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

6 Aug. 1944.

STANDARD MISSION REPORT NO. 58
(Group Mission 307-313)

1. AIRPLANE EMPLOYED: Six of six scheduled B-24's bombed the primary target, the
& TARGET ATTACHED: supply area on the south tip of Yap Island.
2. ESCORT : None.
3. BOMB LOAD : 4 A/C each carried 30x100# GP bombs, inst nose and tail fused.
1 A/C carried 20x100# GP bombs, inst nose and tail fused.
1 A/C carried 6x500# GP bombs, 1/10 sec nose and 1/100 sec tail.
4. ROUTE : As briefed.
5. WEATHER : Base to Soral--Weather was fairly good from base to 05°N--140°
30'E, with only hinderance being cumulus build-up with tops of
10,000 feet. This was accompanied by rain squalls. From that
position to Soral Island the weather was sever--complete over-
cast of altostratus with base of 15,000 feet, and low clouds
consisting of cumulus build-up. Also in this area two fronts
were penetrated, one at 05°10'N--142°00'E and one fifteen minutes
from Soral.
Soral to Base-- .7 to 10/10 altostratus, .5 to .7 cumulus and
strato-cumulus--cleared up beneath us ten minutes from Yap.
Yap--10/10 alto stratus base of 15,000 feet, .4 cumulus tops of
4,000 feet.
Yap to Base--Overcast of alto stratus with base of 12,000 feet.
This condition existed during entire route. Also encountered
numerous cumulus build-up accompanied by rain squalls and moderate
turbulance.
6. TIME & ALTITUDE : 1223/K to 1224/K
OVER TARGET : 9,400 to 9,600 feet true.
7. BOMB DROPPED : 140x100# GP bombs with inst nose and tail fuses.
6x500# GP bombs, with 1/10 sec nose and 1/100 sec tail fuses.
8. HITS OBSERVED : (a) 2 to 3 of our bombs burst in the water just short of the
target area. A/C 822 salvaged 3 bombs due to intervalometer
malfunction just north of the island that is due west of our
assigned target area. Our remaining bombs started at the clear-
ing with the shack near the road at the east end of our target
and continued across the target area on an approximate mag head-
ing of 275°. A/C 591 salvaged 30 bombs due to intervalometer
malfunction several hundred feet west of our assigned target area.
(b) Two strings of bombs thought to be from the 370th Sq. started
in the water just east of the shore road and south of our assigned
target and walked along either side of the road ending with at
least 30 bombs in the water off the west end of the shore road.

9. RESULTS : One tail gunner observed a pillar of black smoke 100 feet high just south of the middle of our target near the shore road.
10. SPECIAL CONDITIONS:
AFFECTING RESULTS : Nil.
11. A/A FIRE : (a) Heavy A/A, moderate to intense, accurate. On course as to altitude but to the right of the formation. Some medium A/A, moderate, inaccurate very low and far to the right.
(b) Three heavy gun positions were observed approximately 4,000 feet due north of the east end of the runway and just south of the road to Yap Town. One waist gunner observed the flashes from possible A/A guns from islets just west of Geria Island. Two gunners observed two or three flashes from a possible medium gun position 3,000 feet north-north-west of the west end of the runway.
12. INTERCEPTION : Nil.
13. OWN DAMAGE OR LOSS: (a) A/C 266 flown by Lt. Rogers received one 2 inch hole in the right side of the nose turret and one 2 to 3 inch gash in the front of the bomb bay.
(b) Nil.
14. OBSERVATIONS : Two single engine A/C was observed parked on the south edge of the apron near the middle of the runway. One small barge close to the southeast tip of Yap Island. Five barges on the shore line due east of Ma Inlet.
Three objects were sighted from 8,000 feet 11 minutes after breakaway varroously reported from $9^{\circ}N-138^{\circ}22'E$ and $8^{\circ}48'N-137^{\circ}50'E$. Some thought these objects to be 3 ships one considerably larger than the others, while others thought to be islands in Ngula reef.
15. RADIO DISCIPLINE : Good.
16. PHOTOGRAPHS : A/C 822 in B-1 position took 16 photos on the bomb run from 9,500 feet true.
A/C 266 in B-2 position took 13 photos over the target from 9,500 feet true.
17. REMARKS : In reference to the sightings of 3 possible ships, in order to get the SOP straight should not the planes who thought they had sighted these ships gone over close enough to verify these sightings.
In view of the regularity of our attacks at approximately the same time this office questions whether the enemy would place ships of this type within range of our possible observations.

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LOADING LIST

AP. 599

P Lt. MacKenzie
CP Lt. McKenzie
N Lt. Olson
B Lt. Hoel
O Lt. Elden
M S/SSgt. Taylor
N S/Sgt. Grochmal
W S/Sgt. Walter
W S/Sgt. Lackey
T S/Sgt. Gayer
B S/Sgt. Gregg

AP. 277

AC Lt. Harris
P Lt. Patrick
CP Lt. Lewis
N Fo. Burns
B Lt. Rodabaugh
-M T/Sgt. McMally
-R S/Sgt. Westlund
L T/Sgt. Kendall
B S/Sgt. Gilliam
N S/Sgt. Simmons
T S/Sgt. Bissell

AP. 822

P Lt. Lindley
CP Lt. Boehmer
N Lt. Coleman, A.D.
-B Lt. Coleman, J.U.
M T/Sgt. Breitman
N S/Sgt. Shivers
R T/Sgt. MacDougal
B S/Sgt. Vallen
T S/Sgt. Roberts
L S/Sgt. Babcock
F Sgt. Tabor

AP. 354

-P Lt. Fraker
CP Lt. Blauvelt
N Lt. Williams
-B Lt. Smitherman
M S/Sgt. Ledbetter
-R S/Sgt. Smith, W.
-L S/Sgt. Ammons
B Sgt. Posner
-T Sgt. Hanson
-N Sgt. Buchholz
-X Capt. Souter

AP. 266

P Lt. Rogers
CP Fo. Nichols
N Lt. Harrison
B Lt. Hones
M T/Sgt. Webb
N S/Sgt. Hanan
-R T/Sgt. Hrits
T S/Sgt. Podwils
-L S/Sgt. Shea
-B S/Sgt. Wong
F Sgt. Mason

AP. 591

P Lt. May
CP Lt. Toon
N Lt. Melnick
B Lt. Suchma
M T/Sgt. Houchin
R S/Sgt. Dralle
B T/Sgt. Ottinger
N S/Sgt. Carson
T S/Sgt. Collins
L S/Sgt. Luy
F Sgt. Little