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23 November 1944

NARRATIVE COMBAT REPORT P 415 100 307-378A

- A. MISSION NO. : 307-378A, 29 November 1944, 372nd Bombardment Squadron (H) AAF, 6 scheduled B-24s.
- B. TARGET : South R/W of Puerto Princesa A/D, Palawan Island.
- C. TIME OF ATTACK AND ALTITUDE : 1245 I from 10,900 to 11,400 feet T.
- D. RESULTS OF BOMBING : EXCELLENT. 60% of our bombs hit within the assigned target, with about 35 direct hits on the R/W. Our bomb pattern covered 6 T/E A/C, believed to be Topays which were parked along the south edge of the R/W, although no direct hits on these A/C were observed.  
Nil friendly losses. Nil enemy losses.
- E. INTERCEPTION : Nil.
- F. BRIEF DETAILS OF COMBAT : Nil.
- G. ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED : Nil.
- H. PHOTOS : A/C 535, flying A-3, took 10 photos over the target from 11,000 feet T.  
A/C 133, flying B-2, took 14 photos over the target from 10,900 feet T.  
A/C 400, flying B-5, took 14 photos over the target from 10,900 feet T.
- I. ROUTE AND SIGHTINGS : Merotal to Clatanga Pt. (07°17'N-122°45'E) to North Islet to T/P (10°01'N-118°12'E) to Ip to target. Return route was reciprocal.  
Sightings-  
1. 10-15 A/C were parked around the south R/W of which 6 appeared to be Topays, the rest being unidentified. About 10 U/I aircraft were parked around the north R/W. At least 4 of these, on the south apron in the east central part of the R/W, received direct hits from the bombs of the 371st and 424th Bomb Squadrons. The north concrete strip was dark colored, as though camouflaged.  
2. Two Sugar Uucles were sighted in Puerto Princesa Harbor, south of the A/D, and one barge off the point south of the entrance to the harbor.

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- I. **ROUTE AND SIGHTINGS (CONT)** : 3. One small Fox Sloop and 2 barges were anchored about 100 yards offshore off the southern tip of Lamboanga Peninsula, sighted at 1020 I from 8,000 feet T.  
4. A fighter strip under construction was sighted at 07°32'N-122°25'W at 1020 I from 8,400 feet T.
- J. **WEATHER** : Base to Talaud Islands-Mild front lying east and west at 02°45'N-127°W to 03°45'N. Mild turbulence, no rain. Cumulus build-up 1000 to 10,000 feet. Clear overhead. .6 cumulus at 3000 feet. Base limited visibility to 8 miles.  
Talaud Islands to Olutanga Island (07°N-123°W)-Clear with .1 to .5 cumulus at 3000 feet. Visibility 25 miles. Wind 100° at 7 kts.  
Olutanga Islands to North Islet (Rendezvous)-Clear overhead. .6 scattered cumulus at 3000 feet. Visibility 36 miles. Winds 110° at 14 kts.  
Target-Complete undercast layer of alto-stratus at 8,000 feet over Northern Palawan with 10/10 overcast of cirro-stratus at 18,000 feet. On second run over target, complete overcast with .6 cumulus and alto-stratus at 5000 feet.  
Target to Olutanga Island-.1 to .3 scattered cumulus at 3000 feet and clear overhead. Visibility 60 miles.  
Olutanga Island to Talaud Islands-.2 scattered cumulus at 2000 feet. Base limited visibility to 26 miles.  
Talaud Islands to Base-.6 cumulus at 5000 feet. Visibility 10 miles. Base.
- K. **GENERAL REMARKS** : On the first run, the target was completely obscured by 10/10 cloud coverage. However, on a second reciprocal run, the target was open and clear sighting was obtained.
- L. **TYPE AND NUMBER OF BOMBS DROPPED OVER TARGET** : 6 A/C each dropped 12 500# ARMS, fu<sub>2</sub>ed .1 nose and .01 tail, on the primary target.  
.50 cal. ammo was expended for test firing only.
- M. **BOMBING DATA** : Formation-Modified group box, javelin down within the squadron.  
Bomb run-11° to 12° mag.  
Bomb trains-330 feet.  
Sighting-Lead bombardier sighted for range and deflections; all others for range only.  
APCR-Used by lead bombardier only.  
Aiming point-Deflections; one-half way between SW taxi way and west end of R/W.  
Rate; south edge of R/W.  
Target area-South R/W. Puerto Princesa A/D.

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LOADING LIST

AP. 400 A-1

Lt. Munson  
Lt. Lord  
Lt. Wagner  
Lt. Wright  
Cpl. Butler  
Cpl. Gabrielle  
Cpl. Huastetter  
Cpl. Barowick  
Cpl. Clark  
Cpl. Roemlein  
Sgt. Davis

AP. 133 A-2

Lt. Franklin  
Lt. Durbin  
Lt. Gray  
Lt. Durst  
Cpl. Mastetler  
Cpl. Haag  
Cpl. Skidas  
Cpl. McCarry  
Cpl. Brena  
Cpl. Kehayias  
S/Sgt. Bennett

AP. 533 A-3

Lt. Dadd  
Lt. Faist  
Lt. Hale  
Lt. Eggers  
Cpl. Correll  
Cpl. Brouser  
Cpl. Kromer  
S/Sgt. Bura  
Cpl. "Heldon"  
Cpl. Fink  
Sgt. Taylor

AP. 417 B-1

Lt. Harris  
Lt. Connell  
Po Burns  
Lt. Lt. John  
T/Sgt. McHally  
S/Sgt. Westlund  
T/Sgt. Kendall  
S/Sgt. Gillum  
S/Sgt. Simmons  
S/Sgt. Missell

AP. 352 B-2

Lt. McLaughlin  
Lt. Hakerson  
Lt. Morrison  
Lt. Ray  
T/Sgt. Cochran  
S/Sgt. Farmer  
T/Sgt. Bradford  
Sgt. Welder  
S/Sgt. Hain  
S/Sgt. Lewis

AP. 370 B-3

Lt. Ray  
Lt. Icon  
Lt. Wehnick  
Lt. Suchan  
T/Sgt. Bouchin  
Cpl. Thiele  
T/Sgt. Ottlinger  
S/Sgt. Carson  
S/Sgt. Collins  
S/Sgt. Lay

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