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The following communique from G.H.Q. India, was received in London this afternoon:

Yesterday, July 19, the R.A.F. continued their attacks on enemy transportation and troop positions in Arakan and other parts of Japanese-occupied Burma.

On the Chindwin Beaufighters set fire to an oil storage tank opposite Alon and black smoke rose to 5,000 feet. They also damaged supply sampans and two river launches, one of which was left burning.

Mohawks attacked targets at Kalemvo with light bombs and machine-gun fire and Hurricanes operating along the Irrawaddy damaged an oil barge and other river craft.

In Arakan Blenheims dropped bombs on Rathedaung and Minbya and Hurricanes made low-level attacks on Japanese army huts at several places on the Mayu peninsula.

Further south, other Hurricanes sank a 70-foot boat and several sampans off West Baronga island and damaged others near Myebon.

From the day's operations one of our aircraft is missing.

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