

372nd Bombardment Squadron (M) 372
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OPERATIONAL REPORT OF 372ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) 37-500

- A. MISSION : 37-500, 12 November 1944, 372nd Bombardment Squadron (M), five of five scheduled B-24's bombed.
- B. TARGET : Hit Alicante Airdrome (runway and revetment area).
- C. TIME OF TAKE OFF AND ALTITUDE : 1240 L.
 : 10,000 feet to 11,700 feet true.
- D. VISIBILITY : Excellent, but cloud cover after take away made accurate observation of bomb pattern impossible. Nil, enemy losses. Nil, friendly losses.
- E. INTERCOMBAT : At 1257 L four to six unidentified A/C, with one of them thought to be an Oscar, were seen in the area--but our excellent fighter cover kept attacking A/C from making any passes on our squadron's formation.
- F. BRIEF DETAILS OF LOSS : Nil.
- G. ANTI-AIRCRAFT THREATS : Nil.
- H. PHOTOS : A/C 873, flying E-E in the 4th squadron, took 4 photos on the bomb run from 11,400 feet true.
- I. ROUTE AND SIGHTINGS : Route: Base to Sq & Gp assembly point, N tip of Race Island, to TAGARAN POINT (08°40'N - 125°21'E) to 1P to Target. Route back was reciprocal of route to target. When flying over La Carlota 6 to 10 twin engine A/C were seen on the southwest corner of the runway. What appeared to be 2 operational Bettys were sighted just north of the shop area at Alicante Airdrome, and 5 to 6 A/C that looked inoperative were seen in the field 300 to 500 feet west of the center of the runway. One single seater fighter, believed to be enemy A/P was sighted at 1400 L from 10,000 feet by A/C 175 just south of Sindangan Bay. This A/C heading north at 5,000 feet started to come to our formation but seemed to change his mind and continued on course.

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1. Narrative Combat Report of Mission: 37-100, 12 November 1944. 372nd Bomb Sq.

1. WEATHER REPORT : Barotail to 4⁰⁰ 127⁰⁰ -- visibility 30 to 40 miles. .3 low cumulus base 1,000 feet tops 2,000 feet. .4 high cirrus at 20,000 feet. Wind 30⁰⁰ at 8 knots.
- 4⁰⁰ 127⁰⁰ to 5⁰⁰ 125⁰⁰ -- visibility 60 miles. .3 low cumulus base 2,000 feet tops 6,000 feet. .2 high cirrus-cumulus at 20,000 feet. Wind 145⁰⁰ at 8 to 10 knots.
- 5⁰⁰ 125⁰⁰ to 6⁰⁰ 123⁰⁰ -- visibility 90 miles. .5 low cumulus base 6,000 feet tops 11,000 feet. .1 high cirrus at 20,000 feet. Wind 110⁰⁰ at 20 knots.
- 6⁰⁰ 123⁰⁰ to Target -- visibility 60 miles. .3 cumulus base 6,000 feet tops 11,000 feet. .1 high cumulus at 20,000 feet. Wind 90⁰⁰ at 10 knots.
- Primary Target -- visibility 90 miles. .7 low cumulus base 5,000 feet tops 8,000 feet. .1 high cirrus at 20,000 feet. Wind 120⁰⁰ at 20 knots.
- Secondary Target -- visibility 40 miles. .3 low cumulus base 3,000 feet tops 6,000 feet. .1 high cirrus at 20,000 feet. Wind 120⁰⁰ at 8 knots.
- Secondary Target to Barotail -- visibility 30 to 40 miles. .3 cumulus base 3,000 feet tops 6,000 feet. .1 high cirrus at 20,000 feet. Wind 300⁰⁰ at 10 knots.

E. GENERAL REMARKS : On the approach of our formation over the Carlota Airfield cloud cover made run impracticable. Formation made a 270⁰⁰ turn back over the target but again clouds forced a dry run. Then the group continued on to the secondary target. Our five A/C bombed with 2 A/C of the 334th Bomb Sq of the 8th Gp in the #4 squadron of the formation. Our A/C flew in E-2, E-3, G-1, G-2, and G-3 with the fourth squadron.

