

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

31 July 1944.

STANDARD MISSION REPORT NO. 55
(Group Mission 307-310)

1. AIRPLANES EMPLOYED: Six of six scheduled B-24's bombed the primary target individually
TARGET ATTACKED: in train.
2. ESCORT: Nil.
3. BOMB LOAD: 4 A/C each carried 3x500# GP Bombs, inst. nose and tail fused.
1 A/C carried 8x500# GP Bombs, inst. nose and tail fused.
1 A/C carried 20x100# GP Bombs, inst. nose and tail fused.
4. ROUTE: As briefed.
5. WEATHER: 20 minutes abter leaving base encountered 10/10 cumulus base 5,000 feet.
0° to 2°N--Ceiling dropped to 700 feet with moderate turbulence.
2°N to Target--.8 to 10/10 overcast at 11,000 feet. .3 to .4 cumulus 3,000 to 8,000 feet. .2 to .4 stratus at 6,000 to 7,000'.
Rain squalls in clouds, moderate to heavy turbulence. Winds from 2°S to 6°N at from 8 to 10 knots at 120°. From 6°N to Target, 8 to 10 knots from 125° to 135°. Weather over target a few large cumulus build ups .5 to .6 cumulus, tops 11,000 feet. Visibility unlimited.
5°N from Target-- .9 to 10/10 stratus layer at 12,500 feet. .5 cumulus, tops 12,000 feet. Rain squalls, winds 10 knots from 125°.
5°N to 4°N-- 10/10 overcast at 9,000 feet. .5 cumulus to 9,000'.
Rain squalls. Winds at 12 knots shifting to 95°.
4°N to 2°N-- towering cumulus .4 to .5 to overcast at 9,000 feet.
attered squalls. Winds shifting to 115°.
2°N to 0°-- Rain squalls.
0° to Base-- complete overcast.
6. TIME & ALTITUDE OVER TARGET: 1243/K to 1305/K
12,700 to 13,000 feet true.
7. BOMBS DROPPED: 20x100# GP Bombs.
42x500# GP Bombs.
8. HITS OBSERVED: Two bombs landed in water off the southeast corner of the assigned target area, with the remaining bombs falling north just east of the east line of the target area. Three bombs were salvaged near the junction of the runway and the south taxiway. The remaining bombs were well dispersed throughout the target area, with the heaviest concentration falling in the middle and eastern third of the target.

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9. RESULTS : One explosion with bright orange red flame accompanied by yellow smoke and debris was sighted where the road junction makes an "X" approximately a 1,000 feet west on the east line of the target.
10. SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Nil.
AFFECTING RESULTS :
11. A/A FIRE : (a) Heavy, meager, inaccurate.
(b) Four guns were seen firing off the north tip of Woleai and one on the north tip of the island.
12. INTERCEPTION : Nil.
13. OWN DAMAGE OR LOSS: One A/C 542 flown by Lt. Dryer, received an 2 inch hole in the left wing, the fragment entering the fuel cell.
14. OBSERVATIONS : Nil.
15. RADIO DISCIPLINE : Good.
16. PHOTOGRAPHS : A/C 567 A-2 position, took 3 photos at 12,800 feet true at 1243/K.
A/C 258 B-3 position, took 12 photos at 12,700 feet true at 1305/K.
A/C 788 B-2 position, took 3 photos at 12,900 feet true at 1246/K.
All photos were taken on the bomb run.
17. REMARKS : A/C 788 crashed on landing when the right tire blew out and a slippery runway made it impossible to bring the plane under control. No one was injured.
A/C 549 salvaged its last three bombs due to rack malfunction.

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AP. 549

P Capt. Dixon
CP Lt. Wilson
N Capt. Terry
O Lt. Williams
B Lt. Aldridge
M T/Sgt. Feeney
W S/Sgt. Farnam
W T/Sgt. Elliott
B S/Sgt. Mansell
T S/Sgt. Holt
N S/Sgt. Biggerstaff

AP. 567

P Lt. Carson
CP Lt. Liljdahl
N Lt. Duncan
B Lt. Hurley
M T/Sgt. Wingate
A S/Sgt. Foley
L T/Sgt. Zalinsky
N S/Sgt. McIntosh
T S/Sgt. Allen
B S/Sgt. Del Hierro
F Cpl. Tabor

AP. 354

CA Lt. Steffy
P Lt. Morgan
CP Lt. Blauvelt
N Lt. Calliett
B Lt. Antower
M S/Sgt. Kaisted
L S/Sgt. Babina
A S/Sgt. Wintriaghnam
T Sgt. Bredensteiner
B Sgt. Murphy
R S/Sgt. Nikel

AP. 542

P Lt. Dryer
CP Lt. Foggi
N Lt. Reed
B Lt. Wheeler
O Lt. Smitherman
M T/Sgt. Davies
R S/Sgt. Fallon
L T/Sgt. Frazier
W S/Sgt. Hinchev
T S/Sgt. Salvagno
B S/Sgt. Danley

AP. 788

P Lt. Bowles
CP Lt. French
N Lt. Qualls
B Lt. Scott
M T/Sgt. Mims
B S/Sgt. Caputo
N T/Sgt. Connelly
L Sgt. Tedeschi
T Sgt. Rehnert
R S/Sgt. Geris
F Sgt. Lightle

AP. 258

P Lt. Kienzle
CP Lt. Hauser
N Pq. Schmidt
B Lt. Nelson
M S/Sgt. Metzinger
W Sgt. Fenske
N S/Sgt. Mc Dill
B Sgt. Fitch
W Sgt. Sis
T Sgt. Foresman
F Cpl. Bura

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