on rail bridge at Bawgyo and road bridge at Hsipaw (between Lashio and Maymyo), destroying former. Total of 63 P-47s patrols Myitkyina area, closely supports troops near Mawlu, and raids Kawlin landing ground. In support of XXXIII Corps, 3d TAF flies 163 sorties, dropping 28 tons of bombs, strafing bridges and transport, and patrolling Kalemwo area. During 18 sorties in support of XV Corps, 1d planes concentrate on dumps and river craft on the Kaladan. Five Mosquitoes of 3d TAF harass Mawlaik airfield and Sagaing. Eight Beaufighters carry out rail sweep from Pegu to Moulmein.

Allied battery in Kabaw Valley raided by 12 enemy planes, of which 1 is destroyed and another probably by the battery. Two Allied supply craft lost to enemy planes in same area, and 3 others are missing.

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Salween Front Chinese make gains in area E of Mangshih, despite determined resistance; 250 enemy claimed killed and considerable equipment captured during past two days. Eleven B-25s and 16 fighter bombers and fighters of 14th AF strike in vicinity of Mangshih, concentrating on military area 2 miles S of the town, gun positions, village, and opportunity targets.

China KWANGSI: Bitter street fighting continues in Kweilin; approximately 100 enemy tanks reported NW of the city. Situation in Kwangsi Province is deteriorating rapidly; Japanese are said to outnumber Chinese at least two to one. Liuchow is being evacuated by Chinese. From Tungchwan, Japanese are moving on Liuchenghsien, on important escape RR between Liuchow and Kweiyang, and elements may have entered town. Liukianghsien, E of Kweilin-Liuchow road, reported taken by enemy from Towpai. S of Liuchow, Japanese are said to be attempting crossings of Tun R. at Laipin and Tsinkong (Chienkianghsien) and to have crossed Liu R. NW of Sianghsien.

HUNAN: Single P-40 strafes Paoching airfield.

HONAN: Two escorted B-25s attack rail targets at Linying, destroying a bridge and damaging another as well as tracks; rolling stock strafed by escort.

Hainan I. Area E of airdrome at Samah Bay raided by single B-24.

F.I.C. Five B-25s attack but fail to damage rail bridge at Duc Tho; tracks and buildings hit.

9 Burma Fifth Ind Div elements find Vownalu Mual, E of Fort White, free of enemy and continue about 2 miles eastward toward Kalembo before being checked by another Japanese position; road block established E of point of contact. Slight progress reported by 11th EA Div column NE of Kalembo. Br 36th Div has been patrolling actively for past few days along axis of Myitkyina-Mandalay RR S of Mawlu. Hq of Ch 22d Div opens at Shwegu. Ch 113th Regt (38th Div) crosses Taping R. at Myothit and is moving SW on Bhamo; other units near Momauk.

Strategic bombers of RAAF (6 Liberators) release 3.7 tons of bombs on Ye RR yards, after finding no shipping at Tayoy, primary target. Twenty-three B-25s of 10th AF concentrate 24.1 tons on Wuntho military area. Seven others set out against Hsipaw bridge, but only one reaches target and damage E approach; remainder strike at Kanbalu RR yards with 12 tons damaging water tower, tracks, and revetments. During 17 sorties over N and NE Burma, P-47s of 10th AF patrol Bhamo-

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Cont Katha-Myitkyina triangle, harass troops and raid fuel dump in Bhamo-Katha area, bomb Mawtawng (S of Bhamo), fire stores at Kawlin landing ground and rolling stock at Shwebo, and destroy a number of buildings at Kutkai. Force of 170 aircraft of 3d TAF operates over XXXIII Corps area, closely supporting troops and striking at bridges to rear of enemy. Supporting XV Corps, 52 3d TAF sorties are flown, during which enemy position W of Paletwa and river craft are harassed. While strafing Meiktila airfield, 7 Mosquitoes wreck grounded plane; 1 Mosquito missing.

Salween Front Eight B-25s and 5 P-38s, in 3 missions, bomb targets in Hengshih area, starting a number of fires. Another mission, of 5 P-38s, bombs and heavily damages Burma Road NE of Chefang; 3 landslides result.

China KWANGSI: Chinese defenders of Kweilin subjected to strong enemy tank attack. Japanese maintain pressure on Liuchow, former site of Chinese Fourth War Area Hq, with troops possibly in the city itself and strong forces just outside. Hostile troops are at Liuchenghsien and pressing on Lung R. here, although elements of Chinese 46th Army remain in the town. In area generally S of Liuchow, elements of Japanese 22d Div are said to be across Tuni R. at Tsinkong, Laipin, and Chenglungshu and are believed to have entered Tawan; Japanese 104th Div units reported across Liu R. N and S of Sianghsien and are said to have reached Maping. From Laitong, on Kweihsien-Pinyang road, enemy column is advancing on Pinyang.

Fighter bombers and fighters, in 30 sorties, effectively attack Kweihsien and Tamtong and targets near the two, including Japanese troops, horses, camps, and stores; shipping on West R. strafed.

HUNAN: Three B-25s and 12 P-40s bomb and strafe Yiyang area, heavily damaging warehouses and buildings; sampans and large supply-laden raft on river also damaged; 1 P-40 lost to AA fire. Storage area E of Yiyang bombed later by 3 B-25s. P-40s, in 5 missions and 64 sorties, take heavy toll of enemy transport in vicinity of Changsha, Siangtan, Hengshan, Hengyang, and Lingling; 71 trucks destroyed and 117 damaged; 40 carts damaged; 20 arty pieces, numerous buildings, stores, and sampans also hit; 1 enemy plane shot down. In strafing sweeps, 4 P-51s destroy radio station W of Yochow, while similar force damages packing and convoy on road there.

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HONAN: Kaifeng RR yards accurately bombed by 6 B-25s; 12 escorting fighters probably destroy 1 of 4 enemy fighters encountered. Seven P-40s strafe 50 RR cars near Kioshan and after reloading strafe numerous vehicles on roads near Yuhsien with good effect.

SHENSI: Enemy planes ineffectively raid 14th AF base at Ankang four times before dawn.

South China Sea While sweeping over Luichow Peninsula, 6 P-51s strafe and damage 200-foot freighter offshore and bomb Suikai. Four P-51s bomb and strafe airfield at Weichow Tao, island in Gulf of Tongking, with good results. Three B-24s, striking singly, bomb Kowloon docks, Fort Bayard, and installations E of airdrome at Samah Bay (Hainan I.) during night.

F.I.C. Four P-38s strafe Gia Lam airfield and Red R. shipping. Two P-51s severely damage radio station at Kien in dive-bombing raid; 75-foot junk off Hon Gay damaged by strafing.

10. **Burma** On XV Corps front, 81st WA Div driving down the Kaladan is encountering delaying action NW and W of Paletwa; enemy position taken with assistance of air strike. In XXXIII Corps zone, 11th EA Div's 21st Brig occupies Mawlaik, on the Chindwin, without opposition. In N Burma, Br 36th Div advances S along RR corridor in three columns, that in center contacting enemy 7 miles S of Mawlu, and others clearing enemy positions on each side of RR. Ch 22d Div actively patrols in Shwegu area without contacting enemy; Man Tha, 25 miles SE of Shwegu, and Malin, 9 miles S of Man Tha, reached. Ch 38th Div units flanking Bhamo to the E reach Bhamo plain.

Thirty-six B-25s of 10th AF successfully attack stores at Pinlebu and Kawlin rail yards with 49.8 tons of bombs. Tenth AF P-47s, in 65 sorties, strafe rolling stock from Wuntho to Shwebo, raid Shwebo and Onbauk airfields, and patrol Myitkyina-Katha-Bhamo triangle. Meiktila airfield strafed by 21 P-47s of Air Commandos. XXXIII Corps troops continue to receive strong support from 3d TAF fighters which fly 157 sorties, bombing and strafing smoke-marked objectives and Myitha R. bridges. During 33 sorties, 3d TAF planes raid targets indicated by XV Corps. Twelve 3d TAF Beaufighters range over Salween front, S Burma, and Thailand, harassing communication lines.

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Salween Front Chinese frustrate strong counterattacks about 3 miles E of Mangshih. Forty-two P-47s of 10th AF bomb and strafe targets on Salween Front in support of Chinese troops. Chinese also assisted by 14th AF: B-25s, in 11 sorties, bomb Wanling area with results reported as good to excellent; 8 fighter bombers raid Tingka, causing secondary explosions and fires; 4 P-38s bomb Burma Road NE of Chefang and strafe 5 villages.

China KWANGSI: Kweilin falls to Japanese during night of 10/11. Street fighting is in progress at Liuchow, and strong enemy reinforcements are converging on the city. Final Chinese resistance at Liuchenghsien, 12 miles NNW of Liuchow, collapses, and Japanese are crossing Lung R. here and continuing S. Other enemy columns are thrusting W both N and S of Liuchow. SE of Liuchow, Japanese troops from Maping are driving NW toward Chwanshan. Taohsien and Yungming, respectively about 45 and 65 miles S of Lingling, reported reoccupied by Chinese.

Nanning-based P-40s and P-51s, during 12 missions and 57 sorties, bomb and strafe enemy movements from West R. toward Liuchow with excellent results; areas covered include Wuchow, Tanchuk, Kweihsien, Tamtong, Changmok-Szechio, and Mosun-Laipin; Kweihsien and Tamtong towns and targets at Wuchow effectively bombed; villages, compounds, barracks, enemy troops, horses, and river craft heavily hit. Kweilin bombed by 8 P-51s which severely damage installations and tracks at S RR station, radio factory, and buildings.

HUPEH-HUNAN: In night attack on Hankow, 16 B-24s accurately bomb storage area, causing large, widespread fires visible for 100 miles; 2 additional B-24s miss Hankow but bomb Yochow. MT in vicinity of Sianktan and searchlights at Hankow harassed at night by B-25 and 3 P-51s, respectively. In daylight missions, approximately sixty fighter bombers attack Hunan targets, leaving Nanyo aflame with napalm bombs, destroying several radar stations in Yochow area, and causing widespread damage to buildings, compounds, MG positions, camouflaged stores, and river and road traffic; over Hengyang airfield, 2 of 7 interceptors shot down, 1 probably, and 3 damaged, and 6 more damaged on the ground.

SHANTUNG-HONAN: On Yellow R. front, 6 P-51s destroy 10 locomotives N of Yuncheng and 4 more near Chenghsien.

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South China Sea Two P-51s harass road and water transport on Luichow Peninsula and Weichow Tao. B-24s, in night strikes on shipping in South China Sea, claim enemy DD and a small freighter sunk.

- 11 Burma Fifth Ind Div advances along Fort White-Kalemyo road, securing stockades 3 and 2 without opposition. Japanese still hold Bhopi Vum, 5 miles N of number 2 stockade, in some strength. Eleventh EA Div makes significant gains: 25th Brig moving down Kale Valley W of Yazagyo-Kalemyo road is about 4 miles N of Kalemyo; 26th Brig advances to within 500 yards of Indainggale, $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles NNE of Kalemyo, where enemy is making his next stand after abandoning stubbornly defended positions astride road 8 miles NNE of Kalemyo; 21st Brig, advancing along the Chindwin has elements at Laungmin, 5 miles S of Mawlaik, and others moving S along E bank. Japanese appear to be evacuating Kalemyo and possibly entire region W of the Chindwin. Br 36th Div makes progress along Myitkyina-Mandalay RR corridor, forward elements reaching area one mile N of Pinwe and in contact with enemy. Enemy resistance stiffening on Ch 38th Div front as Chinese near Lomauk and threaten Bhamo; elements now within $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of former.

Thirty-six sorties by B-25s of 10th AF are directed against rail objectives: 24 B-25s strike at bridges along Mandalay--Ye-u line, damaging Mu R. by-pass bridge and approaches to two others with 30 tons; 12 B-25s hit trucks and rolling stock in Shwebo marshaling yards with 13.2 tons. River, rail, and road transport hit during sweep of Shwebo, Ye-u, and Kinu areas by 28 P-47s of 10th AF. Offensive sweep also made over Bhamo-Katha region by 95 10th AF P-47s. While strafing Anisakan and Nawngkhio airfields, 16 P-47s of Air Commandos destroy grounded plane and damage hangar and other buildings. Third TAF sorties over XXXIII Corps zone total 198, during which assigned targets are bombed and strafed; several bridges to rear of enemy damaged and 1-2 grounded planes destroyed on airfields. Japanese troops bombed during 43 3d TAF sorties over XV Corps front. Communications lines in Toungoo area and deep in Thailand harassed by 12 3d TAF Beaufighters.

Two enemy bombers unsuccessfully attack motor launches near Akyab; both are shot down by 10th AF P-38s escorting the vessels.

Salween Front After bombing buildings in Kaling area, 4 B-25s refuel and bomb Wan Lai Kam bridge, knocking out spans.

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11 China KWANGSI-KWANGTUNG: Liuchow, defended by two regts
 Cont of Chinese 26th Army, captured by Japanese. Chinese prepare
 to fall back to new line running generally N to S through
 Sancha for defense of Ishan. Japanese are fanning out from
 their Liuchenghsien bridgehead. Enemy units said to be near
 Chipao, SW of Liuchow. Chinese reported engaging enemy at
 Tatang and Loman, SW and NW of Liuchow, respectively. Hq of
 Chinese Fourth War Area now at Hochih. From Tsinkong, Japanese
 column is said to have moved NW about 20 miles.

Targets in Kweilin area twice bombed by total of 9 escorted
 B-25s; fighters escorting one mission strafe troops and buildings.
 P-51s, in 30 sorties, strike at objectives in West R. area SE
 of Liuchow; buildings heavily damaged in bombing attack on
 Tamtong town; 75-foot naval tender destroyed and 9 steamers
 (100-120 feet) damaged at Samshui; trucks, carts, troops, and
 river craft heavily hit in vicinity of Tsinkong, Chenglungu,
 Kweiping, Tamtong, and Takhing. NE of Liuchow, 5 P-51s bomb
 barracks in Lojunghsien area.

HUNAN: Allied fighters take heavy toll of enemy aircraft
 on or over Hengyang airfield: in 3 missions and 39 sorties,
 P-51s and P-40s claim 22-4-25 enemy planes, of which 18-1-17
 are on ground and 4-3-8 in air; 4 P-51s lost. Twelve Allied
 fighter bombers destroy large gasoline truck and damage river
 craft in Changsha area. Nine Japanese bombers raid Chihkiang
 airfield, causing minor damage to taxi strip.

HUPEH: Kingmen airdrome strafed by 6 P-40s.

KIANGSU: Diverted from primary target in Japan by
 weather, 12 B-29s of XX BC attack Shanghai and 24 others strike
 at Nanking; storage facilities at Shanghai severely damaged;
 at Nanking, bulk of bomb load hits Pukow RR terminal, but
 powerhouse and stores also damaged.

South China Sea Three B-24s on sweep of South China Sea
 bomb freighter, Fort Bayard, and Samah Bay targets.

