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Heavy bombers of the 10th U.S.A.A.F. of the Strategic Air Force, Eastern Air Command, in daylight on 18th April, attacked Yenangyaung oil plants. Several probable hits were recorded on one plant causing black smoke to rise. Interception on the bomb run by two enemy fighters was encountered. These were driven off by our fighter-escorts. No damage was done to our aircraft.

On the same day, mediums of the 10th U.S.A.A.F. attacked the Mandalay-Shwebo railway line. Bombs were dropped in pairs at half mile intervals between Sagaing-Shwebo. Thirty five hits on the railway track were observed.

Fighter-bombers of the Air Commando Force of the Tactical Air Force detailed for ground support in the Mawlu area in daylight on 17th April were diverted to intercept enemy raiders. The aircraft, after having jettisoned their bombs over enemy territory, contacted twelve enemy fighters in the Tanu area and in the individual ensuing air combats, three enemy fighters were destroyed and three more damaged.

R.A.F. and I.A.F. fighters, fighter-bombers and dive-bombers were active in daylight on 17th April, the night of 17/18 April and again in daylight on 18th April over the Arakan, Mayu, Kaladan and North-West Burma areas. Enemy positions, rivercraft, M/T., and communications were bombed and strafed.

In one attack in daylight on 17th April in the Tamanthi-Homalin-Kohima-Tiddim-Tamu areas, five M/T were fired and one damaged and seventy two rivercraft were attacked.

Long-range R.A.F. fighters continued their attack in daylight on 18th April against enemy communications in central Burma.

From all these operations no Allied aircraft is missing.

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Arakan. During 18th April our offensive patrolling continued South of the Maungdaw Buthidaung road in conjunction with dive bombing and fighter attacks.

An enemy raiding party which attempted to reach the road in the Eastern foothills of the Mayu range was repulsed.

In the Kaladan contact with the enemy was maintained.

Manipur Hills, South of the Imphal plain on the Tiddim road there was little activity on 17th April.

West of Bishempore and South of the track to Silchar bitter fighting continues for a hill feature the possession of which has now been in dispute for two days.

On the night 17/18th April our troops repulsed two Japanese attacks on our position East of Palel.

In this area Spitfires destroyed one enemy aircraft and damaged four others of a formation which dropped a few bombs.

North East of the Imphal plain our infantry supported by tanks have made further advances.

On 17th April three small enemy defensive positions were captured.

There is no change in the situation in the Kohima area.

North Burma, In the Mogaung valley units of 38th Chinese Division have reached the Lankraw River East of the road and South of Tingring where they have encountered artillery fire.

Troops of 22nd Chinese Division are engaged with the Japanese in Warazup.

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