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STANDARD MISSION REPORT NO. 59  
(Group Mission 807-314)

1. AIRPLANES EMPLOYED: Three of six scheduled B-24's bombed the primary target of Yap aircraft dispersal area.  
& TARGET ATTACKED: One of six scheduled B-24's bombed the dispersal area just west of the center of the runway at Gagil Tomil.  
One of six scheduled B-24's bombed on EYA over Holecil.  
One of six scheduled B-24's salvaged bombs in water three minutes after take off from base.
2. ESCORT Nil.
3. ROUTE As briefed except for A/C 587 which due to engine trouble turned at Sorol Island and bombed the tertiary target.
4. BOMB LOAD Four A/C each carried 14x250# GP bomb, inst. nose and tail fuses.  
One A/C carried 10x250# GP bombs, inst. nose and tail fuses.  
One A/C carried 30x100GP bombs, inst nose and tail fuses.
- b. WEATHER
  - Mokerang--Frontal penetration lasting about five minutes on course of 325.
  - 01°10'S (146°47'E) Clear visibility 10 miles. Alto stratus .9 at 14000 feet. Cumulus .6 to 7,000 feet.
  - 00°08'N (145°55'E) to (02°25'N) (144°22'E) Front with occasional breaks becoming clear again after 02°30'N.
  - 04°34'N (142°47'E) time 0855 to 0958--Front with occasional breaks severe rain becoming CAVU again at 0858 to Sorol Island. Clouds, alto stratus 10/10 at 14,000 feet cumulus .5 at 4,000'. Sorol Island--CAVU--cirrus stratus .4 at 20,000 feet, cumulus .2 at 2,000 feet.
  - Yap--CAVU-- alto stratus coverage. cumulus .5 at 4,000 feet. CAVU till 8°N; then frontal weather.
  - 8°N 139°00'E to 6°00'N 140°43'E--Frontal weather, cumulus clouds and severe rain at times, cumulus clouds extending to 11,000 feet at times. Alto stratus overcast.
  - 5°N 141°E--Haze, visibility good at 10 miles. Alto stratus over cast.
  - 06°N 141°E to 03°N-- Rain almost constantly, alto stratus overcast all the way.
  - 03°N to 02°N--CAVU Alto stratus 10/10 at 14,000 feet. Cumulus .3 at 5,000 feet.
  - 02°N to 00°30'N--CAVU Alto stratus 10/10 at 14,000 feet. Cumulus .1 at 2,000 feet.
  - 0°N to Base-- Haze, alto stratus 10/10 at 14,000 feet. Cumulus .2 at 2,000 feet. Frequent towering cumulus.

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6. TIME & ALTITUDE OVER TARGET : Primary: 1210 to 1226/K 10,250 to 12,700 feet true.  
 : Gagil Tomil: 1230/No 12,900 feet true.  
 : Tertiary: 1236/K 12,750 feet true.
7. BOMBS DROPPED : 24x250 $\frac{1}{2}$  GP bombs dropped on primary target.  
 : 14x250 $\frac{1}{2}$  GP bombs dropped on Gagil Tomil runway dispersal area.  
 : 30x100 $\frac{1}{2}$  GP bombs dropped on primary target.  
 : 14x250 $\frac{1}{2}$  GP bombs dropped on Tertiary target.  
 : 14x250 $\frac{1}{2}$  GP bombs salvaged at sea 3 minutes after leaving base.
8. ITC OBSERVED : One gunner in A/C 591 bombing from C-2 positions in a mixed formation observed an indeterminate number of bomb hits, starting from the west end of the runway and walking on a mag heading of 355 $^{\circ}$  to a point approximately 200 feet north of the south edge of the target area. Due to cloud coverage no other patterns were observed.
9. RESULTS : One gunner of A/C 591 reported one small fire with grey smoke, just a few feet north of the first revetment on the southwest-northeast taxiway north of the south edge of the target area. One gunner of A/C 258 reported a burst of orange flames and billowing brown smoke to 200 feet at the intersection of the northeast-southwest and north-south taxiways in the target area. Two other crew members of A/C 258 reported a column of brown smoke. One locating it a few feet south of the southwest corner of the target area, and the other locating it 500 feet north of a point 600 feet east of the west end of the runway.
10. SPECIAL CONDITIONS AFFECTING RESULTS : Almost complete cloud coverage was encountered over all targets.
11. A/A FIRE : Nil.
12. INTERCEPTION : Nil.
13. OWN DAMAGE OR LOSS : Nil.
14. OBSERVATIONS : Nil.
15. RADIO DISCIPLINE : Good.
16. PHOTOGRAPHS : A/C 535 alone, took 6 photos on bomb run over primary target from 10,250 feet true.  
 : A/C 258 in C-1 position in the 371st Sq. formation, took 18 photos over primary target from 12,700 feet true. This A/C also took two oblique photos of the target from approximately the same altitude.
17. REMARKS : A/C 614 Lt. Rice turned back to base due to a fire in the engine and landed at 0628/K

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