

372ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. # 719

26 July 1944.

STANDARD MISSION REPORT NO. 52
(Group Mission 307-207)

1. AIRPLANES EMPLOYED: Six scheduled B-24's hit the primary target of Noleai & TARGET ATTACKED : supply area.
2. ESCORT : Nil.
3. BOMB LOAD : 3 A/C each carried 30x100# bombs ANM30 inst. nose and tail fuses. 3 A/C each carried 20x100# bombs ANM 30 inst. nose and tail fuses
4. ROUTE : As briefed.
5. WEATHER : Base to 1°N--.6 cirrus and alto stratus at 10,000 feet. .4 cumulus at from 3,000 to 7,000 feet. 1°N to 3°N--.5 strato cumulus 2,000 to 7,000 feet. 3°N to 7°N--.4 cumulus at 3,000 feet. Over target--.3 cirro stratus 18,000 to 20,000 feet. Clear at bombing altitude, visibility unlimited. Weather on return was the same.
6. TIME & ALTITUDE OVER TARGET : 1203/K to 1204/K : 13,950 to 14,200 feet true.
7. BOMBS DROPPED : 150x100# ANM30 bombs.
8. HITS OBSERVED : (a) Our bomb pattern started three or four hundred feet north of our assigned target area, and continued on a mag heading of 177° to the south tip of the island. Ten or fifteen bombs hit in the water. The east corner of our assigned target area was not covered.
9. RESULTS : (a) One tremendous explosion that threw debris clear across the island, accompanied by heavy gray smoke occurred 200 feet in from the west shore and about 600 feet north of the south tip of the island. (b) The 424th Sq. bomb pattern, one large explosion, followed by a tall column of black smoke, was seen near the intersection of the north-south road with the south taxiway.
10. SPECIAL CONDITIONS AFFECTING RESULTS : Nil.
11. A/A FIRE : (a) Heavy, meager to moderate, on course but generally low with only a few bursting above the formation. (b) Three heavy A/A positions were noted firing just east of the south taxiway. Three fast firing A/A guns were seen in the clearing near the middle of Marison Island. A/A fire was also seen coming from previously noted positions on the north tip of Palian Island.

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12. INTERCEPTION : Nil.
13. WEAPONS DAMAGE OR LOSS: (a) Nil.
(b) Nil.
14. OBSERVATIONS : Nil.
15. RADIO DISCIPLINE : Good.
16. PHOTOGRAPHS : A/C 822 took 20 photos over the target from 13,950 feet true,
at 1204/K.
A/C 277 took 8 photos over the target from 14,200 feet true,
at 1203/K.
A/C 268 took 15 photos over the target from 14,100 feet true,
at 1205/K.
17. REMARKS : Nil.

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LOADING LIST

AP. 0599	AP. 3277	AP. 3266
ACP Lt. Fraker	P Lt. Harris	P Lt. Rogers
P Lt. MacKenzie	CP Lt. Patrick	CP F/O Nichols
CP Lt. McKenzie	N F/O Burns	N Lt. Harrison
N Lt. Olson	B Lt. Rodabaugh	B Lt. Jones
B Lt. Hoel	M T/Sgt. McFally	M T/Sgt. Webb
M S/Sgt. Hengen	R S/Sgt. Westlund	N Sgt. Hanan
N S/Sgt. Grochmal	L T/Sgt. Kendall	R Sgt. McLaughy
R T/Sgt. Taylor	B S/Sgt. Gillum	T S/Sgt. Podewils
L S/Sgt. Lackey	N S/Sgt. Simmons	L Sgt. Shea
T S/Sgt. Guyer	T S/Sgt. Bissell	B Sgt. Wong
B S/Sgt. Gregg	F Sgt. Murray	
AP. 0663	AP. 2822	AP. 0535
P Lt. Rice	P Lt. Lindley	P Lt. May
CP Lt. McLaughlin	CP Lt. Boehmer	CP Lt. Toon
N Lt. DeBoer	N Lt. Coleman, A.D.	N Lt. Melnick
B Lt. St. John	B Lt. Coleman, J.U.	B Lt. Anster
M T/Sgt. Harris	M T/Sgt. Breitman	O Lt. Suchma
T S/Sgt. DeBusman	N S/Sgt. Shivers	M S/Sgt. Houchin
RW S/Sgt. Hicks	R T/Sgt. MacDougal	R S/Sgt. Dralle
B S/Sgt. Connolly	B S/Sgt. Vallen	B S/Sgt. Ottinger
N S/Sgt. McClintie	T S/Sgt. Roberts	N Sgt. Carson
LW T/Sgt. Reisch	L S/Sgt. Babcock	T Sgt. Collins
	F Cpl. Bura	L Sgt. Luy