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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #713 - 1

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5 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission 125-E, performed 4 ^{MAY} April, 1944, by six B25-H's of the 498th Squadron.
Objective - Kairiru and Muschu Islands, Northeastern New Guinea.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Fifth Air Force, APO 925.

1. GENERAL

(a) The 498th Squadron was ordered to attack Japanese encampment areas, villa es and targets of opportunity on Kairiru and Muschu Islands, Northeastern, New Guinea, with six B25-H's. Take off was to be from #4 Strip, Nadzab at 0710/K; form over the strip and proceed up the Ramu and Sepik River Valleys direct to the target. Take off was delayed until 0741/K due to weather.

(b) Rendezvous - There was to be no rendezvous with fighters or other Squadrons.

(c) Attack - The attack was made from minimum altitude with two passes being made on each island. 22 x 500 lb. 8/11 sec. delay fuse bombs, 105 x 75 mm and 10,300 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition were expended in attacks on huts and buildings in Kairiru village and villages and Japanese Encampment areas on Muschu Island. One small fire which died out in a few minutes was started at the seaplane base on Kairiru Island and a small fire was started in the villa e on Cape Barabar where several huts were destroyed by direct hits with bombs and canon. One hut was destroyed at the barge anchorage $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S of the Observation Post on the SE side of Muschu Island. Direct hits were scored with canon on huts in Japanese Encampment areas targets 16-D and 18-D and on a building one mile North of target 16-D. Bombing was excellent.

(d) Interception and A/P's destroyed.

- (1) Nil enemy aircraft interception.
- (2) Nil Allied A/P's observed lost.
- (3) Nil enemy A/P's destroyed in air by Squadron.

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(e) Time and location of:

Take Off: Strip #4, Naezab, 0741/K.

Attack: MUSCHU and KAIRIRU ISLANDS, 0940/K to 1006/K.

Landing: Strip #4, NAEZAB, 1146/K.

(f) Route: RAMU, SEPIK RIVER VALLEY, TARGET, BASE.

2. A/P's OF THE 498TH SQUADRON ON IN THE ATTACK.

<u>FIRST FLIGHT</u>		<u>SECOND FLIGHT</u>	
Capt. Magee	335	Lt. Browne	341
Lt. Knight	315	Lt. Nutting	356
Lt. Wright	355	Lt. Cuttinelle	150

The 498th Squadron was led by Capt. Magee, and was the only unit participating in the attack.

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION.

(a) Just before reaching the target the two flights split into three elements of two planes each and attacked in trail formation.

The first flight composed of Capt. Magee and Lt. Knight bombed and strafed Kairiru Village from West to East, crossed over the village at the eastern tip of Muschu Island which was also bombed and strafed and then strafed the Southern Coast of Muschu Island and strafed the Village at the NW end of Muschu Island, made a right turn and made a second run over the same targets strafing the Jap encampments on Muschu Island. 75 mm canon were fired at the seaplane base on Kairiru and huts in the villages, starting one small fire at the seaplane base and destroying two huts.

The second flight composed of Lt. Wright and Lt. Cuttinelle followed the same route. Lt. Wright released bombs in a Jap area on NW Muschu and two in Kairiru Village. No 75 mm ammunition was fired. Lt. Cuttinelle released two bombs in Muschu Island and salvoed two. The targets were strafed with .50 caliber and 75 mm ammunition.

The third flight composed of, Lt. Browne and Lt. Nutting followed the other two flights and bombed the Jap encampments and a village two miles West of Case Marabar. Other villages were strafed with .50 caliber and 75 mm.

Following the attack the unit assembled East of Muschu Island and returned direct to base via Sepik and Ramu-Markham Valleys.

(b) Anti-aircraft fire - Nil

(c) Fighter cover - Nil

(d) Details of damage to aircraft in the air.

(1) Nil enemy planes destroyed in air.

(2) Nil damage was received by our planes.

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(e) Personnel injured - Nil personnel injured on this mission.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARDS - From information present available nil personnel will be recommended for an award.

5. APPENDICES

(a) Appendix "A" shows bombing and strafing table and photographic table.

(b) Appendix "B" shows map of bomb hits and bomb run.

(c) Appendix "C" shows route to and from target.

6. ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS - Three apparently serviceable barges were seen on the beaches of Koiriru and Muschu Islands.

7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION - Most of the huts and buildings have been destroyed but some well kept huts are visible on Muschu Island.

For the Squadron Commander:

CALVIN M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

APPENDIX "A"

BOMBING TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>No. of bombs</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>No. dropped</u>
315	4	8/11 sec.	500 lb.	4
341	4	8/11 sec.	500 lb.	4
356	4	8/11 sec.	500 lb.	4
355	4	8/11 sec.	500 lb.	4
150	4	8/11 sec.	500 lb.	4
335	4	8/11 sec.	500 lb.	4
	<u>24</u>			<u>88</u>

A/P 150 salvaged two bombs.