Thailand While sweeping against communications in NW
 Thailand, 9 P-51s and 8 P-38s destroy a locomotive and, on
 Lampang airfield, a grounded plane; 9 enemy planes intercept
 in vicinity of Lampang and 5-7 are destroyed for loss of 1 P-51.

F.I.C. Four escorted B-25s successfully bomb Phuc Yen
 airfield, NW of Hanoi.

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Burma Lt. Gen. Sir Oliver W. H. Leese arrives at SEAC Hq to assume command of 11th Army Group.

Fifth Ind and 11th EA Divs continue drives toward Kalemyo, now under Allied arty fire, from W and N, respectively; main body of 5th Ind Div held up by opposition near number 2 stockade, but elements continue toward Kalemyo; 11th EA Div has units about 3 miles NW of the town and other bridging Neyinzaya Chaung near Indaingale. On IV Corps front, Hq of 19th Div established at Tamu. In N Burma, Br 36th Div advancing down RR corridor is meeting stiffer resistance, but elements seize Pinwe RR station, 9 miles S of Mawlu. Japanese resistance also increasing in Bhamo sector; 113th Regt (Ch 38th Div) overcomes opposition at Khuli, 8 miles SW of Myothit.

Strategic bombers of RAF (15 Liberators) mine Moulmein-Sittang area of S Burma. Tenth AF bombers again concentrate on rail objectives: 45 B-25s with 59.5 tons of bombs operate along line from Wuntho to Sagaing, damaging tracks or installations at Kawlin, Kinu, and Wetlet and hitting Saye bridge. While sweeping Katha, Lashio, and Hsipaw areas, 24 10th AF P-47s strafe river and rail transport and buildings with good effect; 16 others patrol Myitkyina area. Meiktila and Laihka airfields strafed by 20 P-47s of Air Commandos which destroy grounded plane; 1 P-47 lost to ground fire. During 107 sorties over XXXIII Corps zone, 3d TAF planes raid specified targets near Kalewa and Kyigon and area W of Naba. XV Corps assisted by 28 3d TAF sorties; Japanese positions N of Akyab and along the Kaladan harassed. Thirteen Beaufighters of 3d TAF raid communication lines in central and S Burma.

Salween Front Japanese continue to resist strongly in general area 3 miles E, SE, and N of Mangshih. Chinese now hold highest hill between that town and Lungling. Four B-25s and 4 P-51s bomb targets in Wanling area; after refueling and reloading, the B-25s bomb Man Pwe RR bridge and 3 of the P-51s bomb two villages near Chefang.

China KWANGSI-KWANGTUNG: Japanese against negligible resistance advance W of Liuchow, threatening Ishan, on Kweichow-Kwangsi RR. NW of Liuchow, enemy force from Chungtu reaches Loyai. SW of Liuchow, elements of Japanese 104th Div reach Szellien, SW of Tatang; another enemy column, from Laipin or Tsinkong, reportedly occupies Hsinchenghsien, thus frustrating Chinese plan to establish N-S defense line running from Lochenghsien to Sancha to Limiao to Mapo to Hsinchenhsien.

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On Liuchow-Nanning road, hostile force of 1,000 is said to be at Pinyang.

P-51s, in 25 sorties, continue to hammer at enemy movements: N of Liuchow, barges and sampans damaged near Liuchenghsien; S of Liuchow in vicinity of Tuni and West Rivers, casualties inflicted on coolies repairing bridge NE of Tawan, hand cars in Tsinkong area hit, trucks on roads in Takhing and Lupuchu areas heavily damaged; several steamers and smaller craft on West R. hit; 1 P-51 lost.

HUNAN: Approximately 50 fighter bombers and fighters operate against Hunan targets from Changsha southward; fires started among warehouses near Changsha; 2 enemy planes destroyed and 7 damaged on ground at Hengyang airfield; road, river, and rail targets from Changsha S to Kweilin in Kwangsi Province effectively hit with great damage to trucks, gasoline-loaded flat cars, river craft, arty pieces, camouflaged material, and buildings; 4 Allied planes lost to AA fire at Hengyang airfield and 4 seriously damaged.

Thailand Warehouse area near Chiangmai strafed by 4 P-38s.

F.I.C. Seven B-25s bomb rail bridges near Thanh Hoa, knocking out span of one and damaging 2 others; buildings along RR also damaged. While sweeping NE coast, 4 P-51s damage 2 75-foot steamers and 4 100-foot barges by strafing.

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Burma Fifth Ind Div overcomes opposition in vicinity of stockade number 2 and continues to point just W of Kalemyo, where 11th EA Div units are contacted, and to Thazi, 2½ miles SW of Kalemyo. Eleventh EA Div's 25th and 26th Brigs are enveloping strong defenses of main Indaingyi fortified area, with 25th Brig on W at road W of Kalemyo and 26th Brig on R at outer defenses between Inbaung and Indainggale; Japanese recapture position near Inbaung and are being heavily engaged by 26th Brig; area N of Indainggale largely clear of enemy except for pocket near Inbaung. Along RR corridor, Br 36th Div still strongly engaged near Pinwe. W of Bhamo, Ch 22d Div's 64th Regt is securing Shwegu area while remainder of Div moves toward Man Tha. Ch 38th Div is closing in on Bhamo and Momauk; 113th Regt continues SW toward Bhamo from Khuli; 112th has by-passed Momauk to reach Man Kang, 8 miles SE of Bhamo; 114th maintains pressure on Momauk.

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Heavy bombers of 10th AF and RAF strongly attack rail objectives, particularly bridges, in S Burma: 18 unescorted B-24s of 10th AF unload 54 tons of bombs on targets along RR from Moulmein to Pegu, destroying one bridge, damaging several others, and hitting warehouse near Mokpalin; in second attack on Moulmain area, 20 Liberators of RAF, with 3d TAF fighters escorting, further damage rail facilities, destroy bridge at Kyaikkatha, and damage other bridges and buildings with 40.75 tons. Twenty P-38s of 10th AF, while sweeping airfields in Rangoon area, probably down 1 of 12 enemy fighters encountered. Ywataung RR yards attacked by 47 B-25s of 10th AF which score numerous hits with 42.25 tons; escorting Air Commando P-47s harass transport and raid fuel dumps on return trip. Fighters of 10th AF also raid Japanese communication lines, as well as airfields and Army-indicated targets; approximately 100 P-47s strafe river craft on the Irrawaddy, harass rail targets on Shwebo-Wuntho line, fire power plant and bashas in Mogok area, strafe Nawngkhio and Kawlin airfields and destroy grounded plane on latter, and bomb and strafe objectives in Pinwe area. While on communications sweeps in central Burma, 10 3d TAF Beaufighters hit several bridges, damage rolling stock near Maymye, and raid river craft. Supporting XXXIII Corps, 219 planes of 3d TAF drop 28.5 tons of bombs and strafe bridges, bunkers, buildings, river craft, and targets indicated by ground forces in Kalewa area. Army-indicated objectives in Kaladan and Paletwa areas harassed during 36 3d TAF sorties over XV Corps front.

Salween Front Four B-25s destroy 3-4 large warehouses at Wanling and after refueling and reloading bomb Mon Pwe RR bridge.

China KWANGSI: Japanese capture Sancha, another point in proposed Chinese defense line before Ishan; some 2,000 Japanese are said to have been heavily engaged by Chinese at Sancha, and elements of Japanese 12th Div identified in this area. Hostile patrols reportedly reach Limiao.

Thirty-four fighter bomber and fighter sorties flown by 14th AF in area from Liuchenghsien, NNW of Liuchow, southward to West R.: Liuchenghsien town and Lung R. shipping to the SR effectively bombed; at Liuchow, 2 spans of rail bridge damaged as well as rolling stock in the area; military compounds at Pehsze, between Liuchow and Tsinkong, seriously damaged; gun positions in vicinity of Tanchuk hit; shipping on Liu R. near Mosun and on West R. near Tungtsing (E of Kweihsien), Kweiping, and Tengyun damaged by bombs and strafing; 1 P-51 lost.

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HUNAN: Twelve fighter bombers heavily damage buildings and river craft from Changsha to Siangtan. Four P-51s strafe Lingling airfield, probably destroying a grounded plane.

South China Sea Three P-51s destroy cargo junk and damage others off Pakhoi.

Thailand Rail objectives raided by 6 P-38s and 6 P-51s which score direct hits on Kenghluang rail bridge and destroy or damage several locomotives in Uttaradit area.

14 Burma Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory leaves United Kingdom by plane to assume post of Chief of Southeast Asia Air Command; plane and passengers lost en route.

In Kalemyo area, 26th Brig of 11th EA Div continues envelopment of Indaingyi defenses, with elements nearing Natkyingon, on the Myittha R.; patrols are unopposed while probing to point one mile N of junction of Tamu-Kalemyo-Kalewa roads. Twenty-first Brig (11th EA Div) continues S along both sides of the Chindwin unopposed; W of the river, units are approaching Paluzawa. Along Myitkyina-Mandalay RR corridor, Japanese are still resisting near Pinwe and 75-mm. guns are active against Br. 36th Div during night. In Bhamo sector, Ch 38th Div captures Momauk, .8 miles E of Bhamo, and has elements 1½ miles E of Bhamo. Ch 22d Div elements secure Man Tha and block road to N.

Rail objectives at Sagaing attacked by 24 B-25s of 10th AF with 26.4 tons of bombs. Fighter bombers and fighters of 10th AF and Air Commandos also concentrate on rail targets during 89 sorties in Naba area, S of Myitkyina, and from Monywa to Kinu; villages and bridges are among objectives hit. During 166 sorties over XXXIII Corps front, 3d TAF planes raid troops and stores in Kalewa and Pinlebu areas. Forty fighters of 3d TAF support XV Corps troops and successfully raid shipping on the Irrawaddy. Attacking communication lines in S Burma, 13 Bcaufighters damage shipping in Bassein and Rangoon areas and locomotives in vicinity of Pegu.

Salween Front Japanese counterattacks in Mangshih area and at Mengka fail. Twelve 10th AF B-25s attack Lashio, dropping 20 tons of bombs and strafing; buildings, RR station, and rolling stock considerably damaged. Fourteenth AF B-25s, in 8 sorties, and fighter bombers, in 15, bomb and strafe targets in Wanling, Mangshih, and Hsenwi areas, including villages, enemy positions as specified by ground radio, Burma Road, and buildings.

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China KWANGSI: Japanese continue rapid advance W of Liuchow against light resistance. Enemy troops reported in Lochenghsien and patrols said to be less than two miles NE of Ishan. Hoshih, NW of Ishan, being evacuated by civilians. Along road SW of Liuchow, enemy is said to hold Chipao, Sanlu, and Likao. Japanese Hunan-Kwangsi and Kwangtung-Kwangsi drives merge in region between Likao and Szeliem, cutting China in two from Peking to Hongkong and permitting enemy a land route from Manchuria to Hongkong.

Weather prohibits air support of Chinese troops.

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Burma XV Corps passes from 14th Army to direct command of Hq Allied Land Forces Southeast Asia at midnight 15/16. On XXXIII Corps front, 25th Brig of 11th EA Div occupies Kalemyo unopposed; 21st Brig regains contact with enemy in vicinity of Paluzawa. Along RR corridor, Japanese, in bunkered positions, are still strongly defending Pinwe, counterattacking, and infiltrating Br 36th Div lines; some 60 enemy reported killed, about half of whom were behind British lines. In Bhamo sector, Ch 22d Div (-64th Regt) now in Man Tha area. Elements of Mars Task Force (U.S. 475th Regt of 5332d Brig, Prov) set out from training area near Myitkyina to assist Ch 22d Div. Ch 38th Div consults envelopment of Bhamo; elements in contact with enemy 2 miles N and just SE of the town, others cut Bhamo-Namkham road at Namdaungmann, 8 miles SE of Bhamo, and still others clearing area SW of Momauk. Bhamo garrison believed to consist of some 800 Japanese. All main routes from the town are blocked.

Fourteen Liberators of RAF attack Mergui, concentrating 30 tons of bombs on stores and jetties with excellent results. Tenth AF mediums again active against rail objectives, 24 dropping 16 tons in Myitnge area with unobserved results. Twelve 10th AF B-25s release 22.3 tons on Kawlin airfield with results again unobserved. P-47s of 10th AF and Air Commandos, in 132 sorties, attack variety of targets, among them Anisakan and Nawnghkio airfields and miscellaneous objectives in Naba, Bhamo-Katha, Wuntho, and Lashio areas. Fifteen P-38s of Air Commandos, while engaging in offensive sweep against airfields in central Burma, damage rolling stock near Mandalay. Third TAF supports XXXIII Corps with 172 sorties, largely in Kalewa area, 21 tons of bombs dropped and targets strafed. Twenty-four sorties flown by 3d TAF

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fighters over XV Corps zone, during which supply dumps and enemy positions are hit. Eight 3d TAF Beaufighters engage in usual sweeps against communications, harassing river craft near Henzada, rail and road transport in Thazi area, and road targets between Kalewa and Ye-u.

Salween Front Fourteenth AF continues close support of troops: 7 B-25s fire buildings W of Wanling bridge and damage tracks and buildings at Man Pwe rail yards; Tingka village bombed and strafed by 4 P-40s; 4 P-51s severely damage buildings in village near Mangshih and on return start fires in barracks area and village near Wanling.

China KWANGSI: Ishan, on Kweichow-Kwangsi RR, falls to enemy force of 5,000-7,000; Chinese 46th Army is said to have sustained heavy losses here. Situation in Tatang, Hsinchenghsien, and Lochenghsien areas obscure and communications to these towns cut. Japanese units reported SE of Tatang at Tsitung.

Japanese sustain heavy losses in troops, horses, and river craft during raids by 14 P-51s on Ishan, Liuchow, Chwanshan, Kweiping, Mosun, and Pingnam areas; pontoon bridge burned and another bridge damaged near Pingnam; 1 P-51 lost to ground fire.

HONAN: Twelve P-51s destroy 21 locomotives while strafing Lunghai RR.

South China Sea Two P-51s on offensive sweep over Luichow Peninsula damage trucks near Hoikong and sampans in Fahsien area; navy cutter off Weichow Tao I. probably sunk. In night attacks, B-24 sinks 200-foot cargo ship and damages another in convoy at 20-50 N, 113-00 E; another bombs Kowloon docks; a third B-24 sinks 2 250-foot freighters near Hainan I.

F.I.C. Bridges along coastal RR are targets for 12 B-25s which damage one NE of Ninh Binh, tilt span of another 2 miles N of Thanh Hoa, and bomb two others with unobserved results. Four P-51s effectively bomb carbide mines at Quang Yen, near Haiphong, destroying 2 buildings and starting numerous fires.

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Burma Fifth Ind Div clearing area E and S of Kalemyo; elements occupy Taung-u, 1½ miles E of Kalemyo. Eleventh EA Div engaging enemy 2 miles NE of Kalemyo, on road to Kalewa, and in vicinity of Indaingale and Paluzawa. Hard fighting continues in Pinwe area of N Burma; elements of 72d Brig (Br 36th Div) flanking Pinwe to the E to cut RR S of the town. Ch 38th Div's 114th Regt clears pocket SW of Momauk and starts

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mopping up region NW of Momauk; bn of 112th Regt held up by estimated 2 enemy platoons at Namdaungmawn, on Bhamo-Namkham road, and another bn surrounds estimated co of enemy at Man Yut, 6 miles SE of Bhamo.

