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 372ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
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MAR ATIVE CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS 307-370B

- A. MISSION NO. : 307-370B, 27 November 1944, 372nd Bombardment Squadron (H) AAF, one scheduled B-24s.
- B. TARGET : Armed Shipping Search of standard Route "I".
 1. One 100 foot Schooner was strafed at 01⁰²27'N-118⁰²21'W.
 2. One Sugar Dog was bombed at 02⁰⁰02'N-118⁰²20'W.
 After these attacks the A/C returned direct to base because most of its ammunition had been expended and the remainder of the route would carry them past major enemy A/Cs.
- C. TIME OF ATTACK AND ALTITUDE : Entered search area at 0800I and left search area at 1900 I. Search altitude was 1800 feet T. Schooner was attacked at 1224 I from 100 feet T. Sugar Dog was bombed at 1304 I from 210 feet T.
- D. RESULTS OF BOMBING : No results from strafing of Schooner noted. Excellent. One Sugar Dog definitely sunk. Two direct hits on the sugar dog blew off the bow and caused an explosion astern with flames rising to 500 feet in the air. Black oil smoke was seen at 2000 feet. Enemy losses: One Sugar Dog sunk. Friendly losses: Nil.
- E. INTERCEPTION : Nil.
- F. BRIEF DETAILS OF COMBAT : Nil.
- G. ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED : Slight, light and inaccurate. Tracers probably from a V.7 machine gun were observed coming from the ship on the first run.
- H. PHOTOS : Photos were taken of Sugar Dog from 200 feet T.
- I. ROUTE AND SIGHTING : Route--Morotal to NE tip of Celebes along N coast to Simatang Point, west to E coast of Borneo then N along coast to 02⁰⁰08'N-118⁰⁰20'W. Then return direct to base. Sighted only targets attacked.

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- J. W A I T E R : Merotel to N tip of Celebes and along N side of Celebes:
Generally .2-.4 cumulus bases 2000 feet tops to 4000 feet T.
Scattered cumulus to 8000 feet T. .1-.2 stratus at 3000 feet T.
.1-.2 altostratus at 5000 feet T.
01°00'N - 120°15' E to 02°00'N-118°20' E: Local showers.
Moderately severe turbulence under overcast.
Target (02°02'N-118°20' E): .3 cumulus 2500 feet T. to 3000' T.
02°10'N-125°30'E to 02°00' N-127°30'E: .3-.4 cumulus 2000' T
to 5000 feet T. Stratus haze at 6000 feet T. Visibility 160mi.
02°04'N-127°30' E to Base : .2 cumulus from 2000 feet - 6000 ft.
- K. G E N E R A L : Sugar dog was heavily camouflaged with palm leaves. Crew was
W A I T E R unable to see matches.
- L. W I T E M A N : 6 x 250 lb. bombs with no nose fusing and 4 to 5 seconds delay
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5 bombs were dropped on the Sugar dog
one bomb was jettisoned safe at 10000 ft at 02°10' N-124°30' E.
40,000 rounds of .50 cal. ammunition were expended in strafing.
- M. B O M B I N G D A A : (a) Single plane
(b) Bombed on a 240° mag heading
(c) Bombs were toggled
(d) Pilot killed course perfectly by lining the plane up with
a landfall while bombardier killed for rate
(e) AFCE not used
(f) Aiming point was 50 feet short of vessel.
(g) Target was a Sugar dog at 02°02' N- 118° 20' E.

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