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Yesterday (October 16) R.A.F. Vengeances attacked the Japanese headquarters and supply base at Kalemyo in the Myittha valley. All bombs were seen to burst across the target and the attack was followed by low level machine gunning. Other fighter-bombers and dive-bombers during the day maintained their attacks with good effect on enemy occupied villages and troop positions in the same area.

In the afternoon Beaufighters attacked a large number of targets in the Japanese communication system throughout Burma. In the area between Prome and Thazi they machine-gunned and damaged eight locomotives. North of Toungoo they blew up a three ton lorry filled with troops. They damaged or destroyed at least ten other lorries and in the Taungup area they attacked enemy occupied hutments and damaged a bridge on the road through the Taungup pass.

At night Wellingtons bombed objectives at Taungup and the jetty and railway installations at Sagaing on the Irrawaddy. At both places all bombs fell in the target area and fires were left burning.

From these and other operations one of our aircraft is missing.

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