Eleven B-25s of 10th AF attack Kawlin airfield East; personnel and storage areas fired with 12.2 tons of bombs. Twelve other B-25s of 10th AF aim 18 tons at Thittyabin bridge with unobserved results. P-47s of 10th AF and Air Commandos, during 56 sorties, strafe convoys, barracks, and stores at Nawngkhio airfield and Lashio and bomb Mu R. bypass bridge. Approximately 200 sorties flown by 3d TAF in support of XXXIII Corps and 21.25 tons of bombs dropped. Forty aircraft of 3d TAF operate over XV Corps front. Twelve P-38s of 10th AF also assist XV Corps, dropping land mines at Satwei. Small group of Beaufighters again hits communication lines in central Burma and in vicinity of Prome.

Salween Front Japanese force estimated as 500-600 ousts Chinese regt from Mengka and forces it to withdraw 10 miles E. Japanese continue stubborn defense of Mangshih area. Buildings at Wanling heavily damaged by 4 B-25s. Fifteen sorties flown by 14th AF fighter bombers, during which Hpate, Tingka bridge, and villages near Mangshih and Chefang are hit.

China KWANGSI: Advance enemy forces from Ishan reach Hwaiyuanchen, 7 miles NW of Ishan, and unsuccessfully attempt to cross Lung R. here. Remnants of Chinese 37th and 26th Armies are defending this area, while Chinese 20th Army employs delaying tactics against enemy N of Hwaiyuanchen near Tienho.

P-51s, in about 30 sorties, bomb Ishan and strafe troops, horses, and trucks E of the town; bomb and strafe compounds, cavalry, and river craft while covering Liuchow-Liuchenghsien-Sancha region; bomb Tatang and harass trucks moving toward the town from Ishan; inflict casualties on enemy troops and damage small river craft in vicinity of Tawan; destroy 70-foot steamer on West R. at Dosing (Kwangtung); 1 P-51 missing, probably as result of clash with 6 interceptors at Wuchow.

HUNAN: Twenty-two escorted B-24s attack Changsha, starting fires with 57 tons of bombs. Fighter bombers, in 22 sorties, strafe Paoching and bridges and compounds near by sweep area from Hengyang to Siangtan, striking at bridge, trucks, gasoline drums, and rail station.

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HUPEH: Four P-40s damage Yangtze R. shipping near Shasi.
HONAN: Rail yards at Lohochai bombed by 4 escorted B-25s with excellent results.

China Coast and South China Sea Single B-24s at night raid installations at Samah Bay and Fort Bayard and probably sink 450-foot freighter in South China Sea. Four P-51s raid Amoy Harbor area, dive-bombing freighter, considerably damaging power plant, and probably destroying radar station.

Thailand Bangkok-Chiangmai RR targets attacked by Liberators of both 10th AF and RAF: 15 10th AF and 19 RAF heavies release total of 65 tons, largely on locomotive sheds and bridges; sheds at Pitsanuloke, Uttaradit, and Paknampho heavily hit; Geang Luang bridge damaged and Dara bridge found to be still unserviceable as result of 1 November strike.

F.I.C. Fifteen B-25s of 14th AF attack bridges on coastal RR near Thanh Hoa and Vinh, destroying 1 and damaging several; locomotives and rail cars strafed.

17 Burma Appointment of Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler as successor to Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell as deputy commander of the Southeast Asia Command is announced.

On XV Corps front, 81st WA Div patrol finds Paletwa, on the Kaladan, vacated by enemy. No major changes reported on 14th Army's XXXIII Corps front. In NCAC zone, Japanese still stubbornly defend positions N of Pinwe. Ch 38th Div troops continue pressure on Bhamo; 112th Regt ambushes enemy platoon near Man Yut.

Two missions of 10th AF B-25s, totaling 21, concentrate on bridges at Lashio and S of Mandalay with 34.3 tons of bombs; at Lashio, main bridge and E by-pass bridge destroyed and pontoon bridge damaged; Myittha rail bridge, S of Mandalay, wrecked and Kyaukse rail bridge attacked with unobserved results. Bridges also receive attention of fighters: 20 P-47s of Air Commandos knock out Saye bridge, N of Sagaing, and severely damage Lu R. by-pass bridge. Tenth AF P-47s, in 65 sorties, strafe Nawngkio and Anisakan airfields, targets indicated by troops in Pinwe area, Meza R. ferry sidings S of Indaw, and patrol. Third TAF flies 105 sorties in support of XXXIII Corps and 13 in support of XV Corps; targets W and NE of Kalewa, on XXXIII Corps front, bombed and strafed; in XV Corps area, Japanese near Paletwa and Buthidaung hit. An additional 65 fighter bombers of 3d TAF sweep Kalewa and

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Akyab areas, striking at supply dumps and river craft. While sweeping over Rangoon airfields, 24 fighters of 3d TAF destroy enemy fighter. Seventeen 3d TAF Beaufighters report good results achieved on communications sweeps in S Burma.

Salween Front B-25s, in 9 sorties, destroy Tingka bridge, start large fire in village 1 mile S of Hpate, and cause secondary explosions and large fires at Chefang. Thirty-five fighter sorties flown in support of troops, during which ground radio directs bombing of enemy positions near Mangshih; excellent results reported.

China KHWANGSI: Japanese column, estimated as 2,000 strong, succeeds in crossing Lung R. at Hwaiyuanchon during night of 17/18; strong air support provided enemy in this area.

In 23 sorties, fighters successfully bomb Tanchuk airfield, Ishan, and Hsinganhsien; inflict heavy casualties on enemy troops and horses near Laipin and Ishan; destroy or damage rail, road, and river transport in vicinity of Liuchow, Ishan, and Mosun.

HUNAN: Rail bridge near Chuchow bombed by 2 escorted B-25s; rail cars and sailboats in vicinity strafed. Four B-25s attack Nanyo, severely damaging storage and barracks areas. In 40 sorties, P-40s bomb and strafe Siangtan region; breach dike in Paoching-Hongyang area, flooding road; in same area hit compounds, sampans, troops, and a bridge; strafe barges near Changsha.

South China Sea Fort Bayard and Kowloon docks bombed at night by single B-24s.

18 Burma Along RR corridor in N Burma, Br 36th Div troops kill 40-50 Japanese and capture 4 MGs near Pinwe. Ch 113th Regt (38th Div), beseiging Bhamo, frustrates counterattack supported by 4 tanks, of which 2 are wrecked; 112th Regt, apparently against little resistance, takes Man Yut and Man Si (6 and 11 miles SE of Bhamo, respectively); latter once believed to be strong enemy delaying position; 114th Regt clears enemy pocket at Momauk.

Fifteen RAF Liberators of Strategic Air Force accurately drop 32 tons of bombs on Martaban RR siding jetties, causing large fires. Tenth AF P-47s, in 113 sorties, support ground forces in Bhamo area by raiding troops, dumps, and other targets indicated by radio; hit transport and gun positions in Naba-Meza area; sweep RRs, damaging barracks at Kenhoda, rolling stock and power stations at Myittha, warehouses, and

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dumps at Lashio, and MG positions in vicinity of Maymyo. Third TAF, in 127 sorties, supports XXXIII and XV Corps, carries out fighter sweeps, and escorts supply dropping planes. In addition 13 Beaufighters of 3d TAF harass enemy communication lines in S Burma.

Salween Front B-25s of 10th AF successfully bomb military area in Lashio and rail objectives at Man Pwe; 47 tons of bombs dropped on former and 18 on latter. Enemy fortified positions SE of Mangshih bombed and strafed by 4 14th AF fighters, and target near Tingka bridge strafed by 2 others.

China KWANGSI: Situation in Hwaiyuanchen area becoming critical as Japanese break through positions of Chinese 37th Army in areas 3 and 13 kilometers SW of the town; strong Japanese reinforcements pouring in from Ishan.

Five B-25s bomb village near Ishan. At direction of ground radio, 14 P-51s bomb and strafe enemy positions and arty SW of Hwaiyuanchen with good effect; 9 others, unable to contact B-25s at Ishan, strafe troops and supplies at Hwaiyuanchen. Rolling stock between Ishan and Liuchow hit by 14 fighter bombers and enemy troops and bridge in Taihu area by 12.

HUMAN: In Hengshan area, 4 B-25s destroy stores and installations and damage the town, while 11 P-40s hit gasoline drums, camouflaged material, and transport. P-40s, in 35 sorties, bomb and strafe a variety of targets in Chuanhsien, Lingling, and Paoching areas; bridge N of Lingling, building, stores, and transport damaged.

KWEICHOW: Chinese report enemy air attack on Tuyun.

KIANGSI: Nine P-51s bomb and strafe Kukiang dock area and airfield, destroying large warehouse and 6 grounded aircraft; opposition offered by 4 enemy planes, 1 of which is shot down.

HUPEH-HONAN-SHANSI-HOPEH: Twelve P-40s strafe rail line and roads in area from Siaokan (near Hankow) to Sinyang, damaging or destroying rolling stock and trucks and killing 50 Japanese. Four P-51s destroy 8 locomotives on rail line from Linfen NE and are intercepted over Shihkiachwang airfield (near Chengting) by 10 enemy planes, of which 4 are shot down for loss of 1 P-51.

South China Sea For Bayard, Kowloon docks, and Samah Bay installations bombed at night by total of 3 B-24s.

Burma In Kalemyo sector, elements of 5th Ind Div cross the Neyinzaya Chaung at Hpaungzeik and contact 25th Brig of 11th EA Div. Eleventh EA Div columns on the W occupy

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Mokpalin rail targets attacked in force by strategic bombers of 10th AF and RAF: 24 B-24s of 10th AF unload 69 tons of bombs, 90% of which hit target area; second wave, consisting of 22 RAF Liberators, releases 31.5 more tons with excellent results. Escort for above attacks provided by fighters of 10th AF, Air Commandos, and 3d TAF which drive off interceptors at and near target. Twenty-five B-25s of 10th AF strike at Sagaing rail yards, dropping 19.2 tons of bombs with good results. P-47s of 10th AF, in 27 sorties, bomb and strafe targets of opportunity along Myitkyina-Mandalay RR corridor. On XXXIII Corps front, 60 Hurricanes drop 14.5 tons of bombs while operating in Kalewa area and along Myittha R.; others fly tactical recon mission for Corps. In support of XV Corps, 7 Hurribombers strike at Buthidaung. Communications in central Burma harassed by 4 Beaufighters.

Salween Front Chinese 9th and 2d Res Divs launch attacks on Mangshih and occupy the town during night, following apparently planned withdrawal of Japanese after burning installations and rice stores.

Four B-25s start fires in village 1 mile N of Chefang and after reloading attack Wan Lai Kam highway bridge, destroying 2 15-foot sections. Tingka bridge damaged by 2 additional B-25s. Thirty-five fighter bomber sorties flown against specified enemy gun positions and installations in vicinity of Mangshih and Chefang with excellent results.

China KWANGSI: Japanese deeply penetrate S flank and rear of Chinese 26th Army units about 5 kilometers due W of Hwaiyuanchen. Both Chinese 26th and 37th Armies are believed to be critically low in strength and latter reported completely disorganized. Hostile troops by-pass resistance at Hwaiyuanchen to occupy Lalang, to the W. Paiwang, NW of Hsinchonghsien, also reported in enemy hands. Japanese objective appears to be annihilation of Chinese in 4th War Area.

Nanning airfield evacuated by American military personnel at noon after facilities are destroyed. This is the seven

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14th AF airfield to fall to enemy.

Air activity greatly curtailed by weather. Luchai, on Kweilin-Liuchow road, bombed successfully by 2 P-51s.

HUNAN: While covering area from Siangtan to Pailochi at night, B-25 harasses 3 convoys; another bombs Yochow and Pailochi airdrome.

HUPEH: During sweep against river, road, and rail targets from Itu to Sianning, 19 P-40s destroy 150-foot boat and a number of sampans on the Yangtze, destroy rail cars and trucks, and kill 50 Japanese.

SHANSI: On Yellow R. front, 2 P-51s sweep roads from Jungho to Tungwan and strafe Japanese cavalry.

South China Sea B-24, in night strike, sinks large enemy tanker in 7-ship convoy at 21-20 N, 112-25 E. Another B-24 bombs docks at Samah Bay, Hainan I., during night.

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Burma On XXXIII Corps front, 26th Brig of 11th EA Div occupies Indaingale without opposition and blocks road at Natkyingon; 25th Brig is in contact with enemy near junction of Tamu-Kalemyo-Kalewa roads; 21st Brig continues S along the Chindwin with forward elements at Masein. In IV Corps sector, 19th Div is actively patrolling eastward in Thaugdut and Sittaung areas. On NCAC front, vigorous fighting continues near Pinwe. Elements of Ch 22d Div have advanced 26 miles S of Man Tha unopposed. Preparatory to an all-out assault on Bhamo, bn of Ch 114th Regt (38th Div) relieves 113th N of the town, while 113th concentrates E and S of Bhamo; enemy counterattack in SW outskirts repulsed. Other units of Ch 38th Div are securing Man Si area and eliminating small enemy pocket which escaped from large pocket, eliminated 18 November, at Momauk.

Hsipaw and Bawgyo bridges are objectives for 11 B-25s of 10th AF which release 22 tons, badly damaging former. P-47s of 10th AF, in 89 sorties, strafe targets from Hsipaw to Man Sam and bomb and strafe objectives in Hsipaw and Kanbalu areas; 28 others bomb Pinwe area, concentrating on bunker positions and storage areas. Transport in Shwebo and Sagaing areas harassed by single Wellington of 3d TAF. Supporting XXXIII Corps, 69 fighters of 3d TAF bomb and strafe targets in Kalemyo area as indicated by ground forces; 48 others sweep Kalewa area, destroying Kalewa by-pass bridge and damaging bashas. XV Corps troops assisted by 16 3d TAF sorties during

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which enemy positions near Paletwa are hit and 20 sampans sunk in Kaladan R. Ten Beaufighters continue offensive against enemy communication lines, hitting transport in S Burma. S Burma airfields in vicinity of Rangoon and Bassein swept by 15 P-38s of 10th AF.

Salween Front Hpate, 14 miles NE of Chefang, occupied by Ch Hon. 1st Div, and enemy positions S of the town being attacked by Ch Hon. 1st and Ch 88th Divs. Fighting is in progress near Chefang; enemy force of 300 reported surrounded by Ch 130th Div 3 miles N of the town.

Twenty-three B-25s of 10th AF with 7 P-47s of Air Commandos escorting attack Lashio, dropping 23.3 tons of bombs on dump areas with excellent results. Four B-25s of 14th AF twice attack Lashio, severely damaging barracks area. Fourteenth AF fighter bombers, during 28 sorties, closely support Chinese troops, striking at ammunition dump and villages near Chefang, buildings along Burma Road from Chefang to Wanling, and bridges near Lashio.

