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NARRATIVE SUMMARY REPORT OF MISSION 307-372

- A. MISSION NO. : 307-372, 25 November 1944, 372nd Bombardment Squadron (B) AAF, 6 of 6 scheduled B-24s bombed the primary target.
- B. TARGET : Bacoled R/W.
- C. TIME OF ATTACK AND ALTITUDE : 1214-1218 I from 10,200 to 10,600 feet T.
- D. RESULTS OF BOMBING : Unsatisfactory. Two strings of bombs walked through a wooded area half way between the SW corner of the R/W and the shore. Two other strings trained along the beach opposite the south  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the R/W and the remaining bombs were farther out in the water in the same area. An unusual amount of thick brown smoke rising to 500-1000 feet, resulted from the hits in the wooded area, but no fires were visible. Nil friendly losses - Nil enemy losses.
- E. INTERCEPTION : Nil.
- F. BRIEF DETAILS OF COMBAT : Nil.
- G. ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED : Nil.
- H. PHOTOS : A/C 352, flying A-3, took 11 photos over the target from 10,230 feet T and one photo of what appeared to be a dirt emergency landing strip at 08°10'N-123°24'E from 8,900 feet T at 1020 I. A/C 862, flying B-1, took 7 photos over the target from 10,200 feet T.
- I. ROUTE AND SIGHTINGS : Base to Flecha Point to Tagole Point to Sejoten Point to T/P (10°16'N-123°50'E) to target. Return direct to base.  
Sightings-  
1. A dirt emergency landing strip was sighted at 08°10'N-123°24'E from 8900 feet T. at 1020 I.  
2. A large white flag on a flagpole behind a large building was sighted on the shore of Mindanao, opposite the southwest tip of Haburos Island at 1115 I from 9000 feet. The building was about 100 yards back from the water and there was one U/I small craft just off shore.  
3. LaCarlota A/D had a total of about 18 A/C. 9 of these appeared to be serviceable B2F parked south of the R/W; most of the rest appeared unserviceable as did the R/W.

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J. WEATHER : Base to Flecha Point- 50 miles from base heavy cumulus activity and hazy visibility, tops of cumulus 8000 feet with .5 coverage. Beyond that point to Flecha Point a CAVU condition was encountered with westerly winds 180° at 8 kts. holding true except for Southern Mindanao where a change to 318° @ 6 kts was noted. Flecha Point to Tagalo Point--10/10 overcast of thick alto-stratus with base of 15,000 feet. Cumulus activity increased from .2 coverage with tops of 6000 feet to .6 coverage with tops of 10,000 feet. A few scattered towering cumulo-nimbus in this region. Slight turbulence and hazy visibility. Flecha Point to Target-- 10/10 alto-stratus with base of 15,000 feet. .6 cumulus with tops of 9000 feet. Base restricted visibility to 25 miles. Winds from east at 8-10 kts. Target-- .8 alto-stratus (thin) base of 14,000 feet. .5 cumulus with tops of 6000 feet. Visibility 25 miles. Return weather was reciprocal.

K. GENERAL REMARKS : Nil.

L. TYPE AND NUMBER OF BOMBS DROPPED AND TARGET : 8 A/C each dropped 8 x 1000# GP bombs, fused .1 sec nose and .01 sec tail. .60 cal ammo was expended for test firing only.

M. BOMBING DATA : Formation-Combat box, javelin down within the squadron. Bomb run-12° mag. Bomb train-400 feet. Sighting-All bombardiers sighted for range only. Our lead bombardier could not sight for deflection because the formation was too far left of course. AFCE-Used by lead bombardier only. Aiming Point-Base only. South end of R/D. Target area-Base of A/D. Exact target limitations were not specified.

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LOADING LIST

AP. 1454

P Lt. Harris  
CP Lt. French  
S P/O Burns  
B Lt. Bodabaugh  
M T/Sgt McCall  
R S/Sgt Westlund  
L T/Sgt Kendall  
B S/Sgt Gillum  
H S/Sgt Simmons  
I S/Sgt Bissell

AP. 1417

P Lt. Steffy  
CP Lt. Morgan  
S Lt. Hepler  
B Lt. Antower  
M T/Sgt Harris  
L S/Sgt Sabina  
H T/Sgt Hintringham  
T S/Sgt Divers  
B S/Sgt Murphy  
R S/Sgt Wikel

AP. 1362

P Lt. Fogel  
CP Lt. Schuster  
S Lt. Reby  
B Lt. Evans  
M T/Sgt Yates  
H S/Sgt Taylor  
L T/Sgt McCus  
B S/Sgt Gonzales  
T S/Sgt Mackey  
R S/Sgt Schroeduck  
AP S/Sgt Davis

AP. 862

P Lt. McLaughlin  
CP Lt. Nickerson  
S Lt. Morrison  
B Lt. Fay  
M T/Sgt Cochran  
R S/Sgt Farmer  
B T/Sgt Bradford  
L Sgt Reider  
T S/Sgt Main  
B S/Sgt Lewis  
AP S/Sgt Bennett

AP. 1544

P Lt. Hanson  
CP Lt. Lord  
S Lt. Wagner  
B Lt. Wright  
L Cpl Butler  
M Cpl Gabrielle  
H Cpl Hamstetter  
B Cpl Berowick  
S Cpl Clark  
T Cpl Koenlein

AP. 536

P Lt. Franklin  
CP Lt. Durbin  
S Lt. Gray  
B Lt. Dorat  
M Cpl Hostler  
R Cpl Haug  
L Cpl Skidas  
S Cpl McCarry  
B Cpl Brenna  
I Cpl Eshayias

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