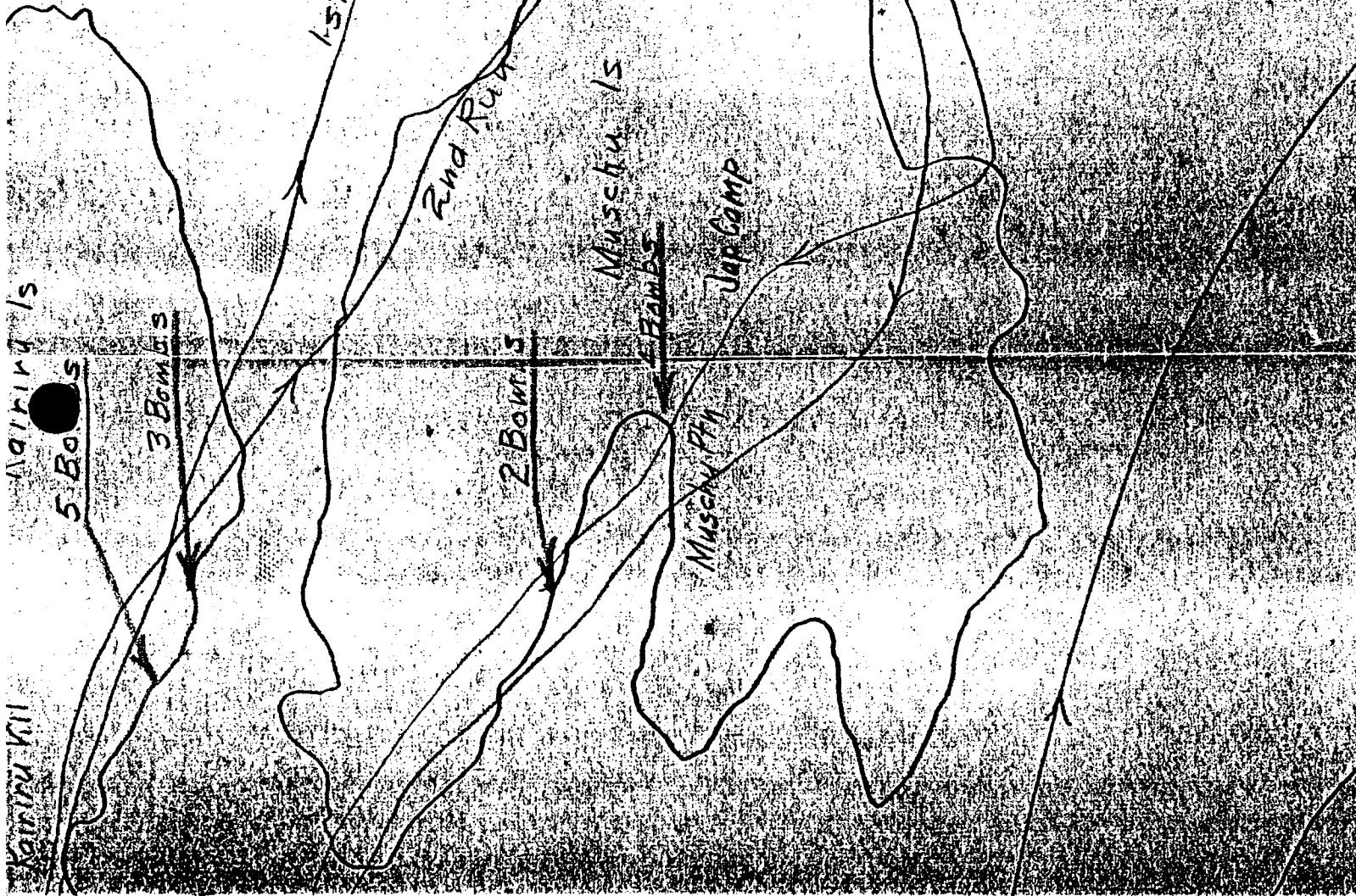
STRAFIN TABLE

	75mm		.50 cal.	
<u>A/P</u>	<u>No. car'd</u>	<u>No. ex.</u>	<u>Rds car'd</u>	<u>Rds Ex.</u>
315	21	21	4600	1500
341	21	21	4600	2000
356	21	21	4600	1500
355	21	0	4600	1600
150	21	21	4600	1500
335	21	21	4600	2200
		<u>105</u>		<u>10,300</u>

PHOTO TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>Time of photo</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of camera</u>	<u>Ex. made</u>	<u>prints recd</u>
356	1000/K	Muschu	K24	30	4
341	1000/K	Muschu	K24	30	3
150	1000/K	Muschu	K20	10	2

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 2- 4- 4
 3- 4- 4



MISSION #125E 1 May 44
49859 345 GP
Time 0940 1006/K
Alt Minimum
Order One Sqdn only

Overlay But East, Kairua & Wewak West
Prov. Maps Scale 1:63360

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Cpl. ADAM A. GWIAZDA

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498 BOMB SQUAD.
TIME OVER TARGET: 0
ALTITUDE: Minimum

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345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
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128-A
OK 7 May 44
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8 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission 128-A, performed 7 May, 1944, by six B25-B's of the 498th Squadron.
Objective - A/A position at MAFFIN strip, Western New Guinea.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Fifth Air Force, APO 925.

1. GENERAL

(a) Six B25-B's of the 498th Squadron were to take off from strip #4, NADZAB, at 0615/K, assemble over the strip and form with three other Squadrons of the 345th Group for a minimum altitude attack on Maffin A/D, Western New Guinea. The specific target for the 498th Squadron was a four gun A/A battery West of the North end of the strip (target 8-W). Take off was delayed seven minutes due to ground fog on the #4 strip.

(b) Rendezvous - There was to be no rendezvous with fighters. The Group formed at the Leron River and was on course at 0646/K.

(c) Attack - The attack was made on a heading of 300 degrees from minimum altitude in two flights of three and two plane respectively. The target was obscure and was not located definitely until the flights were directly over it. 32 x 100 lb. para demo bombs were dropped on huts at the East and West end of SAWAR Strip and along the sides of the Drome. Two huts on the North side of the strip were destroyed by canon fire and a fire with black smoke was started at the East end of the Drome. Sawar Strip and installations were strafed. One A/P turned back at Hollandia and bombed and strafed target 8-D at Hansa Bay. Ten bombs were dropped on this target.

(d) Interception and A/P's destroyed.

- (1) Nil enemy A/P interception.
- (2) Nil Allied A/P observed lost.
- (3) Nil enemy A/P destroyed in air by Squadron.

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(e) Time and location of:

Take Off: Strip #4, NADZAB, 0624/K.

Attack: SAWAR DROME, 0951/K.

Landing: FINSCHHAFFEN, 1404/K. NADZAB, 1620/K.

(f) Route: RAMU, SEPIK, TARGET, COAST TO FINSCHHAFFEN, BASE.

2. A/P's OF THE 498TH SQUADRON IN THE ATTACK.

<u>FIRST FLIGHT</u>		<u>SECOND FLIGHT</u>	
Capt. Magee	356	Lt. Best, A.L.	341
Lt. Girdler	345	Lt. Boden	336
Lt. Neblett	150	Lt. Nutting	344

The 498th Squadron led by Capt. Magee was first over the target.

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION.

(a) Details of the Attack - The Group formation was led by Major Fain of the 501st Squadron with the 498th Squadron in #2 position until Hollandia was reached and then the 498th Squadron took over the lead.

The first flight attacked on a heading of 300 degrees and lobbed .75mm shells into the target area before it was clearly discernable. The A/A battery was not firing and the flight was over the target area before the specific target was located. The bombs were released on installations at SAWAR Drome which was also strafed with .50 cal. and .75mm ammo destroying two huts and starting small fires. The B-10 shackle recommended for use with 100 lb. parademo bombs failed to function properly and some of the bombs hung in the racks and others fell out belatedly. Some of the bombs that hung up were loose in the bomb bays when the planes landed and were removed at Finschhafen. The hydraulic system on A/P 335 failed and the plane was left at Finschhafen.

