

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

29 July 1944.

STANDARD MISSION REPORT NO. 54  
(Group Mission 307-308)

1. AIRPLANES EMPLOYED : Six of six scheduled B-24's hit Woleai supply area. Five A/C  
 & TARGET ATTACKED : bombed in formation, one A/C taking off late bombed individually.
2. ESCORT : Nil.
3. BOMB LOAD : 5 A/C carried 30x100# GP Bombs.  
 1 A/C carried 20x100# GP Bombs.  
 Total 170x100# GP Bombs with inst. nose and tail fuses.
4. ROUTE : As briefed to the target when the bomb run of our 5 A/C was  
 stymied by a towering cumulus over the target made a successful  
 run improbable. Figuring the probable drift of the clouds from  
 the speed and direction of the wind, the formation leader circled  
 and came in on a mag heading of 307°. The time spent in making  
 the circle allowed the cloud to pass to the north giving perfect  
 visibility for the run and observation.
5. WEATHER : Route to Target-- Visibility 35 miles, .4 alto stratus, base  
 15,000 feet. .2 fracto cumulus, tops 5,000 feet.  
 Target-- One large cumulus congestis building into C.B. moving  
 north.  
 Target to Base-- 7°N to 3°N Visibility 30 miles, .4 alto stratus  
 base 12,000 feet. .3 fracto cumulus, tops 5,000 feet.  
 3°N to Base-- .5 alto stratus to cirro stratus, base 16,000 feet.  
 .4 cumulus congestis and cumulo-nimbus, tops 18,000 feet.
6. TIME & ALTITUDE OVER TARGET : For the 5 plane formation : Time 1037/K, True Altitude 13,800 ft.  
 : Individual A/P. Time 1145/K, True Altitude 12,800 feet.
7. BOMBS DROPPED : 170 x 100# GP over the target.
8. HITS OBSERVED : Approximately 50x100# bombs in the water, 29 of which were dropped  
 by the single plane attack. The remaining 120x100# bombs fell  
 on a mag heading of 307° with the pattern begining 1,700 feet  
 north-northeast of the south tip of Woleai and continuing across  
 the runway. The pattern was approximately 700 feet wide.
9. RESULTS : One large explosion with red flame followed by black smoke was  
 noted about 500 feet south of the middle of the south taxiway.  
 One small fire with black smoke was seen about 200 feet north-  
 west of the large explosion.

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10. SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Nil.  
AFFECTING RESULTS :
11. A/A FIRE : Heavy, Meagre A/A, four flashes and one burst seen by squadron, inaccurate.  
(b) Two guns on either side of the causeway on the north tip of Faliua Island, were seen to fire.
12. INTERCEPTION : Nil.
13. OWN DAMAGE OR LOSS: Nil.
14. OBSERVATIONS : Five barges seen off the southwest shore of Faliua Island. One barge seen off a cove of Faliudepalape Island.
15. RADIO DISCIPLINE : Good.
16. PHOTOGRAPHS : A/C 599, took 12 photos on individual run over the target from 12,500 feet.  
A/C 277, took 7 photos on bomb run from 13,800 feet.  
A/C 266, took 14 photos on bomb run from 13,800 feet.
17. REMARKS : Lt. Lindley took off in A/P 258, a hole was discovered in the left elevator so he landed and took the spare, A/P 599, and bombed individually. His bomb run was on 122° mag. heading.

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LOADING LIST

AP. 277

P Lt. Harris  
CP Lt. Patrick  
N Fo. Burns  
B Lt. Rodabaugh  
M T/Sgt. McNally  
R S/Sgt. Westlund  
L T/Sgt. Kendall  
B S/Sgt. Gillum  
N S/Sgt. Simmons  
T S/Sgt. Bissell  
F Sgt. Mason

AP. 354

F Lt. Rice  
CP Lt. McLaughlin  
M Lt. DeBoer  
B Lt. St. John  
M T/Sgt. Harris  
T S/Sgt. Debusman  
R S/Sgt. Hicks  
B S/Sgt. Conally  
N S/Sgt. McClintic  
M T/Sgt. Reisch  
X Capt. Souter

AP. 603

ACP Lt. Beasley  
P Lt. MacKenzie  
CP Lt. McKinzie  
N Lt. Olson  
B Lt. Hoel  
M S/Sgt. Hengen  
N S/Sgt. Grochmal  
R T/Sgt. Taylor  
L S/Sgt. Lackey  
T S/Sgt. Gayer  
B S/Sgt. Gregg

AP. 258

P Lt. Lindley  
CP Lt. Fraker  
N Lt. Coleman, A.D.  
B Lt. Coleman, J.U.  
M T/Sgt. Draitman  
N S/Sgt. Shivers  
R T/Sgt. MacDougal  
B S/Sgt. Vallen  
T S/Sgt. Roberts  
L S/Sgt. Babcock  
F Cpl. Bura

AP. 535

P Lt. May  
CP Lt. Toon  
N Lt. Melnick  
B Lt. Suchma  
M S/Sgt. Mouchin  
R S/Sgt. Dralle  
B S/Sgt. Ottinger  
N Sgt. Carson  
T Sgt. Collins  
L Sgt. Luy  
X Lt. Amster

AP. 266

P Lt. Rogers  
CP Fo. Nichols  
N Lt. Harrison  
B Lt. Jones  
M T/Sgt. Webb  
N Sgt. Hanan  
R Sgt. McCaughey  
T S/Sgt. Podewils  
L S/Sgt. Aritz  
B Sgt. Wong

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