China KWANGSI: In area W of Ishan, Japanese occupy Szeenhsien, N of Kweichow-Kwangsi RR, and Lungtow, S of the RR. Elsewhere in Kwangsi Province, Japanese plain-clothes men are said to hold Changanchen, 65 miles N of Liuchow; enemy troops advance to Lungsheng, 40 miles NNW of Kweilin, but withdraw subsequently.

In bombing raid on Lungsheng, 11 Allied fighter bombers wipe out a third of the town.

HUNAN-HUPEH: P-40s, during about 30 sorties, bomb and strafe Hengyang airfield, destroying buildings and 3 grounded planes, and successfully harass enemy traffic on roads and rivers in Siangtan-Siangyin-Yiyang and Siangtan-Hengyang-Youngfeng areas. Fifteen P-40s, while sweeping Anlu and Tienmen areas, dive-bomb and considerably damage radar installation, strafe warehouses, destroy or damage a number of trucks and sampans, and kill estimated 150 Japanese.

KIANGSI: Twenty P-51s, in 2 missions, bomb and strafe objectives in Kiukiang area: two 350-foot freighters probably destroyed; grounded plane wrecked and another damaged on Kiukiang airfield; warehouses near Hukow bombed with good effect. Both missions intercepted by total of 8 enemy planes, of which 1 is shot down, 2 are probably, and 1 is damaged for loss of 1 P-51.

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FUKIEN: Amoy targets bombed and strafed by 5 P-51s which possibly damage freighter in harbor, destroy or severely damage radar station, burn building on airfield, and hit warehouses.

South China Sea Two B-24s bomb Kowloon docks and Fort Bayard during night.

East China Sea Single B-24 attacks and sinks 420-foot vessel at 30-47 N, 122-25 E.

21 Burma Local actions occur on Arakan front. In Kalemyo-Kalewa sector of XXXIII Corps zone, 11th EA Div's 25th Brig, moving eastward toward Kalewa, takes Kyigon, near junction of Tamu-Kalemyo-Kalewa roads. Advance of 21st Brig (11th EA Div) down the Chindwin is halted on both sides of the river in vicinity of Masein where Japanese are resisting with MGs, mortars, and arty. Indecisive fighting continues along Myitkyina-Mandalay RR near Pinwe. Small enemy pocket at Momauk eliminated. Elements of 114th Regt (Ch 38th Div) reach Shwekyina, on Myothit-Bhamo road NNE of latter, and Japanese abandon their by-passed road block at Subbawng.

Eleven RAF Liberators of Strategic Air Force operate over S Burma: 4 successfully bomb Tavoy tin mines and warehouses S of Tavoy, and remainder mine Moulmein area and Tavoy R. Rail bridges at Hsipaw, Bawgyo, and Pyinmana attacked by total of 25 10th AF B-25s with 35 tons of bombs; first two targets destroyed and Pyinmana bridge straddled; 12 P-47s of Air Commandos escort bombers to Pyinmana. Twelve other B-25s of 10th AF concentrate on Monywa motor pool and dump area with 13.2 tons, reporting good results. Thirty-four P-47s of 10th AF bomb and strafe targets in Bhamo area and along RR corridor, including troops, gun positions, and buildings; 12 others raid buildings and installations in vicinity of Mogok. Single Wellington of 3d TAF raids MT in Mandalay area. Nineteen Hurricanes of 3d TAF support XXXIII Corps, while 58 others, in sweeps over Kalewa area, bomb villages and Shwegyin R. bridges. XV Corps troops supported by 14 3d TAF sorties, largely against enemy positions W of Paletwa. Third TAF Beaufighters, in 10 sorties, harass shipping, MT, and factory in S Burma and continue to Thailand, hitting MT.

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Cont Salween Front Japanese continue to resist strongly in hills paralleling Burma Road SW of Hpate, N of Chefang, and in Mengka area. Four P-38s unsuccessfully bomb Burma Road 3 miles N of Wanling.

China KWANGSI: In S Kwangsi Province, reports indicate that Japanese plain-clothes men are in Nanning, and city is believed lost. Large columns of smoke observed rising from vicinity of Hochih, on Nantan road NW of Ishan. Chincheng, 19 miles SE of Hochih, seized by Japanese.

Ishan effectively bombed and strafed by 7 P-51s. In West R. area, 6 P-51s dive-bomb and considerably damage rail bridge at Sheklung, SW of Kweiping, and possibly damage another. Eleven P-51s bomb and strafe Liuchow airfield, probably wrecking grounded fighter and damaging field.

HUNAN: During about 40 sorties, P-40s and P-51s bomb and strafe airfields, bridges, and transport: on Hengyang airfield, buildings and 6 camouflaged planes on ground damaged; gasoline drums on Paoching airfield hit; rail bridge 9 miles S of Lukow knocked out, but another 5 miles S of Chuting missed; 6 small road bridges damaged; wooded area N of Hengshan attacked; rail station, troops, horses, trucks, river shipping, stores, and compounds successfully raided.

KIANGSI: Twenty-four P-51s, in 3 missions against Yangtze R. shipping at Kiukiang, score direct bomb hits on 2 freighters (300-350 feet each) and damage another with very near miss; 3 of 5 intercepting fighters damaged.

Small groups of enemy planes raid Suichwan and Kanchow airfields at night, causing light damage at each.

SZECHWAN: Enemy planes raid Allied airfields in Chengtu area at night, bombing XX BC base at Hsinching and fighter field at Fungwangshan; at Hsinching, 3 B-29s severely damaged, a C-109 damaged, and a number of gasoline drums destroyed; 20,000 rounds of ammunition destroyed at Fungwangshan; intercepting P-61s down 1 hostile plane and probably another.

KIANGSU-ANHWEI: Thirteen B-29s of XX BC, unable to attack primary target, Omura, Japan, drop 40.75 tons of bombs on Shanghai, damaging warehouses, textile mills, and powerhouse. Five others strike at Nanking, hitting warehouses and storage areas with 16.25 tons. Targets of opportunity for single B-29s in Anhwei Province are Chuchow and Pengpu.

HONAN: Eight P-51s damage locomotives and box cars on rail line in Sincheng area.

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FUKIEN: Single P-51 bombs enemy hq in Foochow area and strafes airfield with good effect.

East China Sea In night raid on shipping at 30-18 N, 123-10 E, single B-24 sinks 300-foot vessel and probably another.

Thailand Sixteen B-24s of 10th AF strike at bridges along RR from Chiengmai to Bangkok, dropping 45 tons of bombs with unobserved results; 1 B-24 lost, probably to MG fire.

22 Burma On Kalemyo-Kalewa road, 25th Brig (11th EA Div) continues eastward from Kyigon for about 2 miles before re-gaining contact with enemy; small pocket by-passed. In N. Burma, Ch 64th Regt (22d Div) has elements at Moda, 14 miles NE of Katha; no enemy encountered. Reports indicate enemy is using trail SE from Namkham to Burma Road.

Tenth AF B-25s, in 25 sorties, unload 36 tons of bombs on rail yards at Ywataung with unobserved results. Thirty-nine P-47s of 10th AF closely support troops in Bhamo and Pinwe areas, while another mission of 20 P-47s strafes rail targets at Kanbalu and Kawlin East airfield. Mu R. by-pass bridge bombed by 19 P-47s of Air Commandos. Assisting XXXIII Corps, 3d TAF Hurricanes fly 98 sorties against enemy positions, camps, and dumps and drop 20.5 tons of bombs. Thirty-six additional Hurricanes sweep Kalewa-Indaw-Pyingaing areas, reporting good results against bridges, buildings, and rolling stock. XV Corps supported by 11 Hurricane sorties. Rail and water transport hit by Beaufighters in 10 sorties.

Salween Front Four B-25s damage buildings in storage area at Wanling and, after reloading, successfully bomb Kutkai storage area. Thirteen fighter missions, each of 4-7 planes, flown in direct support of Chinese troops; Burma Road targets in vicinity Chefang, Wanling, Man Pong, and Pakha bombed and strafed with good results; bridge at Mongyu and another at Kawngka destroyed.

China KWANGSI Japanese force of 1,000 is said to be attempting to flank and encircle remnants of Chinese 26th Army at Hwaiyuanchen. Meanwhile, enemy troops which by-passed Hwaiyuanchen are reported within 6 kilometers of Hchih. Changan, NE of Lochenghsien, is said to be occupied by 2,000 Japanese. On S Kwangsi front, Nanning reported occupied by 1,000 Japanese and Wuming, about 35 miles to the NNE, by similar force.

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Ishan severely damaged by accurate bombing of 10 B-25s with 7 P-51s escorting; near-by opportunity targets strafed. During 32 sorties, P-51s effectively bomb Lungsheng, Yungfu, rail bridge and highway bridge at Yungfu, and Hwaiyuanchen; among objectives strafed are material along RR near Yungfu, rail station and rail and road transport in vicinity of Hwaiyuanchen, and troops, horses, and river craft near Pinyang and Tsinkong.

HUNAN-HUPEH: Fighter bombers and fighters, in 56 sorties, successfully bomb Paoching where bridge is knocked out, bomb rail tunnel just S of Hengshan without effect, and strafe gun positions, troop concentrations, horses, and transport along roads, rivers, and RR, particularly in vicinity of Changsha. Four B-25s, operating singly, bomb Changsha storage area and harass transport along Siang R. Valley. In night attack on Hankow, 19 B-24s bomb waterfront and warehouses, causing secondary explosions; 3 others attack Yochow. While B-24s attack Hankow, 1 B-25 and 2 P-51s raid AA positions and searchlights.

ANHWEI-KIANGSI: Six P-51s bomb and strafe targets at Anking and Kiukiang; at former, shipping damaged, 5-6 enemy planes destroyed on airfield, and 2 shot down; cargo boats at Kiukiang strafed.

Japanese planes are active at night against airfields, 9 destroying a B-24 at Suichwan and 7 causing light damage at Kanchow.

FUKIEN: Three P-51s bomb freighter at Amoy and harass opportunity targets in the area.

Hainan I. Installations E of Samah Bay raided by single B-24 at night.

Thailand Khao Huajang (Kra Isthmus) is objective for successful attack by RAF bombers of Strategic Air Force: 20 Liberators release 34 tons of bombs, possibly wrecking base of W pier and sinking several vessels; 12-14 coastal vessels strafed.

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Burma On 11th EA Div front, 25th Brig clears enemy pocket near Kylon; hostile remnants E of Indainggyi and near Natkyingon being eliminated by elements of 25th and 26th Brigs; 21st continues to clear Masein region. Along RR corridor in N Burma, Br 36th Div launches attack on Pinwe, securing

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objective. Elements of 148th Regt (Ch 50th Div) disperse enemy patrol 9 miles N of Katha. S of the Shweli R., Ch 22d Div patrols contact Japanese at points E and SE of Sikaw. Ch 38th Div elements enter Bhamo on S and expand their holdings in NE outskirts.

Heavy bombers concentrate on S Burma targets: 18 B-24s of 10th AF with fighters of 10th AF and 3d TAF escorting loose 54 tons of bombs on Hninpale bridge, on Pegu-Martaban line, with unreported results. Ten medium bombers of 10th AF raid rail bridges, striking along line from Shwebo to Wuntho with 10.8 tons; Tantabin main and by-pass bridges, Tangon main and by-pass bridges, and Theygyaung by-pass bridge damaged. Fighter escort for B-25 mission to Lashio (17 P-47s of Air Commandos) demolishes bridge at Shwebo and damages another at Myingatha. Tenth AF P-47s, during 26 sorties in support of troops along RR corridor, drop 11 tons of bombs on enemy concentrations near Pinwe; 35 additional P-47s sweep road S of Ye-u, strafing MT, installations, and bashas. Third TAF fighter bombers fly 15 sorties in support of XXXIII Corps, while 132 others raid bridges, camps, river craft, and opportunity targets in Kalewa area; single Wellington bombs transport on Shwegyin-Pyingaing road. Thirty-eight 3d TAF sorties flown over XV Corps front where usual targets are hit. Thirteen 3d TAF Beaufighters harass communication lines in central Burma.

Salween Front Fighting continues near Chefang and Mengka. While Ch 88th Div engages enemy S of Hpate, Ch 87th and Hon. 1st Divs by-pass this area to continue S on Burma Road.

Forty-eight escorted B-25s of 10th AF attack Lashio, aiming 50.5 tons of bombs at dumps with unobserved results. Fourteenth AF continues close support of Chinese troops: 4 B-25s, after starting fires at Wanling, raid Kutkai; 11 others successfully bomb warehouse area at Lashio; fighters, during 14 missions, bomb and strafe enemy positions and installations as requested by ground radio, largely in Wanling and Chefang areas; Mongyu-Namhkai bridge destroyed.

China KWANGSI: Hochih falls to Japanese troops who continue rapidly NW to Tachang-Tongkiang area where only feeble resistance is offered by small disorganized groups of Chinese 27th Group Army. Hochih reported razed by fire and enemy air attacks. Japanese in Hochih area estimated to number 2,000. Lungshankhsien and Tuan, respectively 72 miles SW and 75 miles WSW of Liuchow, reported occupied by enemy.

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Ten P-51s bomb and strafe rail targets at Ishan, damaging installations and rolling stock. Eight others bomb Liuchow with excellent results. Tanchuk airfield strafed by 2 P-51s, of which 1 is lost to AA fire.

HUNAN: Nine P-40s bomb and damage rail bridge and approach tracks to rail tunnel S of Hengshan. Hengyang airfield raided by 4 P-51s which damage 4 enemy planes on the ground. Two B-25s harass truck convoy N of Changsha during night.

SHANSI: Taiyuan RR repair shops effectively bombed by 10 P-51s which also destroy 11 locomotives and damage another on RR.

South China Sea Two B-24s, in night mission, bomb Kowloon docks and Samah Bay installations.

Thailand Eight RAF Liberators of Strategic Air Force mine Bangkok area.

F.I.C. Two B-25s raid shipping and shore installations along coast in vicinity of 20-50 N, 106-56 E; direct hits and near misses scored on 300-foot freighter; AA fire damages 1 B-25 and the other is missing.

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Burma Eleventh EA Div makes progress in its two-pronged drive on Kalewa. Along Kalemyo-Kalewa road, 25th Brig occupies Yenatha, 8 miles W of Kalewa; hostile pockets W of Natkyingon and E of Indaingale cleared, but Japanese remain just S of Natkyingon. Advancing down the Chindwin toward Kalewa, 21st Brig overcomes resistance in Masein area and continues S unopposed, reaching Kazet, 4 miles SSE of Masein, on E bank and point about 9 miles N of Kalewa on W bank. On IV Corps front, 19th Div units occupy Nanbon, 16 miles ESE of Sittaung, after some 100 Japanese withdraw. Indecisive fighting continues in Bhamo and Pinwe areas of N Burma with Ch 38th and Br 36th Divs reporting slight gains. Elements of Ch 30th Div at Natung, 6 miles S of Momauk, and others at Kazu.

