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NARRATIVE COMBAT REPORT OF MISSION # 307-363

- A. MISSION NO. : 307-363, 14 November 1944, 372nd Bomb Sq (H) AAF. Six of six scheduled B-24s reached the target area of Langoan #1. One additional B-24, flown by Lt. Foggi, bombed with the 424th Bomb Sq in the same area.
- B. TARGET : The old A/D at Langoan was bombed because the sun, reflecting on a slight haze, caused the lead bombardier to mistake the old Langoan strip for the assigned target, which was the Langoan #2. Just before bombs away, the lead bombardier spotted the assigned target, but could not close his bomb bay doors to signal for another run, due to a bomb bay door malfunction.
- C. TIME OF ATTACK AND ALTITUDE : 1832.1. 8700 - 8800 feet T.
- D. RESULT OF BOMBING : This mission cannot be rated because the target bombed was not an assigned target. However, the bombing of Langoan #1 was excellent. The bomb pattern started 1000 feet south of the north end of the R/W, carried down the east side of the R/W and ended about 1500 feet north of the south end of the R/W. This covered many of the 18 twin engine A/C parked along the hard stand on the east side of the strip. Only a few of these A/C looked operational. No friendly losses.
- E. INTERCEPTION : Nil
- F. BRIEF DETAILS OF COMBAT : Nil
- G. ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED : Over Langoan #1--slight to moderate heavy AA, generally inaccurate. Most of the bursts were low by 200 - 300 feet. A few scattered bursts were 200 - 300 feet above the formation. As formation passed Langoan #2, they again received slight heavy and medium AA which was accurate as to altitude and course, but off on deflection. Three heavy AA positions were sighted 3500-4000 feet SW of the center of the R/W #2.
- H. PHOTOS : A/C 370, flying A-1 position, took 4 photos on the bomb run from 8800 feet T. A/C 352, flying B-3, took 4 photos on bomb run from 8700 feet T.

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12-11-44 OFFICE combat report of mission 327-343, 14 November 1944. 477-2-1-1 (12)

- I. **ROUTE AND ALTITUDE** : Sorotel to I.P. (01°22'N-125°17'W) to I.P. (01°15'N-125°17'30"W) to target, Langoan #2. Five route as bri fan, except for going to right of cloud buildups over the Halaanoras, and to miss the AA positions at Galeia #2. Return direct to Sorotel.
- Sightings--
1. Seven to eight operational twin engine A/C were parked on the east hard stand on the south end of the A/D. These planes were not covered by our bomb pattern.
 2. Three to four twin engine A/C were parked along the beach north of Langoan #2 and there appeared to be buildings or stores in the same area. One operational A/C was parked in the clear on the west edge of the strip, 2/3 of the way south from the north end.
- J. **WIND AND WEATHER** : Over Sorotel Island--2 low cumulus over water at 2000 feet. 1.5 cumulus clouds, 2000-10,000 feet. 1.5 strato cumulus at 7000 feet. 02°00'N-127°50'W--Halaanoras--7 cumulus buildup to 10,000 feet. 02°03'N-127°20'W--over ocean to Galeia 01°31'N-125°18'W--1.5 cumulus from 1000-2000 feet. 1.5-3 alto stratus at 7000 feet. 1.3-1.5 alto stratus at 11,000 feet. Celebes--1.3-1.5 low cumulus around 3000-5000 feet. 1.7-1.9 cumulus build ups from 2000-3000 feet up to 13,000 feet. Target--1.7 cloud coverage. Visibility unlimited in spots. Langoan #2 open.
- Route back--rather with the same. buildups over Halaanoras less, approximately .4, tops of cumulus 9000 feet. Wind 100° at 12 kts.
- K. **GENERAL REMARKS** : Nil
- L. **TYPE AND NUMBER OF BOMBS DROPPED OVER TARGET** : Six A/C each dropped 30 x 120# frag clusters, inst. fuzed. None was expended for test firing only.
- M. **BOMBING DATA** : 1. Formation was javelin down within the squadron.
2. Bomb run was 2080 mag.
3. Bomb train was 1750 feet.
4. Lead bombardier sighted for range and deflection; all others for range only.
5. AFCE was used by lead bombardier only.
6. Aiming point of lead bombardier was 500 feet NE of the point where the N/I road crosses the R/W.
7. Assigned target area was Langoan #2 dispersal area; the target bombed was the dispersal area along the east side of Langoan #1.

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Losses III

AP 1370	AP 852	AP 1175
P Lt. Bryer	P Cpl. Miller	P Lt. Adams
CP Lt. Schuster	CP Lt. Kemper	CP Lt. Stoll
W Lt. Reed	W T/O Riden	W Lt. Hart
E Lt. Mosler	E Lt. Elata	E Lt. Rush
M S/Sgt Davies	M S/Sgt Madison	M S/Sgt Brady
R S/Sgt Fallon	R S/Sgt Robinson	R Cpl Amthausler
L T/Sgt Prasier	L T/Sgt Van Deusen	L Cpl Selber
N S/Sgt Winchey	N S/Sgt Connolly	N Cpl Rhodes
T S/Sgt Silvano	T S/Sgt Stokier	T Cpl Dougherty
B S/Sgt Danley	B S/Sgt Bernemann	B Cpl Sanders
S/Sgt Sara (extra radio operator)		
AP 1133	AP 535	AP 1362
P Lt. Minavelt	P Lt. Franklin	P Capt. Cannon
CP Lt. Scott, W.J.	CP Lt. Russell	CP Lt. Freedman
W Lt. Kristie	W Lt. Gray	W Lt. Frost
B Lt. Gaitherman	B Lt. Lt. John	B Lt. Meacham
M S/Sgt Brown	M Cpl Hostetler	M S/Sgt Hagendorff
R T/Sgt Smith, W.B.	R Cpl Haag	R Sgt Wilbur
L T/Sgt Reich	L Cpl Skidas	L T/Sgt Kaisted
B S/Sgt Posner	B Cpl Mc Curry	B Sgt Wickman
T S/Sgt Hanson	T Cpl Brennan	T Sgt Costas
N S/Sgt Buchholz	N Cpl Kehayias	N Sgt Chering
		P Sgt Davis
	AP 507 (Bombed with 424th Bomb Sq (B))	
	P Lt. Poggi	
	CP Lt. Johnson	
	W Lt. Williams	
	B Lt. Black	
	M Sgt Adams	
	R Sgt Johnson	
	L Sgt Brass	
	B Sgt Gonzales	
	N Sgt Allen	
	T Sgt Casale	

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