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372ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (B) AAF
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A.P.O. # 719
15 November 1944

NARRATIVE COMBAT REPORT OF MISSION # 307-365

- A. MISSION NO. : 307-365, 15 November 1944, 372nd Bomb Sq (B) AAF. Six of six scheduled B-24s bombed the primary target.
- B. TARGET : La Carlota A/D, Negros, P.I.
- C. TIME OF ATTACK AND ALTITUDE : 1205-1204 I. from 9950 to 10,500 feet T.
- D. RESULTS OF BOMBING : Excellent. 70 to 80 % of our bombs trained across the northern one-third of the runway and dispersal area on about 15° mag heading, starting 1000 feet short of the strip and ending about 300 feet over. Three large fires with orange flames and black smoke to 2000 feet were burning at about the center of the runway, one on the east side and two on the west side. Two of these were probably caused by bombs of the preceding squadrons, but the third may have been started by our bombs. Four to five small fires, believed to be planes burning, were started by our bombs on both sides of the northern one-third of the strip.
- E. INTERCEPTION : Nil
- F. BRIEF DETAILS OF COMBAT : Nil
- G. ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED : Nil
- H. PHOTOS : A/C 329 took 6 photos on the bomb run from 10,000 feet T.
A/C 352 took 8 photos on the bomb run from 10,000 feet T.
- I. ROUTE AND SIGHTINGS : Route--Base to N tip of Base Island to Tuna Bay (06°24'N-124°08'E) to Tagolo Point (06°40'N-123°20'E) to western west tip of Negros Island (10°00'N-122°20'E) to IP and onto bomb run. Reciprocal route back.
Sightings--
1. At 1205 I from 9500 feet T at 06°10'N-123°40'E (Mindanao west of Iligan Bay) A/C 354 sighted 2 fires with smoke that rose and died, giving the appearance of signal fires.
2. At 1240 I from 10,000 feet T, A/C 352 sighted 2 U/I float planes in Dapitan Bay, Mindanao about 50 yards off the NE shore.

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J. WEAPENS AND UTILITY : Base to 04°15'N - 126°10'E; Clear, visibility 80 miles. .3 low cumulus clouds to 5000 feet. Winds 60° at 10 kts. Occasional cumulo-nimbus.
04°15'N-126°10'E to Tura Bay; Clear, visibility 80 miles. .1 low cumulus to 5000 feet. Winds 120° at 8 kts.
Mindanao; Cloudy, visibility 60 miles. .4 low cumulus clouds to 10,000 feet. .1 high cirrus clouds at 20,000 feet, winds 120° at 8 kts.
Target; Cloudy, visibility 60 miles. .3 low cumulus clouds to 5000 feet. .4 high cirro-stratus clouds at 20,000 feet. Winds 360° at 15 kts.
Return--Mindanao; Same as route out.
Mindanao to Base; Visibility 60 miles. Clear, .3 low cumulus clouds to 5000 feet. Winds 120° at 10 kts.

K. GENERAL REMARKS: Nil.

L. TYPE AND NUMBER : Six A/C each dropped 30 X 120 frag clusters, inst. fused. Also
OF BOMBING REPORT- was expended for test firing only.
FIRE OVER TARGET

M. BO BOMB DATA : 1. The squadron formation was a modified stagger to the left and up.
2. Bomb run was 15° mag.
3. Bomb trains were 1610 feet.
4. All bombardiers sighted for range only.
5. Squadron lead bombardier, only, used AFCS in sighting.
6. Rate was 150 feet short of the hardstand on the east side of the R/W.
7. The target was La Carlota A/D dispersal area. Exact target limitations were not designated.

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LOADING LIST

AP. 354

P Lt. Harris
CP Lt. Dayton
N Co. Burns
B Lt. Godabaugh
I T/sgt. McShilly
K S/sgt. Westlund
L T/sgt. Kendall
S S/sgt. Gillen
H S/sgt. Simons
Y S/sgt. Sissell

AP. 329

P Lt. Steffy
CP Lt. Morgan
N Lt. Miller
B Lt. Astor
H T/sgt. Harris
L T/sgt. Hobins
H T/sgt. Wintringham
I S/sgt. Jenkinson
B S/sgt. Murphy
R S/sgt. Wikel
F Sgt. Davis

AP. 400

P Lt. Kimble
CP Lt. Courtois
N Lt. Lystad
S Lt. Pfirman
H S/sgt. Powers
N S/sgt. McLintic
L S/sgt. Walters
B S/sgt. Vogel
R S/sgt. Remaker
T Cpl. Yanco

AP. 544

F Lt. McLaughlin
CP Lt. Nickerson
N Lt. Morrison
H Lt. May
K T/sgt. Cochran
R S/sgt. Farmer
H T/sgt. Bradford
L Cpl. Weider
T S/sgt. Main
B S/sgt. Lewis

AP. 502

F Lt. Dodd
C Lt. Faist
N Lt. Hale
B Lt. Eggers
L Cpl. Correll
H Cpl. Browner
R Cpl. Kromer
B Cpl. Sample
H Cpl. Sheldon
T Cpl. Fink
F S/sgt. Bennett

AP. 302

F Lt. Howak
CP Lt. Rickman
N Lt. Osberg
B Lt. Knox
R Cpl. Barricade
H Cpl. Brown
L Cpl. Stallmecht
T S/sgt. Brodacker
H Cpl. Rock
B Cpl. Huffman

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