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372ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
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A.P.O. # 719,
22 November 1944.

NARRATIVE COMBAT REPORT OF MISSION 307-371

- A. MISSION NO. : 307-371, 372nd Bombardment Squadron (H), six of six scheduled B-24's bombed the primary target.
- B. TARGET : Macolod Airdrome dispersal area.
- C. TIME OF ATTACK AND ALTITUDE : 1131 I to 1132 I.
: 10,400 to 10,640 feet true.
- D. RESULTS OF BOMBING : Unsatisfactory. Our squadrons bomb pattern started on a Mag heading of 250° about 200 feet north of the river at a point 500 yards northeast of the north end of the runway and ended just south of the east side of the runway 600 feet south of the north end.
: Nil, friendly losses.
: Nil, enemy losses.
- E. INTERCEPTION : Nil.
- F. BRIEF DETAILS OF COMBAT : Nil.
- G. ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED : Nil.
- H. PHOTOS : A/C 929, flying B-3 position took 7 photos over the target from 10,640 feet true.
: A/C 567, flying B-2 position took 11 photos over the target from 10,400 feet true. At 1141 I from 10,000 feet true 1 photo was taken of one Fox Yare Charlie and a Tug at Isampulugan Island in Guimaras Strait.
: A/C 400, flying B-3 position took 10 photos over the target from 10,600 feet true.
- I. ROUTE AND SIGHTINGS : Route: Base direct to Flecha Point to Olutanga Islands to Tagolo Point to Target, return direct.
: Sightings:
: 1. At 1140 I one Fox Yare Able and One small Tug was sighted from 10,000 feet off Isampulugan Island in Guimaras Strait.
: 2. 6 twin engine A/C apparently servicable, one silver, 5 painted, were lined up in file on the east Taxi Strip of Talisay Airdrome. Sighted at 1130 I from 10,600 feet true.
: 3. One crew reported seeing 5 small yellow objects apparently life rafts in the water 500 yards off the west shore of Negroes Island 10 miles south of Macolod at 1135 I from 10,000 feet true. One of these objects was alone and four were inline as though tied together.

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- I. ROUTE AND SIGHTINGS CONTD : 4. One crew reported sighting a P-38 in the water, apparently on a reef, at 09°45'N-122°25'E. This was located halfway between a small unnamed island and Negros. No activity noted and the plane had a corroded appearance as though it had been in the water for some time.
- J. WEATHER : Base to north tip of Morotai--overcast at 1,200, visibility 14 miles Morotai to south tip of Mindanao--generally .2 cumulus bases 4,000 tops 8,500, .1 alto cumulus bases 7,000 tops 9,000. Winds 230° at 10 knots.
(04°30'N)(126°30'E)--.5 strato cumulus tops 7,000. .3 alto cumulus 8,000 to 10,000.
Mindanao--.2 cumulus bases 5,000 tops 7,000. .2 cumulus bases 6,000 tops 10,000. Generally over all islands .4 to .6 cumulus from 2,000 to 10,000 with alto cumulus .2 to .3 at 9,000 to 11,000. Target--.6 to .7 cumulus 9,000 to 10,000, .3 lower cumulus at 5,000 to 6,000, alto cumulus .2 to .4 above 10,000.
Route Back--cumulus buildups over Negros and Mindanao increased .3 to .4 tops 11,000 to 12,000, over water .3 lower cumulus at 5,000 to 6,000. Winds shifted to 140° at 11 knots over Mindanao.
(04°50'N)(126°00'E)--ran into .5 to .8 towering cumulus tops to 14,000, moderate turbulence.
(04°30'N)(128°20'E)--.5 cumulus tops 11,000, alto cumulus 7,000 to 9,000, .3 build up much greater turbulence in morning.
South to Base--.3 to .4 cumulus 5,000 to 6,500, .1 cumulus to 11,000 alto stratus at 7,500 .2. Winds about 170° at 12 knots.
25 miles north of base ran into stratus from 4,000 to 7,000, visibility 15 miles.
- K. GENERAL REMARKS : Nil.
- L. TYPE & NUMBER OF BOMBS DROPPED OVER TARGET : 6 A/C each carried 6x1000# ADM48 bombs with inst. nose and tail fusing. 50 cal ammunition used for test firing only.
- M. BOMBING DATA : 1. Group Box--javelin down within the squadron.
2. Lead A/P 230° Mag heading.
3. Bomb train 1400 feet.
4. AFCE was used by lead A/P
5. Lead bombardier sighted for range and deflection--all others sighted for range only.
6. A-1 sighted for deflection on the intersection of the coast line highway with the road running east of the strip and for rate on the river north of the runway. All others killed for rate on the same river.
7. Dispersal area Bacoled Airdrome. Exact target limitations were not designated.

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AP. 370

P Lt. Dryer
CP Capt. Scarr
W Lt. Reed
C Lt. Wheeler
M T/Sgt. Davies
R S/Sgt. Fallon
L T/Sgt. Frasier
N S/Sgt. Hinchey
T S/Sgt. Malvagno
B S/Sgt. Danley

AP. 929

P Lt. May
CP Lt. Toon
H Lt. Melnick
B Lt. Suchma
M T/Sgt. Houchin
R Cpl. Thiele
B T/Sgt. Ottinger
T S/Sgt. Garson
N S/Sgt. Collins
L S/Sgt. Lay
F S/Sgt. Jeter

AP. 133

P Lt. Blauvelt
CP Lt. Scott, D. J.
N Lt. Kristie
B Lt. Scitherman
R T/Sgt. Smith, W.B.
M S/Sgt. Brown, W.V.
L T/Sgt. Reisch
B S/Sgt. Posner
T S/Sgt. Hanson
N S/Sgt. Buchholz

AP. 175

P Lt. Muller
CP Lt. Kenyon
H Pte. Elden
B Lt. Klein
M S/Sgt. Haulton
T S/Sgt. D. Busman
R T/Sgt. Van Geem
B S/Sgt. Connolly
L S/Sgt. Meckler
H S/Sgt. Bronsman

AP. 367

P Lt. York
CP Lt. Hayden
H Lt. Hessler
B Lt. St. John
M T/Sgt. Breitman
R S/Sgt. Fields
B T/Sgt. Marfoe
L Sgt. Crowe
T S/Sgt. Hicks
H S/Sgt. Lightle
F S/Sgt. Vallen

AP. 400

P Lt. Jones
CP Lt. Stell
H Lt. Hart
B Lt. Pugh
M S/Sgt. Brady
N Cpl. Neuhäusler
R Cpl. Reiber
T T/Sgt. MacDougal
B Cpl. Dougherty
L Cpl. Landers
F S/Sgt. Babcock

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