Lt. Best, leader of the second flight, had hydraulic trouble and left the formation at Hollandia and bombed and strafed target 9-D at Mansa Bay. Lt. Boden took over the lead of the second flight which also bombed and strafed SAWAR Drome and installation starting one medium sized fire at the East end of Sawar Strip. Smoke from fire was visible for a distance of 20 miles. The second flight had the same trouble with the bomb release as the first flight. A/P 336 had hydraulic failure and was left at Finschhafen.

Following the attack the Group reassembled SE of Wakde Island and returned down the coast to the Sepik River. The weather was not too favorable and the 498th Squadron left the formation and followed the coast to Finschhafen.

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(b) Anti-aircraft fire - medium A/A fire was received from the battery at the East end of Sawar Strip. Fire was light and inaccurate.

(c) Fighter cover - Nil fighter cover.

(d) Details of damage to aircraft in the air
(1) Nil enemy planes destroyed in air.
(2) Nil damage was received by our planes.

(e) Personnel injured - Nil personnel injured on this mission.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARDS - From information present available nil personnel will be recommended for an award.

5. APPENDICES

(a) Appendix "A" shows bombing and strafing tables.

(b) Appendix "B" shows map of bomb hits and bomb run.

(c) Appendix "C" shows route to and from target.

6. ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS - Serviceable barge at Manam Is.

7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION - Nil photos received for photo interpretation.

For the Squadron Commander:

CALVIN M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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APPENDIX "A"

BOMBING TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>No. of bombs</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>No. dropped</u>
150	11	para demo	100 lb.	11
345	11	para demo	100 lb.	11
344	11	para demo	100 lb.	9
341	11	para demo	100 lb.	11
	<u>44</u>			<u>42</u>

STRAFING TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>.75mm No. car'd</u>	<u>No. Ex.</u>	<u>.50 cal. Rds car'd</u>	<u>Rds Ex.</u>
150	21	7	4500	1500
345	21	10	4500	1600
344	21	21	4500	1200
341	21	9	4500	1500
		<u>47</u>		<u>5800</u>

Two planes remained at Finschhafen due to hydraulic failure and amount of ammunition expended by them is not known.

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{ 1 Capt Magee — 358+
2 Lt Girdler — 345+
3 Lt Nebel — 150+ }

2 Ft+

{ 4 Lt Best M.L. — 341 (Returned) But Hit Target 90 - Hansa Bay - No Photos - 10 Bombs Dropped
5 Lt Boden — 336+
6 Lt Nutting — 344+ }

Took Photos +

32 Bombs 17
Target 10X

2 Huts Dest
Fire Started by 75MM

Assigned
Target 8W -
Obscured - Cloudy

Mafin
Adm

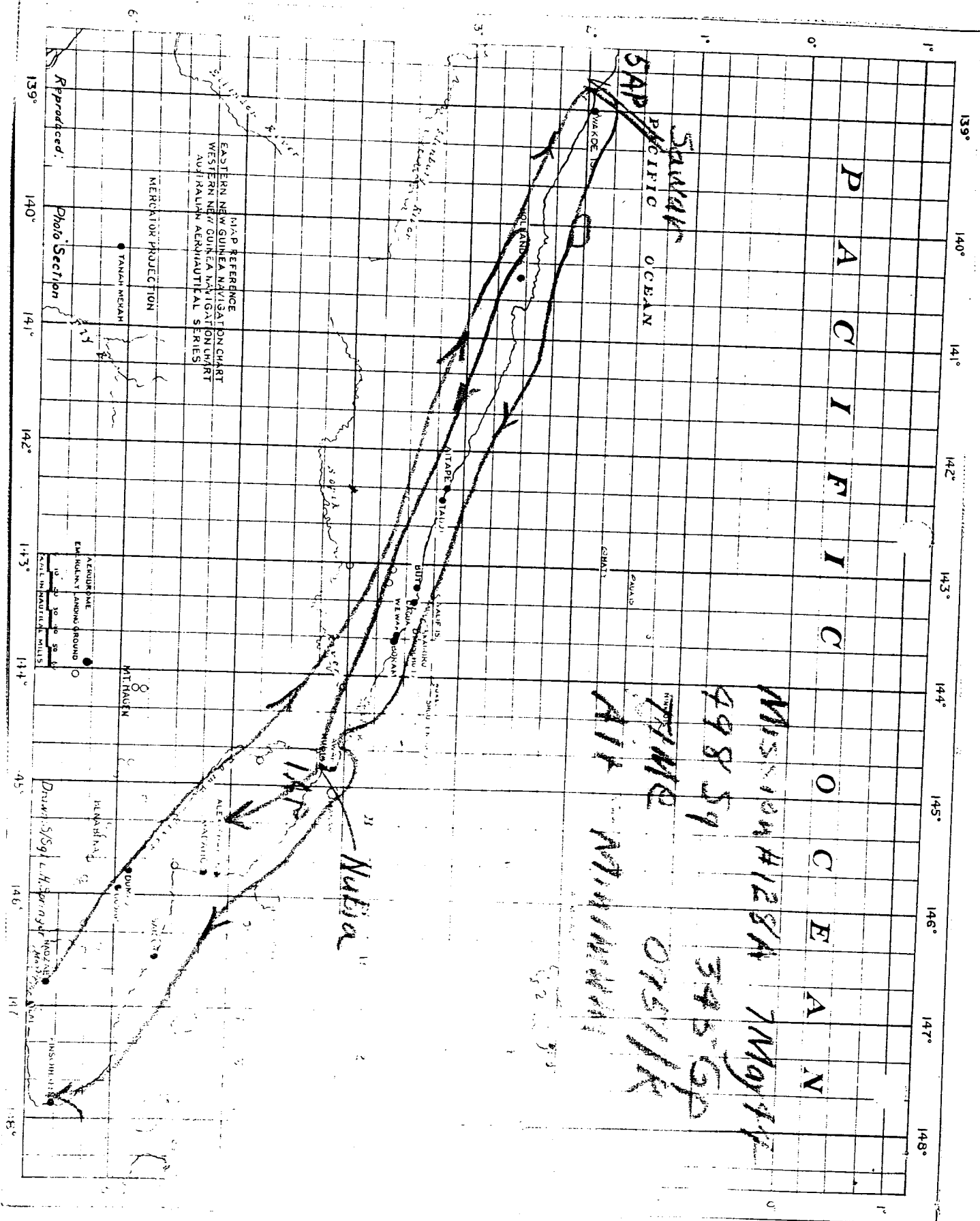
Mafin
Bay

Village

Forest
Area

Overlay Sarnar-Sarm Area
V Bomcom -2
Scale 1:95040

Mission #1284 7 May 44
498 Sq 345 GP
Time — 0951/K
Alt — Minimum
Order — 1
Bomb Load — 60 X 100 # 8-11 Sec.