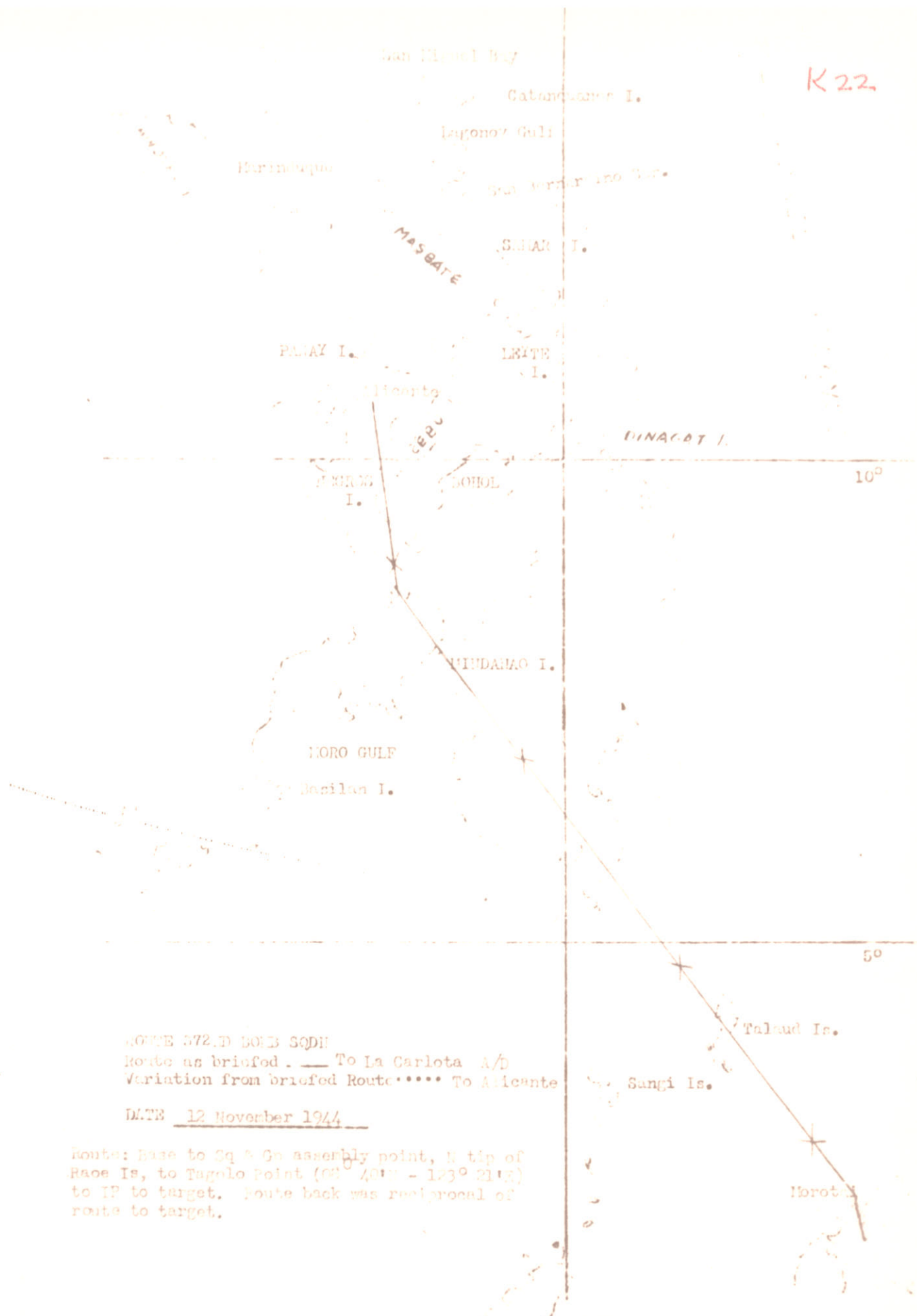
L. TYPE & NUMBER OF : 5 A/C each carried 5x1,000⁰⁰ GP bombs with .1 nose and .025 tail
BOMBS DROPPED : fuzings. 50 cal. ammunition expended for testing only.
OVER TARGET :

- B. BOMBING DATA : 1. Our squadron flew in a Group Box Formation. Javelin down within the squadron.
2. Bomb run was on a 30⁰⁰ Mag heading.
3. The bomb train was 400 feet.
4. Our A/C sighted for range on a point 500 feet northwest of the west end of the runway.

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ROUTE 372.D BOB SQDN
 Route as briefed. — To La Carlota A/D
 Variation from briefed Route..... To Alicante

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Route: Base to Sq & Gr assembly point, N tip of
 Race Is, to Tagolo Point (08° 40'N - 123° 21'E)
 to IP to target. Route back was reciprocal of
 route to target.

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FORMAT BY POINT TO POINT MAIL 307-336

AP. 352

P Lt. Harris
CP Lt. Semster
N Po. Burns
B Lt. Rodabaugh
M T/Sgt. McHally
R S/Sgt. Westlund
L T/Sgt. Kendall
S S/Sgt. Gillum
H S/Sgt. Simmons
T S/Sgt. Bissell

AP. 362

P Lt. Patrick
CP Co. Nichols
N Lt. Lystad
S Lt. Jones
M T/Sgt. Madan
R S/Sgt. Windfelder
K T/Sgt. Writs
T S/Sgt. Podewils
L S/Sgt. Shea
B S/Sgt. Song

AP. 178

P Lt. Kimble
CP Lt. Courtols
N Lt. Reed
S Lt. Pfirman
M T/Sgt. Powers
R S/Sgt. McLiatic
L T/Sgt. Walters
S S/Sgt. Vogel
H S/Sgt. Semster
T S/Sgt. Yano

AP. 133

P Lt. McLaughlin
CP Lt. Nickerson
N Lt. Morrison
S Lt. Fay
M Sgt. Cochran
R Sgt. Farmer
H Sgt. Bradford
L Sgt. Weider
T Sgt. Main
B Sgt. Lewis

AP. 570

P Lt. Nowak
CP Lt. Rickman
N Lt. Weisberg
S Lt. Knox
R Cpl. Ferrisoli
H Cpl. Brown, S.A.
L Sgt. Stallmesht
T Cpl. Brodhacker
N Sgt. Shivers
B Cpl. Huffman

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