

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

4 Aug. 1944.

STANDARD MISSION REPORT NO. 57
(Group Mission 307-312)

1. AIRPLANES EMPLOYED: Six of six scheduled B-24's bombed the primary target, the
& TARGET ATTACKED : supply area of Yap Airdrome.
2. ESCORT : Nil.
3. BOMB LOAD : 40x500# A & M 64, last nose and tail fusing carried by this squad-
ron.
4. ROUTE : As briefed.
6. WEATHER : Base to 6°N--Cotton cumulus .3 to .4 with towering cumulus .3,
base 2,000 to 10,000 feet and altostratus .3 to .6. Squalls and
light front encountered from 4° to 5° North.
6° to 7½°N-- Heavy frontal zone, heavy rain, severe turbulence,
instrument conditions.
7½° to Sorol to Target-- small cumulus .2 to .3 with towering
cumulus .4 about .3 alto stratus. Over target clear with scattered
cotton cumulus.
Return trip much the same as trip up except frontal zone had moved
out. Towering cumulus building up with less cotton cumulus.
6. TIME & ALTITUDE : 1203/K to 1204/K
OVER TARGET : 12,7000 to 12,900 feet true.
7. BOMBS DROPPED : 40x500# GP bombs over target.
8. HITS OBSERVED : Our formations pattern started with the sharp V in the road in
our target area inshore from the inlet and on a mag heading of
320° to 330°, and carried across to the runway with one bomb land-
ing on the southeast end of the runway, and one just over the run-
way. Our pattern was 900 feet to 1,000 feet wide.
9. RESULTS : One large oil fire started 100 feet from the south edge of the
runway and about 900 to 1,000 feet from the east end of the run-
way. Recurrent explosions with red flames rising 75 to 200 feet
in the air. Billows of black smoke rose to 1,500 feet. The
flames and recurring explosions of the fire were visible for
50 miles from the target. The smoke was visible for 30 minutes.
10. SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Nil.
AFFECTING RESULTS :

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11. A/A FIRE : (a) Heavy and medium A/A, moderate in intensity of the barrage type, with most of it bursting on altitude but leading the formation. There were some scattered bursts on course 500 feet high and leading.
(b) Three heavy guns were seen firing about 1,500 feet north west of the east end of the runway. Three heavy guns were seen about 3,500 feet east of the southeast corner of the runway. Four heavy guns were seen near the west end of the middle taxiway.
12. INTERCEPTION : Nil.
13. OWN DAMAGE OR LOSS: Nil.
14. OBSERVATIONS : Red flashes with light grey haze were seen coming from the shore of the inlet west of island and 4,000 feet east of the east end of the runway.
15. RADIO DISCIPLINE : Generally good, however one easy called one able over VHF to call attention to a "ship below". This ship was our submarine. One able told him to get off the air.
16. PHOTOGRAPHS : A/C 259 A-3 position flying at 12,500 feet true, took 15 photos on bomb run. Two pictures were taken of the submarine from approximately 10,000 feet at 1218/K.
A/C 277 B-1 position took approximately 30 photos over target from 12,700 feet true.
A/C 354 B-2 position took 12 photos over target from 12,700 feet true.
17. REMARKS : Nil.

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LOADING LIST

AP. 549

P Capt. Nixon
CP Lt. Wilson
N Capt. Ferry
C Lt. Morrison
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. 258

P Lt. Kienzie
CP Lt. Hauser
N Lt. Schmidt
B Lt. Nelson
M S/Sgt. Hetsinger
W Sgt. Penske
N S/Sgt. McGill
B Sgt. Fitch
N Sgt. Sis
T Sgt. Foreman
P Sgt. Lightle

AP. 217

P Lt. Dryer
CP Lt. Pongl
N Lt. Reed
B Lt. Wheeler
M T/Sgt. Davies
R S/Sgt. Fallon
L T/Sgt. Frazier
N S/Sgt. Hinchey
T S/Sgt. Salvagno
B T/Sgt. Danley
P Cpl. Bura

AP. 354

P Lt. Steffy
CP Lt. Morgan
N Lt. Galliett
B Lt. Antower
M S/Sgt. Kaisted
L S/Sgt. Babina
N S/Sgt. Wintringham
T Sgt. Bredensteiner
B Sgt. Murphy
R S/Sgt. Wikel
F Sgt. McGaughey

AP. 567

CA Lt. Carson
P Lt. Liljedahl
CP Lt. Bailey
N Lt. Duncan
B Lt. Hurley
M T/Sgt. Wingate
R S/Sgt. Foley
L T/Sgt. Zalinsky
N S/Sgt. McIntosh
T S/Sgt. Allen
B S/Sgt. Del Heirro

AP. 591

P Lt. Bowles
CP Lt. French
N Lt. Qualls
B Lt. Scott
M T/Sgt. Minns
B S/Sgt. Caputo
N T/Sgt. Connelly
T S/Sgt. HANNA Hebert
L Sgt. Tedeschi
R S/Sgt. Geris
O Cpl. Cochran