By RLB/IM NARA, Date 5/20/91498
135-D
14 May 44

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #713 - 1

15 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission 135-D, performed 14 May, 1944, by eight airplanes of the 498th Squadron.
Objective - Takar Village (10 miles SE Wakde Island).

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Fifth Air Force, APO 925.

1. GENERAL

(a) Five B25H's, 2 B25D-2's and 1 B25D were to take off from #4 strip, Nadzab, at 0715/K, assemble over the strip, form with the other three Squadrons of the 345th Group at the Leron River and proceed direct to Wakde Island. The attack was to be made in two runs, the first a minimum altitude bombing attack from 6000 ft. and the second a strafing run from minimum altitude. Both runs were to be made on a heading of approximately 135 degrees. Return was to be direct to base. There was to be no fighter escort.

(b) Rendezvous - There was no rendezvous with other units. The Group formed at the Leron River at 0723/K.

(c) Attack - The bombing attack was made on a heading of 135 degrees from 6000 ft. altitude and the strafing attack was made on the same heading from minimum altitude. The attacks were made from 1034/K to 1039/K. Eighter airplanes dropped 32 x 500 lb. inst. fuse bombs in Takar Village starting several fires of short duration and destroying an estimated twelve huts. Target was covered with dust and smoke from bombing. Village was strafed with 12 x .75 mm and 5600 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition from minimum altitude on second run. Bombing was excellent.

(d) Interception and A/P's destroyed.

- (1) Nil enemy A/P interception.
- (2) Nil Allied A/P's observed lost.
- (3) Nil enemy A/P destroyed in air by Squadron.

(e) Time and location of:

Take Off: strip #4, NADZAB, 0715/K.

Attack: TAKAR VILLAGE, 1034/K to 1039/K.

Landing: NADZAB, strip #4, 1420/K.

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(f) Route: RAMU VALLEY Thence direct to TARGET on inland route crossing the coast West of HOLLANDIA and returning via the same route.

2. A/P's OF THE 498TH SQUADRON IN THE ATTACK

<u>FIRST FLIGHT</u>		<u>SECOND FLIGHT</u>		<u>THIRD FLIGHT</u>	
Lt. Turk	405	Lt. McCall	491	Lt. Fair	50
Lt. Nutting	345	Lt. Wright	331	Lt. Easter	34
Lt. Jensen	169	Lt. Boden	515	Lt. Girdler	33

The 498th Squadron led by Lt. Turk led the Group formation.

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

(a) Details of the Attack - The three flights composed of three, two and three planes respectively bombed in trail formation on a heading of 135 degrees from an altitude of 6000 ft. Each flight was led by a medium altitude plane with the wing men releasing their bombs on the lead bombardier. The first flights bombs were trained through huts at the Western end of the Village with the bombs of the second and third flights trained through the center of the Village. Bombing was excellent for all three flights.

Following the bombing the formation circled to the left, the flights spacing themselves at 30 second intervals, and made a strafing attack from minimum altitude on the same heading as the bombing run. The huts were dispersed well among the coconuts there were few well defined targets for the .75mm canon.

After the second attack a large circle was made East of the target and the Group reformed and returned direct to base over the inland route.

- (b) Anti-aircraft fire - There was nil A/A encountered.
- (c) Fighter cover - Nil fighter cover.
- (d) Details of damage to aircraft in the air.
 - (1) Nil enemy planes destroyed in air.
 - (2) Nil damage was received by our planes.
- (e) Personnel injured - Nil personnel was injured on this mission.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARDS - From information present available nil personnel will be recommended for an award.

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By RLB/IM NARA, Date 5/20/91**CONFIDENTIAL****5. APPENDICES**

- tables.
- (a) Appendix "A" shows bombing, strafing and photo
 - (b) Appendix "B" shows map of bomb hits and bomb run.
 - (c) Appendix "C" shows route to and from target.

6. ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS - Nil

7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION - Photos show three bombs of the #3 plane of the first flight hitting just off the beach NE of the target. All other bombs hit target.

For the Squadron Commander:

**CALVIN M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.**

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By RLB/IM NARA, Date 5/20/91

APPENDIX "A"

BOMBING TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>No. of bombs</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>No. dropped</u>
164	4	inst.	500 lb.	4
345	4	inst.	500 lb.	4
341	4	inst.	500 lb.	4
338	4	inst.	500 lb.	4
331	4	inst.	500 lb.	4
595	4	inst.	500 lb.	4
405	4	inst.	500 lb.	4
491	4	inst.	500 lb.	4
315	4 salvaged	inst.	500 lb.	4
	<u>36</u>			<u>32</u>

A/P 315 returned to base directly after take off because of mechanical trouble.

STRAPING TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>.75 mm No. car'd</u>	<u>No. Ex.</u>	<u>Rds car'd</u>	<u>.50 cal. Rds Ex.</u>
164	21	0	4600	400
345	21	8	4600	1200
341	21	1	4600	1000
338	21	0	4600	800
331	21	3	4600	1200
595	--	--	4600	200
405	--	--	4600	400
491	--	--	4600	400
		<u>12</u>		<u>5600</u>

PHOTO TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>Time of photo</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of camera</u>	<u>Exmade</u>	<u>Prints rec'd</u>
595	1040/K	TAKAR	K-21	25	8

By RLB/IM NARA, Date 5/20/91

Fires of Short
Duration Started
in Target

29 Bombs in
Target

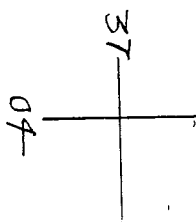
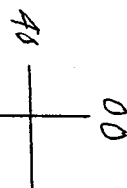
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Village