Twenty-four B-25s of 10th AF aim 33 tons of bombs at rail bridges along Mandalay-Rangoon line. Mu R. by-pass bridge is target for 30 P-47s of Air Commandos which knock out a span and damage support and trackage with 7.5 tons in support of troops in N Burma, 32 P-47s of 10th AF bomb bridges in Pinwe and Bhamo areas; 40 others strafe Pintha region and Lashio airfield. XXXIII Corps troops assisted by 46 sorties of 3d TAF Hurrribombers; 39 others and 6 Spitfires sweep road

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from Kalewa to Ye-u and bomb and strafe targets in vicinity of Kalewa. Twenty-one Hurribombers support XV Corps, hitting ammunition dump near Buthidaung and enemy positions near Paletwa.

Salween Front Mengka is evacuated by Japanese and occupied by Ch 76th Div, elements of which have advanced to area $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles SE of Chefang. Ch 88th Div overcomes opposition on hill feature 5 miles S of Hpate, while 87th continues down Burma Road to point 5 miles NE of Chefang. Ch 130th Div elements force crossing of Namhkam R. in area 3 miles SW of Chefang.

Continuing support of Chinese troops, 7 B-25s of 14th AF heavily damage buildings in storage area at Lashio; 4 others damage Wanling storage area and on return ineffectively bomb Wan Lai Kam bridge; by-pass bridge at Hsenwi destroyed during bombing attack by 9 P-38s; approximately 35 more fighter bombers strike targets in Chefang area as requested by ground forces. Japanese planes, in night attack on Chengkung airfield, cause light casualties and damage.

China KWANGSI-HUNAN: Japanese continue rapid advance toward Nantan, near border of Kweichow Province. Chinese are said to be still resisting at Tachang, Tongkiang, and Szeenhsien. Sankiang, due W of Kweilin, reported captured by enemy force from 13th Div.

P-51s, during 32 sorties, bomb and strafe targets in vicinity of Hochih, Ishan, Liuchow, and Kweilin: Shuiyuan (SE of Hochih) and Hwaiyuanchen (near Ishan) successfully bombed; airfield at Liuchow hit and tent and warehouse areas near by fired; in vicinity of Kweilin, Erntong airfield twice bombed with damage to gun positions and installations and culvert near Shangkaishow, NE of Kweilin, destroyed; one mission crosses into Hunan to bomb Hsinganhshien. Elsewhere in Hunan Province, 4 B-25s accurately bomb Siangtan; 17 escorting fighters harass targets along roads and rivers from Sinshih to Changsha with very good results. Twenty-one P-40s bomb rail bridges and tunnel near Hengshan.

Single enemy bomber ineffectively raids Chihkiang airfield at night.

KIANGSI: Suichwan airfield bombed at night by 3 hostile planes without effect.

HUEFH: In successful night attack on Hankow, 21 B-24s concentrate on storage area at waterfront, starting fires visible for 60 miles. In conjunction with B-24 attack, 2

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B-25s raid AA positions and searchlights at Hankow and targets at Wuchang and Pailochi airfield.

Tongking Gulf-South China Sea Three B-24s, operating singly, successfully bomb Samah Bay installations, but fail to damage convoy at 18-00 N, 108-40 E and another at 22-55 N, 117-48 E.

Thailand Fifteen Strategic Air Force Liberators of RAF release 38.5 tons of bombs on locomotive sheds at Chiangmai and Lampang, starting fires.

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Burma Eleventh EA Div continues to close in on Kalewa: units advancing along road from Kalembo reach Chaunggyin, while those moving S along Chindwin R. are 6 miles N of Kalewa on W bank; Japanese abandon their positions 9 miles NNE of Kalewa on E bank. Along RR corridor, Br 36th Div reports further small gains N of Pinwe. Heavy but indecisive fighting continues at Bhamo. Bn of Ch 50th Div reaches Moda, 14 miles NE of Katha, where elements of Ch 22d Div are contacted.

Eastern Air Command's offensive against enemy communication lines, particularly bridges, continues. Twenty-four B-25s of 10th AF escorted by 8 P-47s of Air Commandos knock out rail bridge at Kyaukse and damage another near Samon, both S of Mandalay, with 33.8 tons of bombs. Madaunghla bridge, N of Shwebo, and Sabyin bridge, on Arakan coast N of Taungup, bombed by 12 P-47s of Air Commandos and 4 P-38s of 10th AF, respectively. Sixteen 10th AF P-47s sweep rail corridor from Wuntho to Shwebo; 76 others with 22.2 tons of bombs strike at objectives in Lashio area, rolling stock N of Wuntho, and troops and ammunition dump SE of Bhamo. Pakokku, Sagaing, and Monywa bombed at night by 3 B-25s of Air Commandos. Fifty-two Hurribombers of 3d TAF support XXXIII Corps, dropping 8.9 tons of bombs, while 28 others support XV Corps. Other fighter bombers and fighters of 3d TAF, in 107 sorties, raid village and bridges in Kalewa area; damage river, rail, and road transport while sweeping from Kalewa to Monywa; attack Japanese hq at Ye-u; virtually destroy Kaduma, NW of Ye-u; damage rail installations at Zigon, N of Shwebo; destroy grounded plane on Heho airfield and strafe hangarcttos at Meiktila and Thedaw. Heho airfield bombed at night by single Wellington. Third TAF Beaufighters, in 24 sorties, sweep over Burma and N Thailand; damaging transport and opportunity

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targets in vicinity of Bawgyo, Bassein, and Chiengmai.
Two enemy bombers raid Myitkyina airfield at night, causing some damage.

Salween Front Japanese counterattack drives Ch 130th Div back across the Namhkam R. in area 3 miles SW of Chefang. Another enemy counterattack regains hill feature 5 miles S of Hpate; Ch 88th Div is attempting to regain hill. Japanese holding out on ridge just W of Mengka are being attacked by Ch 2d Res Div; other enemy troops now 8 miles S of Mengka.

In close support of Chinese troops, approximately 20 fighters of 14th AF bomb and strafe enemy positions in Chefang, Mongyu, and Namsang areas. Village near Wanling and warehouses at Lashio each bombed by 6 B-25s of 14th AF.

China KIANGSI: Tachang, on road from Hochih to Nantan, falls to Japanese.

Twelve P-51s, in 4 missions, bomb Hochih, Hwaiyuanchen, compounds at Ishan, and barracks 10 miles E of Ishan; at Hochih, some 50 Japanese killed and rail cars damaged by strafing.

HUNAN: One B-25 and 8 P-40s raid Paoching and opportunity targets on roads and rivers in the area. Nine P-40s hit buildings, bridges, and transport while covering Siangtan-Hengyang area.

ANHWEI: Enemy shipping in Anking area skip-bombed by 8 P-51s with highly successful results; 175-foot gunboat and 165-foot naval vessel sunk; another gunboat and a freighter left in sinking condition. Same mission, while strafing Anking airfield, destroys 4 grounded planes; of 2 intercepting enemy planes, 1 is shot down and the other damaged; 1 P-51 lost to AA fire.

South China Sea In night attacks on shipping, 2 B-24s sink 200-foot submarine chaser at 16-52 N, 108-38 E and in same general area probably destroy CL and damage another. Samah Bay raided by a third B-24.

Thailand Fourteenth AF P-38s strafe enemy installations at Lampang and Chiengmai.

F.I.C. Six B-25s and 5 P-51s bomb and strafe Phu Lang Thuong targets, missing rail bridge, but damaging AA positions, buildings, and road and rail transport. Haiphong harbor mined at night by B-24s.

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Burma On XV Corps front, 81st WA Div patrols are active in Paletwa area and report that Japanese have abandoned positions along W bank of the Kaladan. In XXXIII Corps zone, Japanese are employing strong delaying tactics along Myittha R. gorge W of Kalewa, and 25th Brig is halted at Chaunggyin

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N of Kalewa, 21st Brig patrols find Legyidaw free of enemy, but positions near by still held by Japanese. In IV Corps sector, elements of 19th Div capture Nankan, killing 40 Japanese. On NCAC front, Br 36th Div is consolidating gains and patrolling in Pinwe area; Ch 38th consolidating positions at Bhamo. Ch 30th Div Hq now at Natung; elements of Div at Man Si.

Twenty-four RAF Liberators of Strategic Air Force strike hard at Pyinmana rail junction, on Mandalay-Rangoon line; station, sidings, yards, and rolling stock hit with 64 tons of bombs. Pyinmana also raided by 9 B-25s of 10th AF escorted by 7 Air Commando fighters; 36 tons of bombs straddle bridge and fall across tracks. Tenth AF P-47s, while flying more than 100 sorties, support troops in Pinwe and Bhamo areas, raid several villages S of Bhamo, destroy warehouses at Mabein, on the Shweli R., virtually raze Kungmong, near Lashio, strafe targets along RR from Maymyo to Wetwun, and patrol Myitkyina area; 37 tons of bombs dropped. Heho and Meiktila airfields strafed by 15 P-47s of Air Commandos. Tactical missions for XXXIII and XV Corps carried out by 16 and 12 3d TAF fighters, respectively. In addition, Hurricanes, Spitfires, and Thunderbolts fly 112 sorties, largely over Kalewa area and Ye-u, but some reach RR corridor at Wuntho; 3 bridges knocked out and 3 damaged between Kalewa and Pyingaing; rail yards and factory at Ye-u bombed and strafed. Seven Beaufighters continue long-range flights against communication lines, damaging factories and transport in Prome-Taikyai areas and shipping near Kalegawk I.

Salween Front Ch 2d Res Div secures ridge just W of Mengka. Fighting continues in area 5 miles S of Hpate.

Twenty-six fighter bombers of 14th AF, supporting Chinese troops, bomb and strafe panel-marked targets 3 miles NW of Chefang, Burma Road between Chefang and Wanling, and Kawngka bridge. As result of raids, Burma Road is blocked by landslides and Kawngka bridge damaged.

China KWANGSI-KWEICHOW: Japanese driving NW along road to Kweiyang are exerting strong pressure on Chinese in Cheho area, about 13 miles NW of Hochih.

Hochih town, rail installations, and RR cars damaged by 10 B-25s and 5 P-51s. P-40s and P-51s, in 25 sorties, strafe rail cars at Tachang and in Liuchow area bomb and strafe opportunity targets, including lumber storage and building areas and rail and river transport.

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HUNAN: Two B-25s and 32 fighters bomb and strafe Hunan targets, among them Paoching town, Lingling and Paoching airfields, and opportunity targets near Changsha; rail and road transport and installations considerably damaged as well as camouflaged stores and buildings; casualties inflicted on troops and horses.

South China Sea Samah Bay installations raided at night by single B-24, and small shipping off W coast of Hainan I. by another.

Thailand Twenty-one B-24s of 10th AF concentrate on bridges along rail line from Chiengmai to Bangkok with 52.5 tons of bombs; 1 bridge probably destroyed; another bridge and trackage believed damaged. Six 14th AF B-25s bomb Kenghluang rail bridge, damaging approach tracks. Same target bombed by 7 P-38s of 14th AF which hit approaches; Chiengmai airfield strafed.

Malaya Three RAF Liberators fly over 3,000 miles to mine approaches to Penang Harbor; weather prevents 13 others from reaching target.

F.I.C. Rail objectives, chiefly bridges, attacked by 9 B-25s escorted by 11 P-51s of 14th AF: bombers concentrate on Phu Lang Thuong and Dap Cau rail bridges; former also bombed by P-51s which score direct hits on bridge and S approach; AA positions, rail transport, and trucks strafed.

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Burma Replacement of Lt. Gen. Sir Henry R. Pownall as chief of staff of Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten by Lt. Gen. Frederick A. M. Browning is announced; Pownall resigned because of ill health. Maj. Gen. A.C. Wedemeyer is replaced as deputy chief of staff by Maj. Gen. Horace H. Fuller.

On IV Corps front, Paungbyin occupied by 64th Brig of 19th Div without opposition, and advance is continued to Kaungkasi, 26 miles W of Pinlebu.

Mergui is secondary target and Taungup the last resort target for 1 B-29 each from XX BC mission to Bangkok; results described as good at Mergui and excellent at Taungup. Rail yards at Thazi and Yamethin are objectives for 26 B-25s of 10th AF with 37.5 tons of bombs; both targets damaged, as well as 2 bridges at latter. Three B-25s of Air Commandos fly night intruder mission over Kanyo, Maymyo, Minbya, and Myitnge; large fires kindled at Kanyo, warehouses at Maymyo bombed, and rail transport N of Minbya hit. Tenth AF fighter

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27 bombers and fighters fly 113 sorties over N and NE Burma, patrolling Myitkyina area, supporting troops in vicinity of Pinwe, Katha, and Bhamo, strafing buildings and dumps at Lashio, causing considerable damage at Mongnit in 2 strikes, wrecking 2 bridges near Hsipaw, and hitting Kutkai and Wuntho with excellent results. Ten fighter bombers of Air Commandos raid Wetlet, S of Shwebo, damaging tracks and rolling stock. Fifty-six Hurricanes of 3d TAF bomb and strafe bunkers in support of XXXIII Corps. Twenty 3d TAF fighter sorties flown over XV Corps front, some on photo recon missions and others strafing villages and river craft. Bridges SE of Kalewa are objectives for 60 additional Hurricanes with 15 tons of bombs; 1 bridge in Kongyi area, 3 near Kaing, and 1 at Shwegyin destroyed; 1 damaged in Kaing area and approaches to another damaged at Mutaik. Additional fighters of 3d TAF, during 45 sorties, bomb enemy camp at Monywa, strafe Hoho and Meiktila airfields, and at night bomb dumps at Ye-u and rail targets at Wuntho. Beaufighters, in 10 sorties, strafe Maungdaw area and transport in S Burma.

Salween Front Ch 88th Div clears hill feature S of Hpate and continues 1 mile S. Pressure is maintained on enemy at Chefang.

Fourteenth AF continues close support of troops: stores and barracks at Lashio twice bombed and considerably damaged by 4 B-25s; ground radio directs raids by 26 fighter bombers on enemy installations in Chefang-Wanling area; Hsonwi and Kawngka bridges also bombed.

China KWANGSI-KWEICHOW: Chinese reported in contact with Japanese in vicinity of Lieming Pass, W of Ipehsien. Enemy column, moving NW from Wuming, captures Losu.

Seventeen B-25s strike in Hochih area, effectively bombing small towns 5 and 10 miles S of Hochih. Wenping, W of Szeensien, bombed by 4 P-51s which start fires.

South China Sea In night strikes, B-24 bombs Kowloon docks, another raids Samah Bay, and a third sinks 2 125-foot coastal vessels at 21-03 N, 113-40 E.

Thailand XX BC dispatches 60 B-29s to Bangkok; 55 reach target and accomplish precision bombing in clear weather, hitting marshaling yards and repair facilities with 382.25 tons of bombs; large warehouse, several repair shops, 7 locomotives, and numerous rail cars destroyed; all rail lines cut; cement works severely damaged; business and residential

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sections also hit. Although enemy planes are aggressive, AA fire is meager; 7 enemy aircraft destroyed, 3 probably, and 6 damaged; 1 B-29 missing. Of remaining 5 B-29s dispatched, 3 raid alternative targets (Mergui, Taungup, and target of opportunity), 1 jettisons bombs, and 1 returns to base with bombs.

