

424TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
307th Bombardment Group (H)

APO #719,  
14 May 1945.

PILOT	SHIP #	T/O	VOICE CALL	CW CALL	
BROCK	1180	0600	VARMINT 3	2 F B/E	PERSONNEL SEARCH

ROUTE OUT: Direct to TOGLIAN IS. GP.

SEARCH AREA: TOGLIAN IS. and BATOEDAKA IS.

ROUTE BACK: Direct to Base.

FREQUENCIES: COMMAND 6280 Bomb Int. 4475 Emergency  
Liaison Primary 7615 0800 - 1900 Secondary 6490 0800 - 1900  
Liaison Primary 4210 1900 - 0800 Secondary 3336 1900 - 0800  
VEF "A" Channel (Bomb. Int.) "B" Channel (Fighter-Bomber)  
"C" Channel (Tower) "D" Channel (Distress and Homing)

GROUND STATIONS: MOROTAI-BG4 LEYTE-AR1 PALAWAN-RP6

COMMENTS: IFF on at all times. Fuel transfer in accordance with SOP cruise control Chart. Radio discipline will be maintained.

GAS LOAD: 3100 gallons.

BOMB LOAD: 6 x 250 lb GP. Fusing 4 to 5 sec. delay

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NARRATIVE COMBAT REPORT OF MISSION # 307 - 541-B

- A. MISSION NUMBER : 307 - 541-B; 14 May 1945; 424th Bombardment Squadron (H); One (1) B-24 (# 802) scheduled.
- B. TARGET : Search of TOGIAN ISLAND for five (5) missing crew members of A/C # 179, all of whom bailed out on 9 May, 1945. (primary mission)
- Two (2) barges at OENAOENA VILLAGE, OENAOENA ISLAND, GULF of TOMINI. (secondary mission)
- C. TIME & ALTITUDE OF ATTACK : Length of search: 0915/I to 1115/I from 25 to 1,500 feet altitude.
- Time bombs away: 1100/I from 4,000 feet altitude.
- D. RESULTS : Results of search: Negative. The Catalina assigned to assist in this search had put a four (4) man patrol ashore when our plane reached the scene. Subsequent communication with this patrol indicated that the five (5) downed airmen had not been located.
- Results of bombing: Unsatisfactory: None of the six (6) bombs dropped hit the two (2) barges. These vessels were then strafed and hits were scored. The vessels were heavily camouflaged by vegetation.
- Enemy losses: Two (2) barges damaged.
- Own damage or loss: Nil.
- E. INTERCEPTION : Nil.
- F. COMBAT TACTICS : Nil.
- G. AA FIRE : Nil.
- H. PHOTOGRAPHS : Were taken by XIII Bomber Command photographer.
- I. ROUTE : From base (MOROTAI) directly to TOGIAN GROUP and return.
- OBSERVATIONS : Nil.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

- J. WEATHER : Base to TOOLAN ISLAND: A .3 cumulus at 4,500 feet with .4 alto-stratus at 12,000 feet.  
TOOLAN ISLAND: Same.  
Return to base: Same.
- K. REMARKS : Parachute, previously reported, still remains in tree at 00° 17' S - 121° 34' E. All returned crew members state that this chute is not one used by themselves.
- L. BOMB LOAD : 6 X 250 # G.P. bombs, .1 nose and 5 second delay tail fuses, were dropped over two (2) barges.  
Six hundred (600) rounds of 50 cal. ammunition were expended in strafing and test firing.

EDMUND G. GIERHANE  
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Intelligence Officer.

LOADING LIST

A/P # 802

Col. Brock  
Lt. Duke  
P/O Qualia  
Lt. Greenberg  
Sgt Castillo  
Sgt Whaley  
Sgt Parkhalter  
Sgt Shea  
Sgt (Australian)  
" (Australian)