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A.F. O. # 719.NARRATIVE COMBAT REPORT OF MISSION # 307-389C

- A. MISSION NO. : 307-389C, 10 December 1944, 372nd Bombardment Squadron (H), AAF, one B-24 searched for A/C 929, Lt. Col. Gistex pilot, which was missing.
- B. AREA OF RECONNAISSANCE : Salomera Island from the northernmost tip as far south as Salela, both east and west shores and the mountainous interior. 4 longitudinal flights were made and 11 diagonal crisscrosses of the peninsula. The North Salela Islands, the Pedolas, the Lolobas, Semasom, Soete, Locagee, Mitita, Sokaja and Solerai-- between southern Korotai and Salomera and SW Salomera-- were also searched, 100% coverage.
- C. DURATION OF RECONNAISSANCE AND ALTITUDE : 1500 I to 1700 I.
2500 to 3500 feet true.
- D. RESULTS OF SEARCH: Negative.
- E. GENERAL REMARKS : The explosion and flames which were believed to be A/C 929 were sighted on a heading of 280° from the 307th area, apparently in the mountains of northern Salomera, about 0115 I on 10 December 1944. Although the crew of the search plane scanned the whole area intensively with field glasses, they picked up no sign of wreckage. It is believed, however, that smaller, liaison-type aircraft, might do a still more intensive search of the area.

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