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NARRATIVE COMBAT REPORT OF MISSION # 507-376

- A. MISSION NO. : 507-376, 26 November 1944, 372nd Bombardment Squadron (H) AAF, five of five scheduled B-24's attacked the primary target.
- B. TARGET : La Carlota Runway.
- C. TIME OF ATTACK AND ALTITUDE : 1134/L. 10,500' - 10,600'.
- D. RESULTS OF BOMBING : Excellent. 80% of our bombs fell on the South half of the runway and adjoining aprons. One twin-engine aircraft on East apron 1,000' South of the center of the runway was seen to explode as the result of our squadron's bombs.
Enemy losses: One TE aircraft.
Friendly losses: Nil.
- E. INTERCEPTION : Nil.
- F. BRIEF DETAILS OF COMBAT : Nil.
- G. ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED : Nil.
- H. PHOTOS : A/C 829, flying in A-2 position, took nine photos over the target from 10,600'Y.
A/C 555, flying in A-3 position, took sixteen photos over the target from 10,600'Y.
A/C 352, flying in B-1 position, took twelve photos over the target from 10,500'Y.
- I. ROUTE AND SIGHTINGS : Route--Morotai to Tagolo Point to turning point (10°00'N - 122°20'E to IP (Maquiling 10°18'N - 122°50'E) to target. Return direct to base.
 1. On the west apron from the center of runway to the North end of runway, puffs of dirt were kicked up in a straight line ahead of our formation. It appeared to be the result of strafing. No aircraft, however, were sighted below.
 2. Five to seven SEP were grouped in the South corner of the East apron.
 3. One twin-engine aircraft was sighted on the East apron 1,000' South of the center of the runway.

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- J. WEATHER : Base to Yagelo Point: Heavy cumulus activity was encountered after leaving base to 04°30'N - 126°40'E. Cumulus varied from .3 to .6 and towered to 12,000' - rain squalls and moderate turbulence. Beyond that point to assembly, a CAVU condition was encountered with high thin layer of cirris clouds, .2 to .4 coverage and low clouds of .3 cumulus with tops at 8,000'. Wind: 320°, 7K swinging to 90°, 15K.
Yagelo Point to Target: CAVU condition with few high clouds and approximately .3 to .5 cumulus clouds with tops of 8,000' over land areas. Wind: 46°, 14K.
Over Target: Same as above.
On return to base: Weather on return was reciprocal of that encountered on route out.
- K. GENERAL REMARKS : Nil.
- L. TYPE AND NUMBER OF BOMBS DROPPED OVER TARGET : Five a/e each dropped 8 x 1000# ANM44 bombs, fused .1 nose and .01 tail.
- M. BOMBING DATA : (a) Group flew a group box over the target javelin down within the squadron.
(b) Mag. heading of the bomb run was 30° to 31°.
(c) Bomb train was 825'.
(d) Lead bombardier sighted for range and deflection.
(e) AFCE was used by lead plane.
(f) Lead bombardier killed deflection on the center of the runway and for range on the west edge of the runway. All other bombardiers killed for range on the same point.
(g) Our target was the runway of La Carlota A/D.

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LOADING LIST

AP. 329

F Lt. Steffy
CP Lt. Morgan
N Lt. Coleman, A.D.
B Lt. Antower
M I/Sgt. Harris
L S/Sgt. Abinn
H I/Sgt. Wintringham
T S/Sgt. Shivers
B S/Sgt. Murphy
R S/Sgt. Wikel
F S/Sgt. Vallen

AP. 352

F Lt. McLaughlin
CP Lt. Dickerson
H Lt. Morrison
B Lt. Fay
M I/Sgt. Cochran
R S/Sgt. Farmer
H S/Sgt. Bradford
L Sgt. Weider
T S/Sgt. Main
B S/Sgt. Lewis
F S/Sgt. Babcock

AP. 400

F Lt. Munson
CP Lt. Lord
H Lt. Wagner
B Lt. Wright
L Cpl. Butler
M Cpl. Gabrielle
R Cpl. Hamstetter
N Cpl. Borewick
B Cpl. Clark
T Cpl. Roeselein

AP. 555

F Lt. Franklin
CP Lt. Durrin
H Lt. Gray
B Lt. Scott
M Cpl. Hamstetter
R Cpl. Haag
L Cpl. Spidas
H Cpl. Mc Garry
B Cpl. Green
T Cpl. Kehayias
F S/Sgt. Jeter

AP. 354

F Capt. Scarr
CP Lt. Harris
H Co. Burns
B Lt. Kodaugh
M I/Sgt. Mc Nally
R S/Sgt. Westlund
L I/Sgt. Kentall
B S/Sgt. Gillum
H S/Sgt. Simmons
T S/Sgt. Bissell

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