Nine P-38s of 14th AF bomb and strafe Lampang airfield and Chiengmai.

F.I.C. Sixteen B-24s with 11 P-51s escorting attack Gia Lam RR yards with excellent results. Phu Lang Thuong rail bridge attacked by 6 B-25s and 11 escorting P-51s; bridge apparently undamaged, but buildings and approach trackage wrecked; fighters also strafe barracks and installations at Bac Ninh and rolling stock on RR to Lang Son.

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Burma Twenty-fifth Brig of 11th EA Div overcomes opposition at Chaunggyin and continues eastward toward Kalewa; N of Kalewa, 21st Brig is engaging estimated 100 Japanese in Singaung area. NW of Bhamo, airstrip area cleared of enemy by 114th Regt (Ch 38th Div); 113th Regt in position to assault E defenses; elements of 112th hold area from Namkham road to the Irrawaddy. Elements of Ch 50th Div moving to Shwegu.

Twenty-one Strategic Air Force Liberators of RAF strike at Mandalay, unloading 89.5 tons of bombs on marshaling yards; yards, sidings, and buildings hit. Bridges and rail yards at Tatkon, Pyinmana, Natmouk, and Sinthegon are targets for 23 B-25s of 10th AF with 33 tons of bombs; 1 bridge knocked out and another damaged; fires started in rail yards. P-47s of 10th AF, in approximately 150 sorties, engage in bombing and strafing sweeps in N and NE Burma, raiding troops at Pinwe, bashas at Meza, bunkers and MGs near Bhamo, Kutkai, dumps at Kungmong, and rail targets from Maymyo to Bawgyo. In dive-bombing attack on Myitnge bridge, 7 P-47s of Air Commandos damage tracks. XXXVIII and XV Corps assisted by 70 and 35 3d TAF sorties, respectively, many of them recn missions. Fifty-two fighter bombers of 5th TAF attack widespread targets, including Pinlebu, Alezu, Rawlin rail station, Kaduma, and Allagappa; bridge destroyed at Alezu. Beaufighters, in 8 sorties, hit ferry and rail targets in Tharrawaddy area.

Salween Front Japanese frustrate another attempt by Ch 30th Div to cross the Namkham R. SW of Chefang. Ch 88th Div is attacking enemy positions 9 miles NE of Chefang along Burma Road.

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Fourteenth AF B-25s, in 12 sorties, bomb buildings at Chefang, damage storage area at Hsenwi, possibly damage Wan Lai Kam bridge, and attack buildings near Kutkai. Fifteen fighter bombers of 14th AF concentrate on bridges at Namhkai, Hsenwi, Kawngka, and Lashio; targets near bridges strafed. Seventeen additional 14th AF fighters, in close support of ground forces, bomb and strafe in Chefang-Kawngpit area at request of ground radio. Two enemy planes raid Yunnanyi airfield at night, causing light damage and casualties.

China KWANGSI-KWEICHOW: Japanese capture Nantan, near Kweichow border. Other enemy forces drive Chinese from Lieming Pass. Tuhshan and Tuyun, on Nantan-Kweiyang road, threatened with envelopment by enemy units through Lieming Pass and others which have moved W through Sankiang and Changan.

Sixteen P-51s strike at Japanese troops and cavalry, hitting advance cavalry units on Pachai-Tukiang road, cavalry column of 500 between Tachang and Hochih, troop concentrations in Hochih area, and cavalry S of Nantan.

South China Sea Kowloon docks, Fort Bayard, and Samah Bay installations each raided at night by a single B-24.

Thailand Kenghluang rail bridge is objective for 4 P-38s of 14th AF which score bomb hits on N abutment and approach.

F.I.C. Seventeen 14th AF B-24s with 11 P-51s as escort drop 51 tons of bombs on rail repair shops at Gia Lam, probably wrecking installations. Phu Lang Thuong rail bridge again attacked by bombers of 14th AF: 5 B-25s score 5 direct hits.

29 Burma Twenty-fifth Brig of 11th EA Div continues slowly eastward toward Kalewa against strong delaying actions along Myittha R. gorge; two enemy parties moving along S bank of Myittha R. toward Kalewa sustain heavy casualties; 21st Brig astride the Chindwin N of Kalewa overcomes opposition in Singaung area. Along RR corridor in N Burma, Japanese appear to have abandoned their positions in Pinwe area; rcn reveals all bridges between Pinwe and Naba afire and one just S of latter blown; Br 36th Div patrols are probing toward Pinwe.

Tenth AF mediums continue to hammer at rail targets: Br 10 destroy RR bridge at Tonbo, S of Mandalay, with 22.5 ton bombs; 22 others with fighter escort from Air Commando damage tracks at Yamethin and Pyawbwe and warehouses at former with 23.1 tons. Bridges also receive attention of 14th AF fighter

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20 bombers, 45 of which damage road and rail bridges N of Shwebo
Cont with 22 tons. Fourteen P-47s of Air Commandos bomb Myitnge
bridge, knocking out 2 spans. Fighter bombers and fighters
of 10th AF, in 110 sorties, attack targets at Pinwe and Bhamo
in support of ground forces, patrol Myitkyina-Katha-Bhamo-
Sikaw area, hit rail sidings at Meza, and wreck buildings at
Tigyaing, S of Katha. Third TAF supports XXXIII Corps with
82 sorties and XV Corps with 29; in XXXIII Corps zone, bunkers
and by-pass bridge near Kalewa bombed and rcn missions flown;
planes supporting XV Corps bomb enemy dug in along the Kaladan
and fly rcn and escort missions. Forty-two fighters of 3d
TAF, in 2 missions, bomb Kyaikthin, Uyin, and rail bridge near
Chaungu and strafe Monywa. Beaufighters continue to harass
communications: 8 raid transport near Nawngkhio and Sathwa
and, in night intruder mission, strafe Heho airfield.

Salween Front Japanese are reported burning rice at
Chefang, presumably in preparation for planned withdrawal.

Fourteenth AF planes continue to support Chinese troops.
Military area at Lashio twice bombed by 4 B-25s which reload
between attacks. Three others concentrate on military area
at Hsenwi. Bridges at Hsenwi, Namkai, and Kawngkha are
targets for 5 P-38s which destroy 3 at first two objectives.
Namsang area strafed by 3 P-51s. Other fighter bombers,
during 19 sorties, provide close support for Chinese troops,
striking in Chefang area as indicated by panels and ground
radio.

China KWANGSI-KWEICHOW: Japanese launch drive into
Kwangsi Province from NE French Indo-China and occupy Pingsiang
where forces divide, part moving toward Lungchow and remainder
driving on Ningming. Meanwhile, enemy drives on Tuhshan in
Kweichow Province continue.

Nine B-25s accurately bomb Tachang town and rail yards.
Several P-51s, while on offensive rcn, bomb and strafe buildings
near Nanning. Hochih bombed by 8 P-51s.

South China Sea Fort Bayard and Hongkong docks raided at
night by single B-24s.

Thailand Bridge near Kanchanaburi attacked by 21 B-24s
of 10th AF with 31.5 tons of bombs; bridge possibly damaged
and several buildings destroyed. Fifteen RAF Liberators of
Strategic Air Force attack Bangkok at night, bombing main rail
station, jetty area, and engine sheds; resulting fires visible
for 120 miles.

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F.I.C. Six B-25s of 14th AF severely damage rail bridge at Ninh Binh. Eight 14th AF P-51s bomb and strafe carbide mines at Quang Yen and damage 11 75-foot barges.

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Burma During the month, activity along the Arakan coast has consisted of sporadic patrol clashes. Japanese appear to be withdrawing along the Kaladan. On Chindwin front, battered Japanese 33d Div continues to employ strong delaying tactics, particularly W of Kalewa; advance elements of 25th Brig (11th EA Div) succeed in crossing Waye Chaung, just W of Kalewa, while 21st advances slightly along Chindwin N of Kalewa. In N Burma, Pinwe, on Myitkyina-Mandalay RR, is occupied without opposition by 29th Brig of Br 36th Div; 100 enemy dead and considerable equipment, including 3 flame throwers, found in the town. Although Japanese 53d Div has abandoned Pinwe, enemy is said to be strengthening his forces in the Meza Valley W of the RR corridor. Japanese continue to defend Bhamo strongly, but Ch report gains in NW and capture of 11 bunkers in E. Bhamo-Namkham region believed responsibility of Japanese 18th Div. Chinese troops of 30th Div, advancing down Bhamo-Namkham road are now 20 miles S of Bhamo; no enemy contacted. Ch 22d Div units are active S of the Shweli R. E of Si-u.

Continuing offensive against transport facilities, 9 B-25s of 10th AF knock out 3 bridges while attacking Namkai, Bawgyo, and Hsenwi; 11 others with fighter escort bomb Myittha rail yards, S of Mandalay, damaging tracks and buildings; 12 more strike at Kume, near Myittha, destroying buildings. Fighter escort to Myittha (7 P-47s of Air Commandos) dive-bombs Mu R. by-pass bridge, knocking out center and hitting tracks. Eighty-five P-47s of 10th AF support N Burma troops, bombing supply dumps, bridges, and motor pools; 7 others raid Kyaukme, near Hsipaw. Third TAF fighters support XXXIII and XV Corps; smoke-indicated targets on XXXIII Corps front bombed and strafed during 36 Hurricane sorties; in XV Corps zone, jetties and river craft on the Kaladan strafed by 5 Spitfires. Sixty other fighter bombers and fighters of 3d TAF, in 3 missions, severely damage Nanma Chaung bridge, probably damage bridges near Monywa, bomb dumps at Tawgyin and rail station at Tagon, and strafe bashas and bridges in Kalewa area. Bom fighters effectively raid river and rail transport in Bassein delta area.

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Salween Front Chinese maintain pressure on Chefang. Japanese counterattacks in this area are apparently aimed at keeping escape routes from the town open.

Four B-25s of 14th AF bomb Lashio, destroying a number of buildings, 5 warehouses, and several shops; Wanling area raided by 3 B-25s; fighter bombers, in 22 sorties, concentrate on enemy positions in Chefang area with good results. Fourteenth AF, in addition to furnishing close support to Chinese troops throughout the month, has dropped ordnance equipment, ammunition, and food.

China KWANGSI-KWEICHOW: From Wuming area, Japanese have driven rapidly WNW to vicinity of Kweite and appear to be headed for Posch. Forward enemy units in Kweichow Province have reached outskirts of Tuhshan.

Hainan I. Unable to locate shipping, 2 B-24s bomb Samah Bay at night.

Thailand While on strafing sweep, 9 14th AF fighters destroy enemy bomber on Lampang airfield, raid rail transport near Uttaradit, and hit shipping S of Dara.

F.I.C. Rail bridges at Phu Ly and Phu Lang Thuong each bombed and hit by 6 B-25s; 8 P-51s escort mission to Phu Lang Thuong and join in attack, bombing and strafing the bridge, transport, troops, and horses with good effect.

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- 1 Rear Admiral Walden L. Ainsworth assumes command of cruisers and destroyers, Pacific Fleet.
- Bonin-Volcano Is. Total of 23 B-24s escorted by PB4Ys concentrates on airfields and supply dumps at Iwo, Chichi, and Haha; 11 additional B-24s are unsuccessful in 14-ton attack on 3 small AKs off Iwo; intense AA damages 4 planes. Off E coast of Kita Iwo, Navy patrol plane strafes sea truck and severely damages enemy interceptor.
- Marianas Is. Sixteen P-47s hit buildings and installations on Pagan. Rota defensive positions strafed by 16 F4Us.
- Caroline Is. In last support mission flown in the Palaus, Japanese pocket of resistance on Peleliu fired during 2 attacks by 15 F4Us with 165-gallon napalm bombs; F4Us also raid Yap runways and fire 2 barges at Babelthuap. At night, F6F down enemy fighter over Peleliu.
- Marshall Is. Emidj AA and magazine areas bombed by 36 F4Us. One of 5 F4Us damaged in attack on Taroa magazine area.
- Wake I. Five navy patrol planes strafe 25-ft. whale boat.
- Kurile Is. Four B-25s drop 2.5 tons of bombs on Paramushiru; 5 enemy fighters encountered; 1 B-25 damaged. B-24 harasses Onnekotan.
- 2 Bonin Is. One AK sunk, another fired, and 2 probably damaged at Chichi Jima by 21 B-24s losing 30 tons of bombs; another B-24 attacks 2 AKs and small craft at Haha.
- Marianas Is. Pagan storage area and buildings attacked by 13 P-47s which also destroy enemy plane on runway. Sixteen F4Us raid gun installations on Tataacho Pt., Rota I.
- Caroline Is. Practice bombing raid made by 17 Saipan-based B-29s (XXI Bomber Command) on submarine pens on Dublon I., Truk atoll; approximately 50 tons of bombs are dropped on island defenses. PVs concentrate on Yap airstrip and gun positions; F4Us destroy barges and trucks in vicinity of Yap. In N Palaus, F4Us also destroy barges and trucks and damage 2 small AKs off Babelthuap.
- Marshall Is. Twelve SBDs drop 6 tons of bombs on enemy positions at Mili. Over 9 tons loosed on Jaluit AA positions by 18 F4Us.
- Nauru I. At night PBY harasses island.
- Wake I. Ten PVs bomb Peacock Pt. gun positions, runway, revetment area, and boat basin with very good results; AA damages 2 PVs.

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Kurile Is. With 3½ tons of bombs, 4 B-24s hit Suribachi Wan; 4 B-25s at Hayaki Gawa and Torishima Retto, off E coast of Paramushiru, strafe and fire enemy installations.

3 Bonin-Volcano Is. Fifteen B-24s attack Bonin shipping: 12 bomb 2 DDs, 3 sea trucks, and 6 AK/APs in Chichi Jima harbor area; 3 of 12 tons dropped fall on land; remaining 3 B-24s aim at AK/AP at Haha. Patrol bomber harasses Iwo.

Marianas Is. At Pagan, 1 grounded enemy plane destroyed and E part of runway cratered in 8-ton attack by 34 P-47s. Sixteen P-47s strafe Rota. Before dawn, 9-15 enemy bombers attack Isley airfield on Saipan and N Tinian field, causing 4 casualties and damaging 3 C-47s and 3 PB4Ys; 4-5 enemy planes destroyed by planes and AA fire.

Caroline Is. In heavy bomber attack, 25 B-24s unload 30 tons on Koror, Palau Is., causing fires and explosions. Gagil-Tomil airstrip on Yap I. receives 5 tons from 11 Angaur-based B-24s.

Marshall Is. Thirteen F4Us with 6.5 tons of bombs attack Jaluit ammunition dumps; 62% of bomb load hits target area.

