

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

27 July 1944.

STANDARD MISSION REPORT NO. 53
(Group Mission 307-308)

1. AIRPLANES EMPLOYED: Six of six scheduled B-24's bombed the primary target, the
& TARGET ATTACKED : supply area of Tagaiap Island.
2. ESCORT- : Nil.
3. BOMB LOAD : 4 A/C each carried 30x100# GP bombs, inst. nose and tail fuses.
2 A/C each carried 20x100# GP bombs, inst. nose and tail fuses.
4. ROUTE : As briefed.
5. WEATHER : 2⁰⁰S to 1⁰⁰N--.1 to .2 cumulus tops 8,000 feet, wind 120° at
10 knots.
1⁰⁰N to 2⁰⁰N--.1 stratus base 10,500 feet, .2 cumulus tops 7,000
feet, .2 cumulus tops 11,000 feet.
2⁰⁰N to 2³⁰N--.8 stratus base 10,000 feet, .4 cumulus tops 7,000'.
2³⁰N to 3⁰⁰N--"unning into front. Stratus .6 to 10/10 coverage,
on instruments part of the time.
3⁰⁰N to 4⁰⁰N--.5 to 10/10 cumulus to 11,000 feet. .5 squalls
and moderate turbulence.
4⁰⁰N to 5⁰⁰N--.5 stratus base 11,000 feet. .4 to .5 cumulus
tops 11,000 feet. Winds changed to 55° to 70° at 10 knots.
5⁰⁰N to Target--.5 to .6 cumulus at 14,000 feet.
Target--.5 to .8 cumulus, 3,000 to 8,000 feet, scattered layer
of cumulus.
Target to 6⁰⁰N--Entering same front. Overcast at 12,000 feet .7
to .9. .5 to .9 cumulus at 14,000 feet.
6⁰⁰N to 8⁰⁰N-- in clouds, slight squalls, stratus front mainly
.5 to light to moderate turbulence.
8⁰⁰N to 1⁰⁰N-- Coming out of front. .3 to .4 squall cumulus 3,000
to 6,000 feet.
1⁰⁰N to Base--.1 stratus 9,000 feet, .5 cumulus 2,000 to 7,000 or
8,000 feet. Winds shifted back to 120° to 125° at 10 knots.
6. TIME & ALTITUDE : 1130/K to 1131/K
OVER TARGET : 10,300 to 10,600 feet true.
7. BOMBS DROPPED : 140x100# GP bombs dropped over the target.
20x100# GP bombs fell out over the water when bomb bay doors
were opened, due either to bomb rack or intervalometer malfunction
8. HITS OBSERVED : Towering cumulus covered target area except around the edge. This
did not keep bombardiers from synchronizing, but did prevent
observations. However the bombs were thought to have landed in
the target area as a good run was obtained.

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9. RESULTS : Nil.
10. SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Nil.
AFFECTING RESULTS :
11. A/A FIRE : Nil.
12. INTERCEPTS : Nil.
13. OWN DAMAGE OR LOSS: Nil.
14. OBSERVATIONS : One barge seen on the southeast side of Faluilipaipe Island.
7 or 8 barges were seen on the middle of the south shore of
Utagal. Six 50 foot barges on the east shore of Faralles Island.
15. RADF DISCIPLINE : Good.
16. PHOTOGRAPHY : A/C 258, A-3 position took 4 photos on approach to target and
on run from 10,500 feet true.
A/C 542, B-1 position took 6 photos on the run from 10,550 feet
true.
17. REMARKS : Nil.

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LOADING LIST

AP. 549

P Capt. Dixon
CP Lt. Wilson
N Capt. Terry
IB Lt. Tenton
B Lt. Aldridge
M T/Sgt. Feeney
W S/Sgt. Farnam
W T/Sgt. Elliott
B S/Sgt. Mansell
T S/Sgt. Holt
H S/Sgt. Riggerstaff

AP. 567

P Lt. Carson
CP Lt. Liljedahl
N Lt. Duncan
B Lt. Hurley
M T/Sgt. Wingate
W S/Sgt. Poley
W T/Sgt. Zalinsky
N S/Sgt. Anthony
T S/Sgt. Allen
B S/Sgt. Del Hierro

AP. 258

P Lt. Kiensle
CP Lt. Hauser
N Fo. Schmitt
B Lt. Nelson
M S/Sgt. Metzinger
W Sgt. Penske
N S/Sgt. McDill
B Sgt. Kitch
T Sgt. She
I Sgt. Foresman
F Cpl. Tabor

AP. 542

P Lt. Dryer
CP Lt. Poggi
N Lt. Reed
B Lt. Wheeler
M T/Sgt. Davies
W S/Sgt. Fallon
W T/Sgt. Frazier
N S/Sgt. Hinchey
T S/Sgt. Malvagno
B S/Sgt. Danley
O Lt. Widdicombe

AP. 788

P Lt. Bowles
CP Lt. French
N Lt. Qualls
B Lt. Scott
M T/Sgt. Mimms
B S/Sgt. Caputo
N T/Sgt. Connely
W Sgt. Tedeschi
T Sgt. Rehnert
W S/Sgt. Geris
P Sgt. Lightle

AP. 603

P Lt. Steffy
CP Lt. Morgan
N Lt. Calliett
B Lt. Astower
M S/Sgt. Kaisted
W S/Sgt. Babina
N S/Sgt. Winteringham
T Sgt. Bredensteiner
B Sgt. Murphy
W S/Sgt. Wikel