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The following communique was received in London from India today:-

Yesterday afternoon, July 7, a formation of R.A.F. Vengeance dive bombers, escorted by Hurricanes, attacked Japanese monsoon quarters at Thaungdara, about 20 miles north of Rathe Daung.

Most of their bombs were seen to burst in the centre of the target area - a group of army hutments - and a fire was left burning.

After bombing the Vengeances followed up with a low level machine-gun attack.

Beaufighters on offensive patrol made several attacks on river craft along the Irrawaddy, machine-gunned objectives at Yerangyaung, and at Nyaunghla set fire to an oil storage tank.

During the past six days heavy cloud and rain have greatly restricted operations, but a number of attacks have been made on enemy supply craft and troop positions.

From operations carried out during this period none of our aircraft is missing.

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