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REPORT OF BOMBARDMENT OF SANSA SANSA ISLAND BY 307-3798

379B

- A. MISSION : 307-3798, 30 November 1944, 372nd Bombardment Squadron (H),
One B-24.
- B. TARGET : Armed shipping search of modified route "B" (airtail to Miri
along Borneo coast to Belau Bangau, south to Neg Point to
Sansa Sansa airdrome to base). Attacked Fox Yare Charlie at
06°40'N-115°40'E. Attacked secondary target, personnel and
supply area at Sansa Sansa Airdrome, Sansa Sansa Island.
- C. MISSION DATA : Entered search area (Miri) at 1130 I; left search area (Neg
AND ALTITUDE : point) at 1440 I. Search altitude 2,000 feet.
Fox Yare Charlie--1135 I from below 1,000 feet.
Sansa Sansa Airdrome--1458 I from 5,000 feet true.
- D. MISSION RESULTS : The bombing of the FTC is rated excellent. Three bombs were
dropped, landing 100 feet, 50 feet and the last so close to the
side that spray was thrown over the deck. A small explosion
occurred aft of amidships as a result of strafing. Extent of
damage to vessel unobserved because plane could not stay in
area due to A/A fire from a warship.
The bombing of Sansa Sansa supply area is rated unsatisfactory,
the three bombs landing about 2,000 feet southwest of the target,
across the inlet, due to bombight malfunction.
Friendly losses: Nil.
Enemy losses: One FTC damaged.
- E. INTERCEPTION : Nil.
- F. BRIEF SUMMARY :
OF COMBAT : Nil.
- G. ANTI-AIRCRAFT : Moderate, medium, inaccurate A/A was received from two guns on
ENCOUNTERED : the FTC, located on the superstructure amidships and on the stern.
Moderate, heavy, inaccurate A/A was thrown up by a DE which was
close to the FTC. The FTC fired while the plane was on its skip-
bombing run; the DE only on the breakaway.
- H. PHOTOS : 1. 2 photos of Sansa Airdrome from 3,000 feet true at 1007 I.
2. 2 photos of installations on coast Koenockan from 3,000 feet
true at 1015 I.
3. 6 photos of shipping at 06°40'N-115°40'E from below 1,000
feet at 1135 I.
4. 2 photos of oil fire at Ambung Bay (06°30'N-116°30'E), believed
to be a vessel burning offshore, from 1,700 feet at 1255 I.
5. 2 photos of installations on south shore of Pulau Banggi Island
from 3,000 feet at 1355 I.
6. 2 photos of Sansa Sansa supply area from 5,000 feet at 1458 I.

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30 November 1944.

OPERATIVE REPORT OF THE 372nd BOMBARDMENT GROUP 307-3753

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- A. **MISSION NUMBER** : 307-3798, 30 November 1944, 372nd Bombardment Squadron (H), One B-24.
- B. **TARGET** : Armed snipping search of modified route "E" (northern to Miri along Borneo coast to Salawai Bangau, south to Neg Point to Sansa Sansa airdrome to base). Attacked Fox Yare Charlie at 04°40'N-115°40'E. Attacked secondary target, personnel and supply area at Sansa Sansa Airdrome, Sansa Sansa Island.
- C. **TIME OF ATTACK AND ALTITUDE** : Entered search area (Miri) at 1130 I; left search area (Neg Point) at 1440 I. Search altitude 2,000 feet.
Fox Yare Charlie--1150 I from below 100 feet.
Sansa Sansa Airdrome--1450 I from 5,000 feet true.
- D. **RESULTS OF BOMBING** : The bombing of the PTC is rated excellent. Three bombs were tagged, landing 100 feet, 80 feet and the last so close to the side that spray was thrown over the deck. A small explosion occurred aft of amidships as a result of strafing. Extent of damage to vessel unobserved because plane could not stay in area due to A/A fire from a warship.
The bombing of Sansa Sansa supply area is rated unsatisfactory, the three bombs landing about 2,000 feet southwest of the target, across the inlet, due to bombight malfunction.
Friendly losses: Nil.
Enemy losses: One PTC damaged.
- E. **INTERCEPTION** : Nil.
- F. **ENEMY REACTION TO COMBAT** : Nil.
- ANTI-AIRCRAFT PROCEDURE** : Moderate, medium, inaccurate A/A was received from two guns on the PTC, located on the superstructure amidships and on the stern. Moderate, heavy, inaccurate A/A was thrown up by a DE which was close to the PTC. The PTC fired while the plane was on its skip-bombing run; the DE only on the breakaway.
- G. **PHOTOS** : 1. 2 photos of Yama Airdrome from 3,000 feet true at 1007 I.
2. 2 photos of installations on coast Neenockha from 3,000 feet true at 1015 I.
3. 6 photos of shipping at 04°40'N-115°40'E from below 1,000 feet at 1150 I.
4. 2 photos of oil fire at Ambung Bay (06°30'N-116°30'E), believed to be a vessel burning offshore, from 1,700 feet at 1255 I.
5. 2 photos of installations on south shore of Pulau Banggi Island from 3,000 feet at 1355 I.
6. 2 photos of Sansa Sansa supply area from 5,000 feet at 1455 I.

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Formation: Single plane.

Bank run: 290° on STC, 150° on Wanga Wanga.

Bank train: 100 feet.

Lighting: STC-toggled for rate on vessel; pilot killed course
Wanga Wanga-bombardier killed both rate and deflection.

STC: STC-not used.

Wanga Wanga-was used.

Aiming point: Outdrifts on W.

Buildings 100 feet north of the shore and 500 feet west
of the jetty in the inlet south of Wanga Wanga Airdrome.

Target: IC; personnel and supply area at Wanga Wanga Airdrome.

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