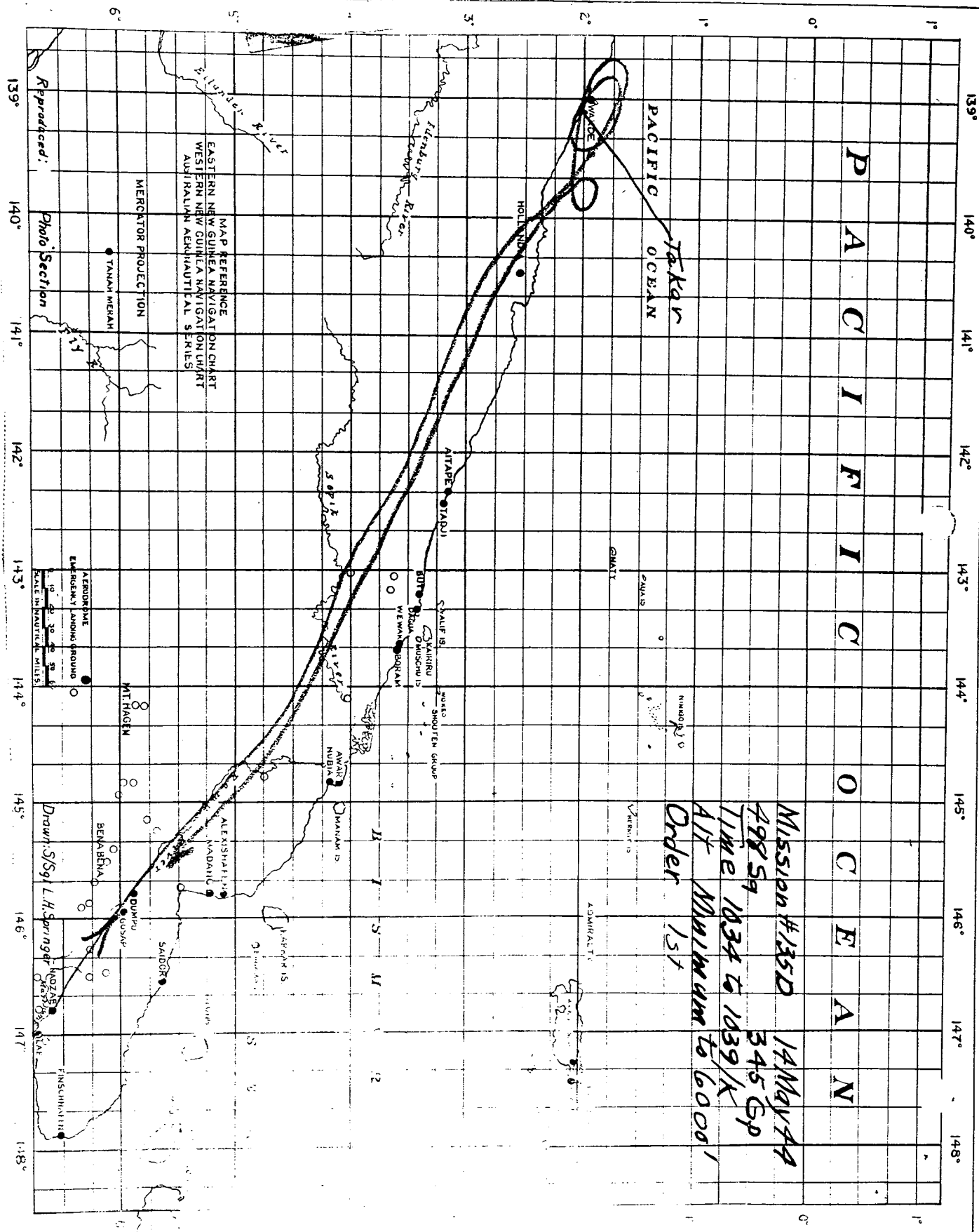
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1 Lt Tunk	405
2 Lt Nutting	345
3 Lt Jensen	169
4 Lt McCall	491
5 Lt Wright	331
6 Lt Boden	315 (Returned)
7 Lt Fair	595
8 Lt Easter	344
9 Lt Girdler	338

Mission #135D 14 May 44
498 Sq (M) 345 GP
Time 1034-1039/K
Alt Minimum to 6000'
Order 1st
8 B25 H's, Dis + DZ's

Overlay: Wenter River (Hasty Map)
C.E. U.S.A.
Scale 1:20,000





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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
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A.P.C. #713 - 1

May 17, 1944.

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission 136-E, performed 15 May, 1944, by six airplanes of the 498th Squadron.
Objective - Sarmi, Northeast New Guinea.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Fifth Air Force, APO 925.

1. GENERAL

(a) Five B25D-1's and one B25D were to take off from Strip #4, Nadzab at 0810/K, assemble over the strip and form with the other three Squadrons of the 345th Group enroute to Sarmi. The attack was to be made from minimum altitude on a heading of approximately 10 degrees with the six planes in echelon to the right formation. Target 6 X personnel and installations south of Sarmi was to be bombed and strafed in a single run. Return was direct to base. There was to be no fighter cover.

(b) Rendezvous - There was to be no rendezvous with other units or fighters.

(c) Attack - The bombing and strafing attack was made at 1135/K on a heading of approximately 10 degrees from minimum altitude. 30 x 500 lb. 8/11 sec delay fuse bombs in the south end of the target training through Jap Hdqs. and along the East side of the target. One house was definitely destroyed and two bombs were seen to hit another building. Bombing was excellent and the target was covered with smoke and dust. The target was strafed with 7400 x .50 cal. rounds of ammo. One barge on the South side of Vandoemoeear Island was also strafed.

(d) Interception and A/P's destroyed.
(1) Nil enemy A/P interception.
(2) Nil Allied A/P's observed lost.
(3) Nil enemy A/P destroyed in air by Squadron.

(e) Time and location of:
Take Off: Strip #4, Nadzab, 0813/K.
Attack: SARMI, 1135/K.
Landing: NADZAB, Strip #4, 1500/K.

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(f) Route: RANU VALLEY direct to SAMMI via inland route and return.

2. A/P's OF THE 498TH SQUADRON IN THE ATTACK.

FIRST FLIGHT

Lt. Best 595
Lt. Dougherty 076
Lt. Boden 099

SECOND FLIGHT

Lt. Rotherington 082
Lt. Kirkland 060
Lt. Best, R. D. 084

The 498th led by Lt. Best was third over target.

