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372ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
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A.P.C. # 719,
21 December 1944.

NARRATIVE COMBAT REPORT OF MISSION # 307-398A

- A. MISSION NO. : 307-398A, 21 December 1944, 6 of 6 scheduled B-24's reached their primary target together with elements of the 370th, 371st, and 424th Bombardment Squadrons (H).
- B. TARGET : Primary Fabrica R/W, bombed by four of our A/C. Last Resort, Dumaguete R/W, bombed by two of our A/C.
- C. TIME OF ATTACK AND ALTITUDE : Fabrica
1141 I 10,950 to 11,100 feet true.
Dumaguete
1214 I 10,880 to 11,000 feet true.
- D. RESULTS OF BOMBING : Fabrica R/W--EXCELLENT. 4 strings started 2,000 feet from the north end of R/W and on a Mag Heading of 240° and trained across the R/W at an angle of 30° to the R/W. The heaviest concentration was on the R/W.
Dumaguete R/W--EXCELLENT. Both our strings trained across the R/W. The 1st train cut thru the middle of the turn-around which is about 1,000 feet from the west end of the R/W and the second string fell across the middle of the R/W.
- E. INTERCEPTION : Nil.
- F. BRIEF DETAILS OF COMBAT : Nil.
- G. ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED : Nil.
- H. PHOTOS : A/C 544 flying B-1 took 7 photos over Fabrica A/D.
A/C 352 flying B-2 took 1 photo over Fabrica and 5 photos over Dumaguete at 1214 I from 10,600 feet true.
- I. ROUTE AND SIGHTINGS : Route: Individual planes from Base to Flecks Point to Baliango Point. Here the Group assembled in a group box and proceeded to 99°40'N - 123°37'E to Compton Point (10°00'N - 123°25'E) to turning point (10°54'N - 123°43'E) to IP (10°57'N - 123°29'E) to target to Dumaguete A/D to Baliango Point where the Group Box broke up and A/C proceeded direct to Base individually.
Sightings:
1. Fabrica R/W appeared servicable on approach.
2. 6 to 8 A/C were reported at Fabrica and 2 SSF at northeast corner of R/W were thought to be servicable.

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- I. ROUTE AND SIGHTINGS CONTD :
3. One barge was sighted in Dumaguete Harbor.
 4. 3 twin engine A/C was sighted close to the east end of Dumaguete R/W. All three appeared New and Serviceable.
 5. At 1115 I from 11,000 feet mirror flashes were seen coming from a point 2 miles south of Macapao and one mile inshore.
- J. WEATHER :
- Base to Yalaud Is.--.5 to .8 cumulus and towering cumulus, .3 to .7 alto stratus at 12,000 feet. Frequent rain squalls with moderate turbulence. Wind 70⁰ at 10 knots.
- Yalaud to Mindanao--.6 to .10 cumulus and towering cumulus with tops of 15,000 feet. Rain squalls frequent, visibility: --- to zero.
- Mindanao to Target--.3 to .4 cumulus over water and .7 to .8 cumulus buildups to 11,000 feet over land. Visibility unrestricted. Wind 40⁰ at 10 knots.
- Target--.8 cumulus with tops of 8,000 feet. .3 cirro stratus base at 20,000 feet, visibility restricted to 10 miles.
- K. GENERAL REMARKS :
- Clouds prevented two of our A/C from synchronizing on the primary target. The Squadron went to Dumaguete and made a Squadron run to enable our B-2 and B-3 to bomb. Strike was made without fighter cover.
- L. BOMBS DROPPED :
- 4 A/C each dropped 20x250⁰ GP bombs with .1 nose and .01 tail fuzing over Fabrica.
- 2 A/C each dropped 20x250⁰ GP bombs .1 nose and .01 tail fuzing over Dumaguete.
- 50 Cal Ammunition used for test firing only.
- M. BOMBING DATA :
1. Formation: Our Squadron led the Group Formation. Bombed in a Group Box.
 2. Bomb run: Fabrica Bomb run was on a Mag heading of 240⁰. Dumaguete bombed on a Mag heading of 135⁰.
 3. Bomb trains: Bomb trains were 550 feet.
 4. Sighting: Lead bombardier sighted for range and deflection; all others sighted for range.
 5. APCH: Lead A/C used APCH on bomb run.
 6. Aiming point: Lead bombardier killed for deflection on both targets on the center of the R/W's, and for range on the near edge of the R/W's.
 7. Target: Primary target was Fabrica R/W on Negros Is. Last resort target was Dumaguete R/W on Negros Is.

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AP. 370 A-1

Capt. Rimmerly
Lt. Harris
Po. Burns
Lt. Godabaugh
T/Sgt. McHally
Sgt. Thiele
T/Sgt. Kendall
S/Sgt. Gillum
S/Sgt. Bredensteiner
S/Sgt. Bissell
S/Sgt. Hicks

AP. 133 A-2

Lt. Bowles
Lt. French
Lt. Qualls
Lt. Scott, C.A.
T/Sgt. Niems
S/Sgt. Caputo
T/Sgt. Connally
S/Sgt. Tabor
S/Sgt. Rehnert
S/Sgt. Geris
Capt. Souter

AP. 354 A-3

Lt. MacDonald
Lt. Johnson, C.E.
Lt. Williams, T.K.
Lt. Black
T/Sgt. Johnson, E.
S/Sgt. Casale
T/Sgt. Reisch
S/Sgt. Gonzales
S/Sgt. Allen, E.A.
S/Sgt. Brass

AP. 546 B-1

Lt. Bloomer
Lt. Harmon
Lt. Cohen
Lt. Dickinson
T/Sgt. Finney
S/Sgt. Saalcer
T/Sgt. Sachman
S/Sgt. Wilson
S/Sgt. Heddicker
S/Sgt. Davis

AP. 362 B-2

Lt. Connell
Lt. Russell
Lt. Gray
Lt. Drollinger
S/Sgt. Van Gorder
S/Sgt. Wingert
T/Sgt. Rodriguez
Sgt. Morrison
S/Sgt. Blake
S/Sgt. Smith, W.W.
S/Sgt. McClintic

AP. 062 B-5

Lt. Apple
Lt. Freedman
Po. Martinez
Po. Holt
Cpl. Schuyler
Cpl. Etheredge
Cpl. Gaigley
Cpl. Gindlesperger
Cpl. Berry
Cpl. McDaniel