

372ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF  
Office of the Intelligence Officer  
A.F.O. # 719

10 July 1954.

STANDARD MISSION REPORT NO. 46  
(Group Mission 307-231)

1. AIRPLANES EMPLOYED: 5 of 6 scheduled B-24's bombed the primary target Yap runway, dispersal & supply area northwest of runway. A/C 549, Capt. Dixon, came back to base 10 minutes after take off due to a bad oil leak in #2 engine.
2. ESCORT : None.
3. BOMBS : 3 A/C carried 30x120# frags, inst. fused.  
3 A/C carried 20x120# frags, inst. fused.
4. ROUTE : As briefed except I.P. was overrun by lead squadron about 5 miles causing this squadron to turn inside in order to get bombs in target area. On breakaway we remained on the left of the formation.
5. WEATHER : Base to equator--.4 cumulus top 10,000 to 12,000 feet.  
Equator to 3°N--.4 strato cumulus tops 5,000 feet, cirrus .3 base 20,000 feet.  
3°N to 5°N--.4 strato cumulus tops 5,000 feet, cirrus .3 base 20,000 feet.  
5°N to target--.5 strato cumulus and scattered cumulus tops 9,000 feet, alto stratus .4 tops 17,000 feet.  
Target to 7°N--Same.  
7°N to 4°N--.5 strato cumulus tops 5,000 feet, .3 cirrus tops 20,000 feet.  
4°N to 3°N--.4 strato cumulus tops 5,000 feet, .4 cirrus tops 20,000 feet.  
3°N to 1°N--.5 alto stratus 10,000 feet, .3 cumulus tops 12,000 to 20,000 feet.  
1°N to Equator--.5 stratus 10,000 feet.  
Equator to 1°30'S--.8 stratus 6,000 feet, cumulus .7 tops 7,000 to 20,000 feet.  
Weather over target--.5 strato cumulus tops 5,000 feet, .3 scattered cumulus tops 6,000 to 12,000 feet, .3 cirrus 20,000'.
6. TIME & ALTITUDE OVER TARGET : 1154/K to 1155/K  
: 16,400 to 17,100 feet true altitude.
7. BOMBS DROPPED : 118x120# frag clusters dropped over the target.  
30x120# frag clusters returned to base.  
2x120# frag clusters hung up and were jettisoned in the water on breakaway from the target.

8. TARGETS : Air bombs started just west of the 2nd bunker on the 1st taxiway and with a pattern 400 feet on either side, continued on course approximately 240° mag., to a point 700 feet east of the main north-south taxiway.
9. WEATHER : None observed.
10. METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS: Nil.  
A/C STATUS RESULTS :
11. A/A FIRE : (a) Heavy A/A, slight and inaccurate, high and leading.  
(b) 4 heavy A/A guns seen firing from known positions on the road running northeast from center of taxi-loop.
12. INTERDICTION : (a) Approximately 15 Zekes and 1 Tony all highly painted with a wide variety of colors and patterns.  
(b) 1145/K to 1215/K.  
(c) About 10 passes were made on this squadron with the enemy closing from 150 to 600 yds. 7 passes were from 10 to 1 o'clock high. 2 were from 3 to 7 o'clock lev 1, and 1 was from 10:30 o'clock low.  
(M) Nil.
13. A/C DAMAGE OR LOSS: (a) Nil.  
(b) A/C 538, B-1, flown by Lt. May had one 7.7 in #1 engine.  
A/C 258, B-2, flown by Lt. Diederich was hit on left side of station 8 by phosphorus fragment making a 10 inch hole.  
A/C 277, A-3, flown by Lt. Harris was hit by a 20 mm shell that penetrated above the left waist window and exploded above the right waist window. S/Sgt. Kendall, right waist gunner, was hit twice by small bits of Shrapnel. Once in the right wrist and once in the left shoulder. There were 22 holes in the A/P.
14. OBSERVATIONS : Two silver A/P sighted on Magil-Toail runway causeways at Yap town seemed in good repair. Three A/P were seen in the north bunkers of the dispersal "X" within our assigned target area.
15. RADIO DISCIPLINE : Good.
16. PHOTOGRAPHS : A/C 258 in B-2 position flying at 16,900 feet true took 25 photos over the target.
17. REMARKS : Nil.

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LOADING LIST

AP. 643 DNPT  
P Capt. Dixon  
CP Lt. Wilson  
M Capt. Terry  
S Lt. Dunbar  
D Lt. Aldridge  
M T/Sgt. Feeney  
W S/Sgt. Farnam  
W T/Sgt. Elliott  
P S/Sgt. Mansell  
T S/Sgt. Holt  
N S/Sgt. Piggerstaff

AP. 667 A1  
CA Lt. Grizzle  
P Lt. Mienale  
CP Lt. Quinoy  
N Lt. Fuller  
S Lt. Lester  
M T/Sgt. Vandenhoff  
L S/Sgt. Sorrow  
N T/Sgt. Gaugler  
B S/Sgt. Bloss  
T S/Sgt. Skaggs  
R S/Sgt. Korvaznik

AP. 3119 A2  
P Lt. Rice  
CP Lt. McLaughlin  
N Lt. DeBoer  
B Lt. St. John  
M S/Sgt. Harris  
T Sgt. DeBusman  
W S/Sgt. Reisch  
B Sgt. Connolly  
N Sgt. McClintic  
W Sgt. Hicks  
P Sgt. Murray

AP. 635 B1  
CA Lt. Mac Kinsie  
P Lt. May  
CP Lt. Toon  
N Lt. Melnick  
B Lt. Suchma  
M S/Sgt. Houchin  
R Sgt. Dralie  
B S/Sgt. Ottinger  
L Sgt. Luy  
N Cpl. Carson  
T Cpl. Collins

AP. 3277 A-3  
P Lt. Harris  
CP Lt. Patrick  
N Po. Burns  
O Po. Schmidt  
B Lt. Modabaugh  
M S/Sgt. McNally  
R Sgt. Westlund  
L S/Sgt. Kendall  
B Sgt. Gillum  
N Sgt. Simmons  
T Sgt. Bissell

AP. 3258 B2  
P Lt. Diederich  
CP Lt. Pomeroy  
N Lt. Garrett  
B Lt. Sekanics  
M S/Sgt. Seiler  
B Cpl. Hundley  
L S/Sgt. Jacobs  
N Cpl. Reynolds  
T Cpl. Dunbar  
R Sgt. Crowley  
P Sgt. Moore

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