

STANDARD REPORT OF SQUADRON 12, 347
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STANDARD REPORT No. 49
(Group Mission 00-304)

1. AIRBORNE REF. POINT : 6 searchlights B-24's. One A/C 542, Lt. Bryer dropped on Sorol Island. One A/C 567, Lt. Steffy dropped on Ngulu Island. Two A/C 549, Capt. Dixon, and 603, Lt. Kienzie, returned to base due to mechanical difficulties. Two A/C 535, Lt. Rogers and A/C 549, jettisoned their bombs.
2. TARGET : Nil.
3. BOMBS DROPPED : 5 A/C each carried 30x120# frag clusters, inst. nose fused with no tail fuse.
1 A/C carried 20x120# frag clusters, inst. nose fused with no tail fuse.
Total 170x120# frag clusters were carried.
4. ROUTE : As briefed to vicinity of Ngulu Reef, then in process of trying to rendezvous and failing A/C 542, Lt. Bryer headed for Sorol then direct to base. 3 A/C direct route to base from Ngulu area.
5. WEATHER : Broken to overcast, stratus cumulus at 10,000 feet. .5 cumulus at 6,000 feet, 10 miles visibility to equator. Equator to 04°00' N--144°30' E a front with rain and turbulence. Broken stratus cumulus .8 at 15,000 feet and .8 cumulus at 6,000 feet. From 04°00' N--141°30' E to 06°00' N--140°00' E encountered front with rain and turbulence. Overcast to Ngulu reef with 2 to 3 miles visibility. On return broken with visibility 5 to 10 miles. Alto stratus .8 15,000 feet. .5 to .8 cumulus at 6,000 feet to 01°00' N--145°00' E. Front with rain and turbulence to equator. Broken visibility 5 to 10 miles. Alto stratus .8 at 15,000 feet. cumulus .3 at 3,000 feet to base.
6. TIME & ALTITUDE OVER TARGET : 0845/K to 1430/K
4,225 to 8,500 feet true.
7. BOMBS DROPPED : A/C 542 bombed on Sorol Island at 1428/K from 4,225 feet.
A/C 567 bombed Ngulu at 1358/K from 7,400 feet.
A/C 549 jettisoned bombs at 0845/K at 00°10' S--145°45' E. from 7,400 feet.
A/C 535 jettisoned bombs at 1430/K at 07°37' N--140°34' E.
A/C 788 jettisoned bombs at 1400/K at 07°10' N--139°20' E.
A/C 603 returned bombs to base.
8. RESULTS : Bombs of 542 hit woods just left of radio station. Bombs of 567 hit some native huts and a few fell on the edge of the building area.

18. OFFICIAL REPORTING OFFICER: A/C 567, Lt. Steffy, USAF.
19. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: Weather prevented reconnaissance.
A/C 567, Lt. Steffy
11. A/A FIRE: Nil.
12. INTERCEPTION: Nil.
13. WEAPONS USED: Nil.
14. OBSERVATIONS: At the end of each building at Ngulu there were 3 objects 2 to 3 feet in diameter and mushroom in shape.
15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS: They heard someone reporting as SS and asking if anyone had any bombs left with which to bomb it on VHF. On VHF they heard Auburn 1 able reporting no interception and advising A/C to fly within 10 minutes of the target and if no interception to go in singly. Auburn 1 able later called to rescind the suggestion.
16. PHOTOGRAPHS: A/C 567 took 6 photos on bomb run over Ngulu from 7,400 feet true and then took 2 photos from 1,600 feet on strafing run.
17. REMARKS: Advise Red Cross that lunch was good but not enough. The quality stimulated their appetites.
A/C 567, Lt. Steffy strafed Ngulu Island after bombing it.

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LOADING LIST

AP. 549

P Capt. Dixon
CP Lt. Wilson
N Capt. Terrill
E Lt. Aldridge
M T/Sgt. Feeney
W S/Sgt. Farnham
W T/Sgt. Elliott
B S/Sgt. Mansell
T S/Sgt. Hoyt
N S/Sgt. Bigerstaff

AP. 542

P Lt. Dryer
CP Lt. Poggi
N Lt. Reed
B Lt. Wheeler
M S/Sgt. Davies
R Sgt. Fallon
C S/Sgt. Farrier
N Sgt. Kinney
T Sgt. Mulvagno
B Sgt. Dunley

AP. 535

P Lt. Rogers
CP Co. Nichols
N Lt. Harrison
B Lt. Jones
M S/Sgt. Green
N Cpl. Hanan
C S/Sgt. Wirtz
T Sgt. Rodwide
E Cpl. Shea
B Cpl. Wong

AP. 788

P Lt. Bowles
CP Lt. French
N Lt. Qualls
B Lt. Scott
M Sgt. Micms
E Sgt. Caputo
M S/Sgt. Connelly
R Cpl. Tedeschi
T Cpl. Rehnert
L Sgt. Geris
F Sgt. Mason

AP. 667

P Lt. Steffy
CP Lt. Morgan
N Lt. Galliett
B Lt. Mintow
M Sgt. Kaisted
N Sgt. Wintringham
L Sgt. Babina
T Cpl. Bredensteiner
B Cpl. Murphy
R Sgt. Wikel
F Cpl. Tabor

AP. 603

P Lt. Aenzle
CP Lt. Hauser
N Co. Schmidt
B Lt. Nelson
M S/Sgt. Setzinger
W Cpl. Fenske
N Sgt. McMill
B Cpl. Fitch
W Cpl. -is
T Cpl. Foresman
F Cpl. Lightle

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