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

(a) Details of the Attack - The six planes attacked in echelon to the right formation from minimum altitude, bombing and strafing on the same run on a heading of approximately 10 degrees. A/P #099 flying on the extreme left of the formation trained the bombs through the area designated as enemy headquarters. A/P # 084 definitely destroyed one house and two bombs of A/P #082 were seen to hit a medium-sized building. All planes strafed the entire length of the target with A/P 595, a medium bomber strafed with flexible guns only.

Following the attack the formation reassembled and returned direct to base via the inland route.

(b) Anti-aircraft fire - M/G fire of light intensity was received from a position on the NW edge of the target and from the center of Vandoemear Island.

(c) Fighter cover - Nil fighter cover.

(d) Details of damage to aircraft in the air.
(1) Nil enemy planes destroyed in air.
(2) Nil damage was received by our planes.

(e) Personnel injured - Nil personnel was injured on this mission.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARDS - From information present available nil personnel will be recommended for an award.

5. APPENDICES

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6. ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS - 1135/K, 100 ft. one SSP was observed at 5000 ft. Plane climbed and broke away. 1135/K, one large fire with black smoke was seen 3000 ft. SW of Wakda strip. One medium fire with white smoke was seen 2000 ft. SW of strip. One small fire was observed at the jetty on S side of Wakda Island. One serviceable barge was seen on the beach on the N side of Vandoemoeear Island. Approximately 4 trucks were seen along the road in the N end of the target.

7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION - Photos Interpretation show the target to be well covered with bombs.

For the Squadron Commander:

CALVIN M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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APPENDIX "A"
BOMBING TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>No. of bombs</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>No. dropped</u>
075	5	8/11 sec. delay	500 lb.	5
076	5	8/11 sec.	500 lb.	5
099	5	8/11 sec.	500 lb.	5
082	5	8/11 sec.	500 lb.	5
060	5	8/11 sec.	500 lb.	5
084	5	8/11 sec.	500 lb.	5
	<u>30</u>			<u>30</u>

STRAPPING TABLE
.50 cal.

<u>A/P</u>	<u>Rds. car'd</u>	<u>Rds. ex.</u>
099	4600	1500
084	4600	1000
060	4600	1200
076	4600	2000
082	4600	1600
085	4600	300
		<u>7400</u>

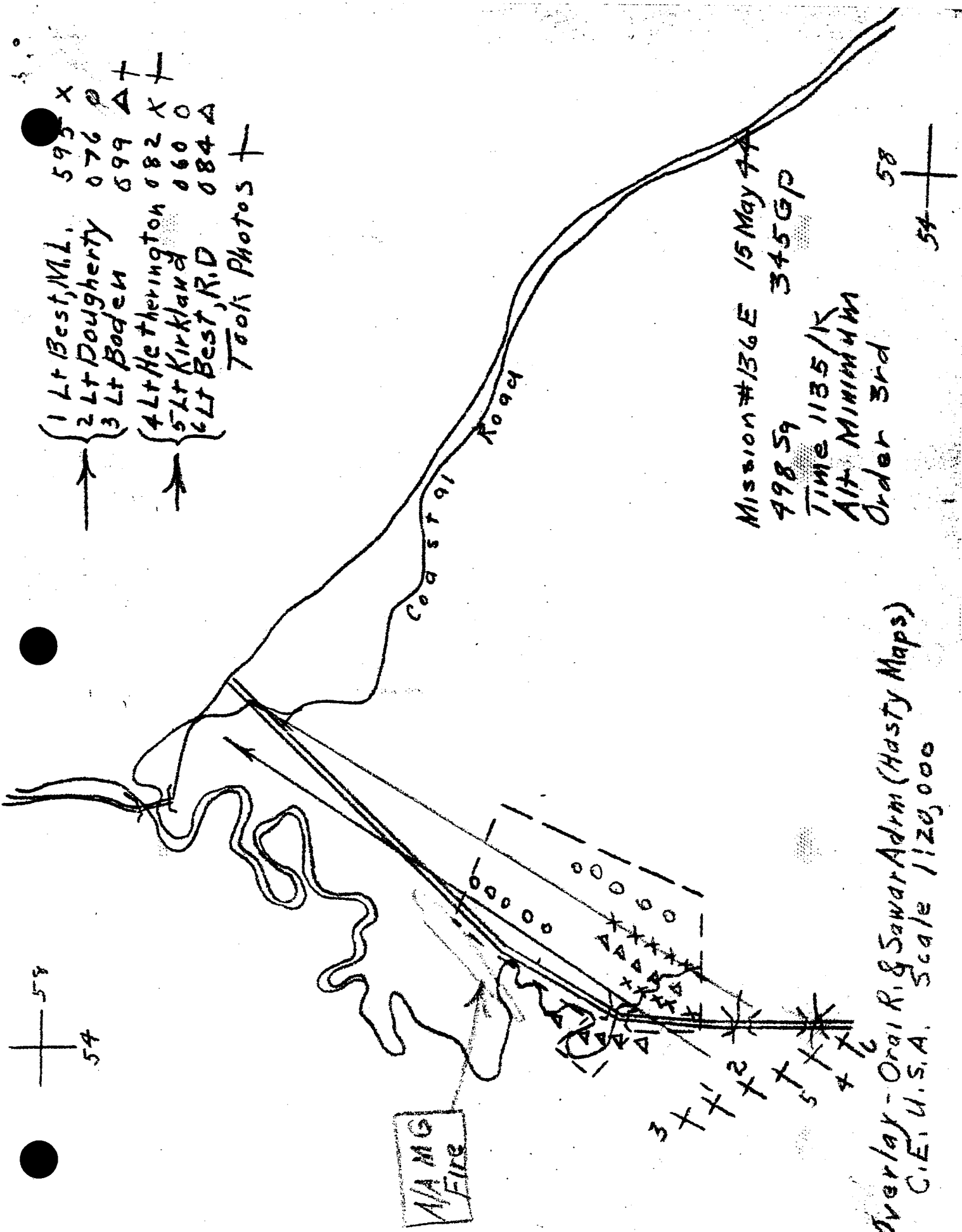
PHOTO TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>Time of photo</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of camera</u>	<u>Ex. made</u>	<u>Prt's rec'd</u>
099	1135/K	SARMI	K-21	35	19
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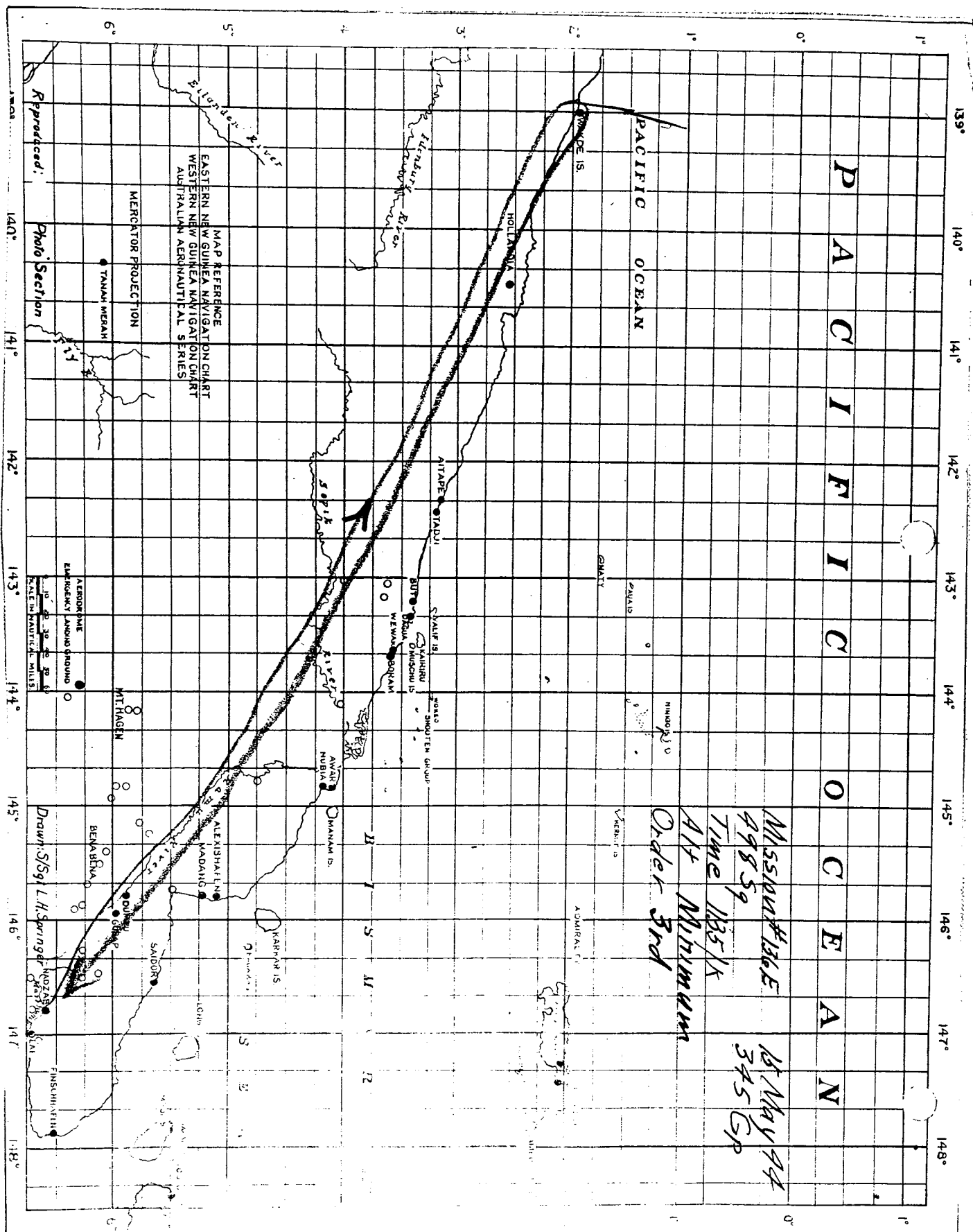
54 — 58