4 Bonin-Volcano Is. More than 27 tons fall on Iwo airfields in raid by 18 B-24s; 2 bombers hit Kitamura town on Haha; 5 B-24s damaged by intense AA fire for claim of 2 grounded enemy aircraft destroyed and 1 probably; 6-8 unaggressive fighters are airborne.

Marianas Is. Sixteen P-47s bomb Pagan airfield with 6 tons. Rota town and runway strafed by 16 F4Us.

Caroline Is. PB4Ys aim 5 tons on enemy installations at Koror; AA damages 1 of 20 F4Us over Ngarol, W of Koror.

Marshall Is. Force of 39 F4Us and 12 SBDs drops 11 tons and 18 napalm bombs on Jaluit gun positions and on Tiniet islet; 1 F4U damaged.

Nauru I. PB4Y harasses island.

5 Rear Admiral A. D. Bernhard, Commander of Marshalls-Gilberts area, relieved by Rear Admiral H. B. Sallada.

Bonin-Volcano Is. XXI Bomber Command sends 34 B-29s over Iwo Jima; approximately 110 tons of bombs dropped on enemy targets. In Chichi Jima shipping strike, 12 B-24s

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with 5 tons of bombs score direct hit and 2 near misses on 2 AKs at Futami. Two PVs possibly damage 1 of 6 enemy interceptors over Iwo. During raid against Haha, 3 B-24s damage 1 of 2 enemy airborne fighters.

Caroline Is. Marine patrol from LCI 740 lands on Ngeregong I., 5 miles NE of Peleliu, to establish protection for U.S. ships passing through Denges Passage.

Fifteen F4Us concentrate on Yap and Babelthuap runways and fire equipment in N Palaus; PVs also attack Yap.

Kurile Is. Toroshima Retto strafed by 4 PVs; 11 interceptors met; 1 PV lost. Six B-24s with 8 tons of bombs start fires at Kurabu Zaki.

6 Bonin-Volcano Is. In B-24 attacks, 10 bomb 3 AKs and an AO off Haha Jima, 7 hit Ani Jima, and 1 strikes Iwo Jima dispersals; more than 26 tons of bombs dropped.

Marianas Is. Rota phosphate plant bombed and strafed by 6 TBFs and 17 F4Us.

Caroline Is. F4Us harass small shipping in N Palaus.

Marshall Is. Ten SBDs hit Mili coastal defense guns with 5 tons of bombs. Fifty F4Us with 30½ tons fire gun positions and hit stores at Tiniet; barge at Emidj strafed.

Kurile Is. Installations on Toroshima Retto, off NE coast of Paramushiru, attacked by 4 B-24s; 1 of 5 interceptors damaged. Three B-24s attack Kataoka oil storage area on Shimushu; of 7 interceptors engaged; 1 downed, 1 probably destroyed, and 1 damaged; intense AA damages 2 B-24s. Onnekotan and 3 small AKs off coast harassed by single B-24.

7 Volcano Is. Iwo Jima dispersals and airfield cratered and fired in attack by 14 B-24s; 2 grounded enemy bombers probably destroyed. Photo-taking PB4Ys down 1 and damage 4 of 8-10 aggressive fighters encountered S of Iwo; 2 PB4Ys severely damaged by enemy fire.

Marianas Is. Approximately 11 enemy planes unsuccessfully raid Saipan and Tinian; AA downs 2 enemy planes, and 2 crash offshore. Two missions of B-24s sweep Pagan.

Marshall Is. Jaluit and Wotje hit by F4Us: 38 achieve excellent results on Jaluit gun positions with over 11 tons of bombs and 17 napalm bombs; 16 bomb and strafe Wotje blockhouse and gun positions with 13½ tons.

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Wake I. Three PVs accurately drop 3 tons of bombs on Peacock Pt. gun positions and strafe adjoining runways; PV damaged.

Kurile Is. Stiff fighter opposition continues: 15-20 enemy planes intercept 4 B-25s and 8 PVs off Paramushiru; 3 claimed destroyed, 1 probably destroyed, and 1 damaged for loss of 1 B-25 and damage of 3. Four PVs and 4 B-25s are over Paramushiru area where latter destroys 2 of 9 barges attacked.

8 Bonin-Volcano Is. B-24s continue shipping strikes: 15 score direct hit and near misses on AK at Chichi, 2 attack 2 small vessels at Haha, and 1 bombs Iwo.

Marianas Is. Rota phosphate plant and runway strafed by 16 F4Us; 1 F4U lost to AA fire.

Caroline Is. On night 8/9, under cover of storm, estimated 200 Japanese armed with MGs and knee mortars land on Ngeregong I., NE of Peleliu. U.S. Marine patrol on island evacuated successfully by several LCIs.

Seventeen B-29s of XXI Bomber Command release 55 tons of bombs on enemy defenses on Truk I.

Kurile Is. Paramushiru, Onnekotan, and Matsuwa harassed by B-24s.

Yellow Sea-E China Sea TG 17.21 (SSs Queenfish, Barb, and Picuda) are active in Yellow Sea and E China Sea areas. USS Queenfish attacks 2 enemy AKs and 3 escorting vessels S of Kyushu, scoring 2 hits with electric torpedoes on 1 AK; later at night, Queenfish scores 3 hits on an AK and 2 hits on large AO, sinking both.

9 Bonin-Volcano Is. Haha Jima twice raided by B-24s; one group drops 13 tons of bombs on AA positions and shipping in harbor; 3 others raid shore targets. Single Allied plane harasses Iwo Jima, while rcn planes strafe Kita Iwo Jima.

Marianas Is. Twelve P-47s hit Pagan buildings and storage areas. Six TBFs escorted by 16 F4Us destroy sugar mill at Rota; AA damages 4 TBFs.

Caroline Is. U.S. DD and 2 gunboats block Denges Passage and bombard Ngeregong, Palau Is. Arakabesan and Koror attacked by 16 F6Fs and 5 PBVs, respectively. Seven hits scored on Yap runway by 12 F4Us.

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10 Volcano Is. Twenty-seven B-24s attack Iwo, with 88% of bombs dropped hitting target area; of 3-5 enemy interceptors engaged, 1 destroyed and 2 damaged; 2 B-24s damaged.

Marianas Is. Four P-47s strafe Pagan installations; 17 F4Us attack Rota.

Caroline Is. Force of 57 F4Us and 6 TBFs strafes and bombs Ngeregong, Palau Is., sinking enemy barges and firing tank; 1 TBF lost; LCI Flotilla 13 also bombards island. Twelve F4Us score direct hit on S Babelthuap radio station and sink several small craft off coast. Koror and Babelthuap continue to be chief targets for F6Fs; Koror also hit by B-24s. On Yap, 12 F4Us hit air installations and Gagil-Tomil runway, also fire trucks and sink launches in area.

Marshall Is. Fifty F4Us hit Jaluit, dropping 21½ tons of bombs on coastal defenses and supplies; same planes also bomb Tiniet boat slips and storage area.

Nauru I. Barracks and runway harassed in PBV raid.

11 Japan Omura aircraft factory on Kyushu bombed by 29 of 96 airborne B-29s of China-based Twentieth Bomber Command; weather necessitates bombing by instruments, and majority of bombs strike one mile or more from target; storage facilities at Shanghai and RR targets at Nanking (E China) and targets of opportunity attacked visually by 46 B-29s with good to excellent results. Of 65 enemy aircraft encountered, 2 destroyed, 2 probably destroyed, and 12 damaged for loss of 1 B-29 and 4 missing; AA is meager.

Volcano Is. Beginning at 2350, CCs and DDs of TG 30.2 shell Iwo Jima airfields, aircraft, and installations in attempt to render island's airfields ineffective; numerous fires result; cover for TG provided by PB4Ys. Twenty B-24s release 34.2 tons on Iwo Jima airstrips, starting large fires in dispersal areas; 1 of 6 unaggressive interceptors claimed damaged; 8 B-24s damaged by AA fire. Navy plane drops ton of bombs on Iwo dispersals.

Marianas Is. Rota gun positions and Pagan storage areas and beach defenses strafed and rocket-fired by P-47s.

Caroline Is. Gorokottan island between Eil Malk and Peleliu in the Palau Is. occupied without opposition as prelude to recapture of Ngeregong I. During day, 12 B-24s start large fires at Koror, Palau Is.; at night, PBVs, F4Us, and TBFs again hit Koror and other enemy positions. F4Us fire 2 fuel dumps and sink previously damaged DD off Ngarol, W of Koror; Yap airstrip hit. Very good results reported in

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attack by 8 B-29s of XXI Bomber Command on Dublon (Truk) submarine pens; 38 tons of bombs dropped; minor resistance encountered; airstrips observed on Moen and on Eten.

Marshall Is. Jaluit harassed by 3 PVs in neutralizing raid.

12 Bonin-Volcano Is. Iwo airfields bombed by 29 B-24s (7th AF) with approximately 85 tons of bombs; 2 enemy aircraft destroyed on ground, 1 possibly destroyed in air; 4 additional planes observed. Lone B-24 also over Iwo. Five B-24s mine Chichi area. Five Navy planes drop most of 10 tons on Haha target area.

Marianas Is. Eleven P-47s strafe Pagan storage areas and runway. Sixteen F4Us hit Rota town and runway.

Caroline Is. Twenty Marine TBMs from Ulithi attack Gagil-Tomil airstrip on Yap I. In Palau Is., Arakabesan, Koror, and Malakal raided by 13 F6Fs; Koror power station and bridge hit by 7 B-24s; F4Us operating against N Palau targets sink 120-ft. vessel.

Marshall Is. Neutralizing missions increase: Jaluit buildings and gun positions raided by 22, 44, and 36 F4Us, respectively; more than 40 tons of bombs dropped with good results; 1 downed, 1 damaged. At night PVs hit island. Mili coastal defenses bombed by 21 SBDs with 10½ tons.

Yellow Sea. Three U.S. submarines, Spadefish, Peto, and Sunfish (TG 17.13) contact 8 enemy vessels and 2 escorts in Yellow Sea area; 1 ship exploded and sunk by torpedoes.

13 Bonin Is. Six B-24s score near misses on AK/AP at Chichi; SS probably sunk and near misses scored on AK and small craft near Haha.

Marianas Is. TBFs and F4Us attack Rota town and phosphate plant area; 1 F4U lost to AA fire. Pagan airfield strafed by P-47s.

Caroline Is. Warehouses and vehicles at enemy bases in N Palaus raided by F6Fs, F4Us, and B-24s: F4Us sink barges and small craft; B-24s bomb Arakabesan radio and dock areas; F6Fs carry out harassing attacks. Woleai airfield and runway effectively hit by 25 B-24s. Yap airstrip hit by several missions of F4Us. Malakal oil dump is target for 6 B-24s.

Kurile Is. Matsuwa raided by single B-24; small AK off Onnekotan strafed by a second B-24.

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14 Bonin Is. Rocket-carrying PBJs (VMB-612), equipped with latest radar bombing device, commence night operations from Saipan against Bonin shipping; enemy AK and DD 15 miles NW of Haha each hit by 2 rockets; DD probably sunk. B-24 bombs 100-ft. ship.

Marianas Is. On Tinian I., 4-5 armed Japanese inflict casualties at N end of airstrip, then enter a PV and destroy it and themselves by fire.

Twelve P-47s hit Pagan buildings; F4Us and TBFs bomb Rota.

Caroline Is. U.S. troops continue to seal enemy caves on Peleliu; slight advances made S and W of perimeter; enemy nightly infiltrations continue despite casualties inflicted.

Twenty-two B-24s drop almost 35 tons on Woleai atoll in the central Carolines, hitting installations and rendering airfield inoperational. F4Us again hit Yap airfield and small craft off Yap and in N Palau area. Arakabesan radio and dock area attacked by B-24s.

Marshall Is. Small boat strafed at Mili by F4Us; near misses scored on enemy DD in area.

Yellow Sea USS Spadefish (SS) sinks large AK in night radar attack.

15 Bonin-Volcano Is. B-24s continue daily raids against shipping: 15 drop over 11 tons of bombs on enemy vessels off Haha Jima, 6 mine Ani area, and 1 raids Iwo. Single PBJ attacks unidentified enemy vessels at Haha, kindling fires with rockets.

Caroline Is. Elements of 81st Inf Div reoccupy Ngeregong I., N of Peleliu, without opposition.

Enemy installations at Koror are chief targets for 12 B-24s which achieve good results with approximately 18 tons of bombs. B-24s, F6Fs, and F4Us destroy barges and vehicles and fire ammunition dumps in N Palau. F4Us crater Yap airstrip.

Kurile Is. One of 8 photo-taking B-25s over Paramushiru destroyed by AA fire from batteries at Tomari Zaki.

Yellow Sea-E China Sea Japanese convoy S of Korea attacked by USS Queenfish (SS) which causes violent explosion with torpedo hits; CVE reported sunk.

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Bonin-Volcano Is. B-24s attack shipping off Haha and Chichi: 8 loose 11½ tons with unobserved results; additional B-24s score hit and near misses on 2 AKs and destroy sea truck; Iwo airfield also bombed. During night raid on 4-ship convoy off Haha, single B-25 fires 8 rockets at medium AK, causing fires and explosions.

Marianas Is. P-38s and P-47s strafe Pagan buildings and airstrip. Rota targets hit by 14 F4Us.

Caroline Is. F4Us, F6Fs, and TBFs continue harassing raids on Yap and N Palau targets. Two warehouses at Babelthuap fired by 4 F4Us.

Marshall Is. In neutralizing raids, 18 F4Us hit Wotje, 20 hit Maloelap, and 12 hit Mili; Navy planes strafe small shipping in area.

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Admiral R. E. Ingersoll reports as Commander, Western Sea Frontier, with added titles of Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations.

Bonin Is. In B-24 raids on shipping, 11 release 11 tons on DD SW of Muko Jima, and 4 mine Chichi harbor. Marine B-25 scores hit on AK S of Chichi. Okimura town on Haha Jima harassed by 2 B-24s.

Marianas Is. In 3-day effort to clear out enemy remnants on Saipan, 2d Marine Div troops kill 248 Japanese and capture 47; a number of MGs also taken. U.S. casualties total 9 men killed and 40 wounded.

Rota and Pagan gun positions again harassed by F4Us.

Caroline Is. Planes on Yap airstrip and dumps and warehouses in N Palaus strafed and fired by F4Us and F6Fs. Four F4Us cause fires at Babelthuap supply depot. F6Fs harass Palau targets at night.

Marshall Is. Eighteen SBDs hit Mili coastal defense area. Nineteen F4Us attack Wotje blockhouse area and coastal defense guns with 12 tons of bombs; 42% of bombs fall in target area.

Kurile Is. Hits scored on Suribachi, on SE coast of Paramushiru, by 4 B-24s.

Yellow Sea Japanese CVE and a DD claimed sunk during night by action of USS Spadefish (SS).

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Bonin Is. Enemy AK/AP sunk and 2 small vessels set on fire in Haha area and by 10 B-24s; 11 additional B-24s attack Chichi shipping.

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Marianas Is. F4Us and TBFs attack Rota defenses and phosphate plant.

