

372ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF  
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- A. MISSION NO. 325 : 3 Sept. 1944, 372nd Bomb Sq. (H), six of six scheduled B-24's over the target.
- B. TARGET : Our target was found in areas PA-13, 14, and 16 in JICMA 371-44. This target was 3,000 feet x 6,000 feet, and lay on a mag heading of 288°, with the north edge of the target following the shore side of the building area. The northeast corner of this target was one thousand feet south of the boat basin pier.
- C. TIME OF ATTACK : 1059I to 1100I  
& ALTITUDE : 20,300 to 20,600 feet true.
- D. RESULTS OF BOMBING : 1. Aiming point was large radio transmitting station in the area marked OS on the JICMA target chart PA-13. The result of this bombing was excellent, with 80% to 90% of the bombs falling within 1,000 foot radius of the aiming point.  
2. A/C 331, flying B-3 position, was holed in the leading edge of the right wing 6 inches outboard of the #4 engine.
- E. INTERCEPTION : Nil.
- F. BRIEF DETAILS OF COMBAT : Nil.
- G. ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED : Moderate, heavy, inaccurate to accurate with most of the shells bursting 1,000 to 2,500 feet below the formation and trailing. Accuracy of fire increased toward the end of the bomb run with 3 ships in the formation badly rocked by close bursts.
- H. PHOTOS : A/C 354, A-2, took 4 photos of Koror Town at 1100I from 20,600 feet and 2 photos of the rescue of airmen from a life raft at 1325I at 04°50'N, 135°20'E.  
A/C 238, B-2, took 8 photos of Koror Town at 1100I from 20,300 feet.
- I. SIGHTINGS : One unidentified single engine aircraft was sighted on Babelthrap airstrip.  
A/C 331, flown by Lt. Kimble and A/C 354, flown by Lt. Steffy were searching, as briefed, on return to base for crewmembers of the plane that was lost on the raid 2 Sept. 1944. At 1210I, A/C 354 sighted a red flare from a very pistol at 04°50'N, 135°20'E. Proceeding to this point they sighted a life raft with 3 or 4 occupants. Circling the raft, the Dumbo was called by radio and A/C 354 turned on its emergency IFF. The Dumbo honed on this signal and landed at 1325I and picked up survivors.  
Route: Wakde to BIRGENOAR Is. to 1P at 07°02'N, 134°22'E to target.

- C. WEATHER : Base to Equator-- .6 cumulus, tops 10,000 feet, .3 stratus 3 to 4,000 feet.  
Equator to Target-- .2 to .4 cumulus tops 4 to 5,000 feet, .2 to .4 stratus 6,000 feet.  
over Target-- .2 to .3 cumulus, tops 6 to 8,000 feet.  
Target to 05°N-- .5 cumulus tops 8 to 14,000 feet.  
05°N to 03°30'N-- .4 cumulus tops 8 to 14,000 feet.  
03°30'N to 01°N-- .3 strato cumulus tops 4,000 feet.  
01°N to Base-- .3 strato cumulus, .4 alto stratus 14,000 feet, .5 cumulus base 15,000 feet.
- D. TYPE & NUMBER OF: 3 A/C each carried 10x500 GP, inst nose and tail fuses.  
5 MISS OR MISS : 2 A/C each carried 10x500 GP, inst nose and tail fuses.  
OVER TARGET : 1 A/C carried 20x250 GP, inst nose and tail fuses.  
Ammunition expended only for test firing.
- E. GENERAL REMARKS : Lt. Steffy and Lt. Kimble, pilots of the planes that sighted the life raft reported that they would have been in danger of losing sight of the raft if it had not been for the use of the sea marker and smoke signal.

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LOADING LIST

AP. 0614

P Lt. Harris  
CP Lt. Patrick  
N Lt. Fuller  
B Lt. Kodabaugh  
O Lt. Aldridge  
W T/Sgt. McNally  
R S/Sgt. Gestland  
L T/Sgt. Kendall  
B S/Sgt. Gillum  
N S/Sgt. Simmons  
T S/Sgt. Missell

AP. 0636

P Lt. Rogers  
CP Co. Nichols  
N Lt. Harrison  
O Lt. Jones  
W T/Sgt. Webb  
R S/Sgt. Hagan  
L T/Sgt. Britz  
T S/Sgt. Podewils  
B S/Sgt. Shea  
S S/Sgt. Wong

AP. 0654

A-2

P Lt. Steffy  
CP Lt. Gorgen  
N Lt. Galliett  
B Lt. Astower  
O T/Sgt. Halsted  
W S/Sgt. Sabina  
R T/Sgt. Wintrieham  
T S/Sgt. Bredenstelaer  
B S/Sgt. Murphy  
R S/Sgt. Wikel  
F Sgt. Lightle

AP. 0599

P Lt. McKenzie  
CP Lt. Liljedahl  
N Lt. Heppler  
B Lt. Zeller  
M T/Sgt. Smith, A.H.  
T/Sgt. Wingate  
B T/Sgt. Marfos  
S/Sgt. Fields  
T S/Sgt. Dulock  
N S/Sgt. Pomreuing

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B-2

P Lt. Lewis  
CP Lt. Keayon  
N Ed. Elden  
B Lt. Klein  
M S/Sgt. Walter  
N Cpl. Bornemann  
R Sgt. Van Geem  
L Cpl. Breshears  
T Sgt. Meckler  
B Sgt. Masza  
F Cpl. Owsley

AP. 3331

P Lt. Kimble  
CP Lt. Courtois  
N Lt. Royce  
B Lt. Pfizman  
M Sgt. Powers  
Cpl. Warne  
Cpl. Walters  
Cpl. Vogel  
Cpl. Rennaker  
Cpl. Van Dowling