- { 1 Lt Best, M.L. 593 X
 - { 2 Lt Dougherty 076 O
 - { 3 Lt Boden 099 A +
 - { 4 Lt Hetherington 082 X +
 - { 5 Lt Kirkland 060 O
 - { 6 Lt Best, R.D. 084 A
- Took Photos +



Mission #136E 15 May 44
 49859 345 GP
 Time 1135/K
 Alt MINIMUM
 Order 3rd 58

Overlay - Oran R. & Sawar Adm (Hasty Maps)
 C.E. U.S.A. Scale 1:20,000



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137-E
16 May 44

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #713 - 1

CMB/fc

17 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission 15X-E, performed 16 May, 1944, by six airplanes of the 498th Squadron.
Objective - Target 15X at the mouth of the Tor River, NE New Guinea.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Fifth Air Force, APO 925.

1. GENERAL

(a) Four B25D-1's and two B25D-2's were to take off from strip #3, NADZAB, at 0710/K, assemble over the strip, form with the other three Squadrons of the 345th Group and proceed direct to the target. The attack was to be made in two runs, the first a medium altitude bombing attack from 6500 feet and the second a strafing attack from minimum altitude. Both runs were to be made on the same heading of approximately 350 deg. Return was to be direct to base. There was to be no fighter escort.

(b) Rendezvous - There was no rendezvous and the Squadron was on course at 0725/K.

(c) Attack - The bombing attack was made on a heading of 350 degrees from 6500 feet altitude. The strafing attack was made on the same heading from minimum altitude. The attacks were made at 1033/K and 1037/K respectively. Twenty four 500 lb. inst. fuse bombs were released with five falling in the water and the remainder falling in the target and at the Northern edge of the target. A few small fires were started in the target and adjacent to the target on the North side. 6300 x .50 cal. rounds of ammo were expended in strafing.

(d) Interception and A/P's destroyed.
(1) Nil enemy A/P interception.
(2) Nil Allied A/P's observed lost.
(3) Nil enemy A/P destroyed in air by Squadron.

(e) Time and location of:
Take Off: strip #3, NADZAB, 0720/K.
Attack: Mouth of Tor River (15X), 1033/K - 1037/K.
Landing: NADZAB, strip #3, 1415/K.

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(f) Route: RAMU VALLEY thence direct to target - return via same route.