Caroline Is. Yap runways, Koror town, and Babelthuap fuel and phosphate dumps attacked by F4Us.

Marshall Is. Wotje and Jaluit targets bombed by 13 and 19 F4Us, respectively.

Kurile Is. Suribachi runways raided by 3 B-25s.

Yellow Sea Enemy AO and an estimated 3,000-ton ship exploded and sunk by torpedo fire of USS Peto (SS). Two large AKs attacked by USS Sunfish (SS); large explosions caused.

19 Bonin-Volcano Is. Nineteen B-24s supported by Marine aircraft attack Bonin shipping, scoring possible hit and near misses on enemy DD and small craft. Marine B-25 fires rockets into Okimura town, Haha Jima. Navy planes strafe and bomb barges near Kita Iwo Jima. Five B-24s escorting Navy photo planes attack airfields and 3 trawlers in Iwo W basin; intense AA fire and 3 enemy fighters, which drop phosphorous bombs, encountered; 1 Navy plane damaged.

Marianas Is. Rota phosphate plant attacked by 16 F4Us.

Caroline Is. B-24s, F4Us, F6Fs, and PBV start fires in raids on Palau bases. Twelve F4Us strike Yap atoll with 12 1000-pound GPs.

Nauru I. Possible hits scored on dual purpose guns, power plant, and communication center by 18 F4Us.

Kurile Is. Three B-24s drop 4 tons through intense AA barrage on Suribachi.

20 Bonin Is. Sixteen B-24s loose 14 tons on Bonin shipping and 2 tons on fuel and ammunition storage areas on Haha Jima.

Marianas Is. Rota defenses harassed by Marine fighters.

Caroline Is. Babelthuap fuel dumps fired and Yap airfield hit by F4Us; F6Fs continue nightly attacks on Palau targets.

At 0547, USS Mississinewa (AO) inside Ulithi lagoon is hit by a torpedo, believed from enemy midget submarine; heavy explosion results; 60 personnel lost; AO goes down at 0815; attacks on enemy piloted torpedoes by 2 TBMs and 2 DDs follow; 2-3 piloted torpedoes believed sunk.

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Marshall Is. Wotje coastal defenses attacked by 17 F4Us with 8½ tons of bombs; 17 SBDs drop about 12 tons on similar targets at Mili, obtaining 3 direct hits.

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Japan Sixty-one of 109 China-based XX Bomber Command B-29s attack Omura aircraft factory with 202.5 tons of bombs; poor visibility causes 61 planes to bomb by radar; targets of opportunity on Kyushu I. and Shanghai (China) also hit by B-29s; losses reported as 5 to enemy action, 3 operationally, and 2 missing for claim of 28 enemy planes destroyed, 20 probably destroyed, and 25 damaged of estimated 304 encountered.

Bonin Is. Sixteen B-24s carry out shipping raids on Haha and Chichi harbors with good to unobserved results.

Marianas Is. Ten hits scored in Rota target area by 16 F4Us.

Caroline Is. Airfield at Yap and fuel drums, MT, and barges in Babelthuap area attacked by F4Us; 1 fighter destroyed. Two F4Us explode ammunition dump at Ngatpang Bay and sink 75-ft. boat at Aurapushekuru. F6Fs harass Palau targets at night.

Marshall Is. At Maloelap, 17 SBDs score direct hit in blockhouse area. Twenty-one F4Us drop 85% of 16 tons on Jaluit magazines and guns; 22 more F4Us release 8½ tons on Wotje coastal defenses and blockhouses.

Kurile Is. Naval installations on Matsuwa I. bombarded by CLs and DDs of Attu-based TF 92 commanded by Rear Admiral J. L. McCrea; 5 large barracks-type buildings destroyed, 2 hangars possibly damaged, and large fires and explosions caused.

Formosa USS Sealion (SS) attacks 4 enemy ships in Formosa Strait, exploding 1 BB.

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Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser hoists his flag in HMS Tarantula as Commander in Chief, British Pacific Fleet.

Volcano Is. Single B-24 bombs Iwo Jima airfield.

Marianas Is. Pagan airstrip hit by 12 P-47s with 6 tons of bombs.

Caroline Is. Force of 96 carrier-based planes operating from TG 38.4, 45 miles NE of Yap, loose rockets and napalm bombs on Yap and Gagil-Tomil airstrips and on Yap town; results are generally poor as half of fire bombs fail to ignite; 1 VF lost to AA fire; 1 of 5 enemy airborne fighters destroyed. Twelve of 22 Guam-based B-24s with escort of 25 P-38s from

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Saipan strike N Moen airfield, Truk I., while 10 hit Param field; 47 tons of bombs dropped; good results obtained at Moen and poor at Param; of 8 interceptors met, P-38s claim 3 destroyed. Gagil-Tomil airfield and Arakabesan installations hit by 17 B-24s with 12.5 tons. Twelve F4Us also bomb Yap airfield; 1 lost. N Palau targets fired by 15 F6Fs. Twenty-two F4Us over Ponape release almost 11 tons on AA positions, seaplane ramp, and fuel storage area on Langar, and Jokaj ridge and old airfield.

Marshall Is. Forty-one F4Us attack Jaluit gun positions, causing fires. Mili installations hit with 10 tons of bombs by 20 F4Us. Nine F4Us drop 4½ tons on Maloelap blockhouse area.

23 Bonin Is. Seventeen B-24s over Chichi and Haha targets score 4 hits on Okimura dock area and near misses on an LSM; 4 sea trucks off Chichi bombed by 2 additional B-24s.

Caroline Is. F4Us harass Yap, Babelthuap, and N Palau targets; barges and installations destroyed; 2 U.S. planes damaged.

Marshall Is. Wotje coastal defense batteries raided by 21 F4Us with more than 5 tons.

Wake I. Power plant and barracks area bombed with 6 tons by 6 PVs; explosions result.

Formosa USS Bang (SS) attacks enemy TF in area NE of Formosa, claiming 10 hits with 24 electric torpedoes; 2 AKs claimed sunk.

24 Japan XXI Bomber Command under Brig. General H. S. Hansell initiates B-29 operations against Honshu, Japan, from recently constructed airstrips at Isely airfield, Saipan; main effort is directed against Japanese aircraft production; of 111 planes airborne 24 hit primary target, Musashino aircraft engine plant at Nakajima; heavy cloud formations cause 64 planes to bomb dock and urban areas of Tokyo proper; 23 return to base because of mechanical difficulties; 53 planes bomb visually and 35 resort to radar; total of 220 tons of GP and incendiary bombs dropped; large fires caused in central Tokyo district. Of estimated 125 enemy airborne, 7 claimed destroyed, 18 probably destroyed, and 9 damaged for loss of 2 B-29s; crew of 1 plane rescued by U.S. DD.

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Bonin Is. Chichi airfield installations and shipping unsuccessfully attacked by 22 B-24s with 30 tons of bombs.

Marianas Is. Fourteen P-47s raid Pagan. Sixteen F4Us bomb and strafe Rota radio station area. P-38 downs enemy plane 10 miles W of Tanapag Harbor.

Caroline Is. Twelve B-24s start large fires at Arakabesan with 18 tons. Sampans and 3 barges destroyed in F6F and F4U attacks on N Palau targets. At night F4Us cause damage at Babelthuap, while F6Fs harass other targets in N Palaus. Twelve F4Us and 10 TBMs raid Yap, scoring hits on Gagil-Tomil airstrip. Ponape fuel dumps, ramp, and airfield again raided by Marine fighters.

Marshall Is. Eighteen SBDs drop 9 tons of bombs on Jaluit magazine target. Fifteen F4Us drop 7.5 tons on Mili bivouac area with good coverage; 15 additional F4Us hit Maloelap guns and magazines with almost 12 tons.

25 Bonin Is. Four photo-taking Navy planes escorted by 7 B-24s score direct hit on Chichi radio station with 10 tons; Muko and Haha also hit. In night attacks, 1 of 4 Marine B-25s scores hit on ship in Futami harbor; airfield installations on Chichi harassed by B-24.

Marianas Is. Rota radio station hit by 16 F4Us; 1 lost.

Caroline Is. TBFs, F6Fs, and F4Us puncture Yap airstrips, fire Babelthuap dumps, 4 large transformers, warehouse, lumber mill, and coconut oil factories, and Mizuho village and storage areas. F6Fs start fires in night raids over Palau.

Marshall Is. F4Us continue neutralization raids: 19 attack Wotje coastal defenses, 10 hit similar targets on Mili, 17 drop 8½ tons on Jaluit magazines and guns, and 19 start gasoline fire in Maloelap magazine area with 15 tons.

26 Bonin Is. Four Marine B-25s using rocket projectiles attack Chichi harbor and shipping installations.

Marianas Is. Sixteen F4Us score direct hit on Rota radio station. Twelve P-47s strafe Pagan runway. During night, 2-3 enemy bombers raid Saipan.

Caroline Is. Babelthuap and Yap again raided by F4Us; direct hits scored on Gagil-Tomil runway and in Babelthuap area; Arakabesan also hit.

Kurile Is. B-24 raids Kurabu Zaki, on SE tip of Paramushiru; results unobserved.

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27 Japan In second attack on Honshu by planes of XXI Bomber Command, 62 of 81 B-29s airborne reach target area, finding Musashino aircraft engine plant completely cloud-covered; 50 planes drop 115 tons of bombs by radar on Tokyo docks and urban areas while 12 with 33 tons hit opportunity targets; 1 B-29 fails to return to base.

Bonin-Volcano Is. Twenty-nine B-24s escorted by 12 P-38s unload 62 tons of bombs on Motoyama airstrips on Iwo; AA fire and 1 interceptor, using phosphorous bombs, encountered but no damage caused to B-24s. Chichi and Haha again rocket-bombed by B-25s.

Marianas Is. On Isley field, Saipan, 1 B-29 destroyed, 2 severely damaged, and 9 lightly damaged in surprise attack by 2 or more enemy planes; huts and trucks fired. At noon, 13-15 fighters make second raid on Isley field, destroying 3 B-29s and damaging others; 6 enemy planes destroyed by AA and U.S. fighters; P-47 downed by friendly AA. Pagan runways raided by 8 P-47s. Rota radio station hit by 16 Marine fighters.

Caroline Is. Virtually all resistance in caves of "Bloody Nose Ridge," Peleliu I., ceases. Reports indicate that Gen. Murai and Col. Nakajada, COs, committed suicide.

Yap airstrips and storage areas raided by 11 TBFs and 11 F4Us.

28 Vice Admiral D. W. Bagley relieves Vice Admiral R. L. Ghormley as Commandant, Fourteenth Naval District and Commander, Hawaiian Sea Frontier.

Volcano Is. Iwo Jima airfield installations fired and exploded in 53-ton attack by 21 B-24s; approximated 85% of bombs hit target area; only 1 enemy fighter airborne; 1 B-24 damaged by AA fire. At night B-24 is over Iwo.

Marianas Is. Neutralization of Pagan assumed by Marine Corsairs: 19 planes drop 13 tons of bombs on N taxiway and runway; 1 grounded bomber destroyed. Shortly after midnight, 6-8 Japanese bombers continue attacks on Saipan and Tinian airfields; no damage results; 1 enemy attacker shot down and 2 more probably by AA fire.

Caroline Is. Gagil-Tomil airstrip on Yap I. attacked by 11 TBMs and 10 F4Us. Marine fighters also hit N Palau targets: Babelthuap buildings and underground shelter fired. Arakabesan radio station hit by B-24s. Twenty-five Marine fighters and 1 PV drop 6 tons of bombs on Ponape targets.

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Marshall Is. Jaluit AA positions bombed by 16 F4Us.
Nauru I. Fuel storage and power plant areas fired in attack by PV and 14 F4Us.

29 Japan Tokyo dock and urban areas are primary targets for night attack by 29 Saipan-based B-29s; 23 planes are over target area for two hours and 38 minutes; 78 tons of bombs released through heavy overcast; Yokohama and Numozu take 7 tons from 2 more B-29s; 1 B-29 lost operationally and 1 damaged.

USS Archer-Fish (SS) trails enemy carrier under escort of 4 DDs S of Honshu in vicinity of 32 N, 137 E, scoring torpedo hits on carrier; Archer-Fish credited with sinking of carrier.

Bonin-Volcano Is. Eighteen B-24s fire Iwo airfield installations. Single B-25 rocket-bombs Okimura town on Haha Jima. B-24 harasses Iwo. Marine B-25 rocket-fires surface vessel at 24-40 N, 141-25 E.

Marianas Is. Sixteen F4Us and 6 TBFs drop 88 100-pound bombs on Rota town with good results. Nineteen F4Us drop 8 tons of bombs on Pagan airfield; same target strafed by 4 P-47s which fire 1 enemy plane.

Caroline Is. Six tons of bombs and 12 fire bombs are dropped on Ponape by PV and 25 F4Us. Babelthuap targets hit by F4Us. Single enemy plane attacks U.S. shipping in the Palaus, causing minor damage.

Marshall Is. Jaluit and Maloelap raided by PV, PBYS, and 48 F4Us; 60-ft. launch probably sunk off Maloelap.

Wake I. Peale I. hit by 6 PVs with 6 tons of bombs; 1 PV badly damaged.

Nauru I. PBY drops ton of bombs on coastal defense positions.


Yellow Sea USS Spadefish (SS) sinks enemy 4,000-ton AK.

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Damage to Japanese shipping by submarines of TF 17 under command of Vice Admiral C. A. Lockwood, Jr., reported as: ships sunk (339,800 tons), including 1 BB, 1 CV, 2 CVEs, 8 DDs or DEs, and 6 patrol vessels; ships damaged (189,100 tons), including 1 BB, 2 CVs, 1 DD, 2 patrol vessels, 2 AOs, 16 AKs, 1 unidentified vessel, and 1 samp.

Throughout month P-61s fly night patrols and rcn missions against enemy-held islands.

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30 Bonin-Volcano Is. Haha raided by 8 B-24s, while 23
Cont attack Iwo airfield, destroying enemy plane, probably 1,
and damaging 1; 5 B-24s damaged. Shipping in area attacked
by 3 B-25s, one of which is lost. Patrol planes harass Iwo
airfield.

Marcus I. Marcus I., situated about 695 miles E of
Iwo Jima, raided throughout month by B-24s; 2 armed rcn
flights made each week by 2-3 planes; 48 tons of GP bombs
dropped on installations and runways; 3 bombers damaged by
AA fire but all return to bases.

Marianas Is. Medium range, low-angle radar installed
on Mount Tapotchau, Saipan I., to warn of low-level enemy
attacks at 70-mile range. Nineteen F4Us achieve good results
against Pagan airfield and taxiways with 13.5 tons of bombs.

Caroline Is. In attack on floating drydock at Kossol
Roads, Palau Is., enemy bomber scores near miss. Yap barracks
area hit by 10 F4Us. Babelthuap supply dump fired by 4 F4Us.
Saipan-based B-29 raids Dublon naval installations.

Marshall Is. Wotje building fired in 14-ton attack by
21 F4Us.

Kurile Is. Three B-24s raid N Paramushiru targets with
unobserved results.

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