2. A/P's OF THE 498TH SQUADRON IN THE ATTACK.

FIRST FLIGHT

Lt. Fair 443
Lt. Adams 592
Lt. Jensen 068

SECOND FLIGHT

Lt. Boden 601
Lt. Wright 024
Lt. Nutting 034

The 498th Squadron led by Lt. Fair was fourth over the target.

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

(a) Details of the Attack - The two flights composed of three planes each bombed in trail formation on a heading of 350 degrees from an altitude of 6500 feet. Each flight was led by a medium bomber with the wing men releasing their bombs on the lead bombardier. One bomb of the lead flight fell short and the remaining bombs hit direct in the target. Four bombs of the #2 plane of the second flight fell in the River with the remaining bombs hitting in the target or adjacent to it on the North side. Bombing was excellent.

Following the bombing the formation circled to the left, formed in echelon to the left and made a strafing attack along the North bank of the Tor River across the target to the River's mouth.

After the second attack the Squadron returned to base. A/P 034 landed at Gusap to refuel before returning to base.

(b) Anti-aircraft fire - Heavy and medium fire was received from positions on Liki Is., Niroemoar Is., a position at the East end of Sawar A/D and a position 800 yds SE of the mouth of Tevarowaij River.

(c) Fighter cover - Nil fighter cover.

(d) Details of damage to aircraft in the air.

- (1) Nil enemy planes destroyed in air.
- (2) A/P 024 received three holes from A/A.

(e) Personnel injured - Nil personnel was injured on this mission.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARDS - From information present available nil personnel will be recommended for an award.

By RLB/IM NARA, Date 5/20/91

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5. APPENDICES

- (a) Appendix "A" shows bombing and strafing tables.
- (b) Appendix "B" shows map of bomb hits and bomb run.
- (c) Appendix "C" shows route to and from target.

6. ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS - 1035/K, 5000 ft., barges strafed on mission 15 May still on beach. Three fires with heavy black smoke were seen on Wakde Island.

7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION - No photographs were received by this Squadron.

For the Commanding Officer:

CALVIN M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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By RLB/IM NARA, Date 5/20/91

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APPENDIX "A"

BOMBING TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>No. of bombs</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>No. dropped</u>
443	4	inst.	500 lb.	4
592	4	inst.	500 lb.	4
068	4	inst.	500 lb.	4
601	4	inst.	500 lb.	4
024	4	inst.	500 lb.	4
034	4	inst.	500 lb.	4
	<u>24</u>			<u>24</u>

STRAFING TABLE

.50 Cal.

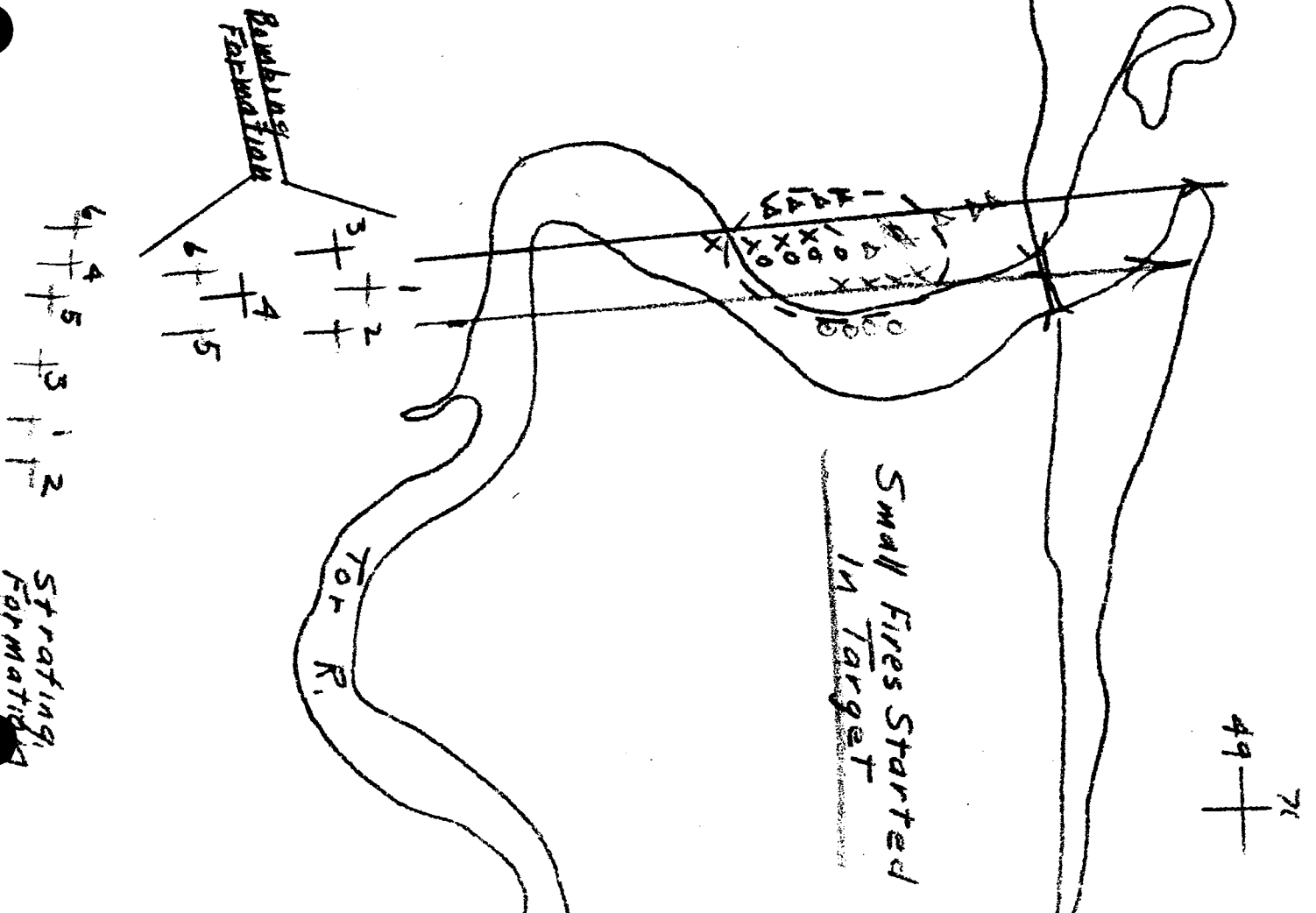
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443	4600	400
592	4600	1900
024	4600	1000
068	4600	1000
601	4600	1000
034	4600	1000
		<u>6300</u>

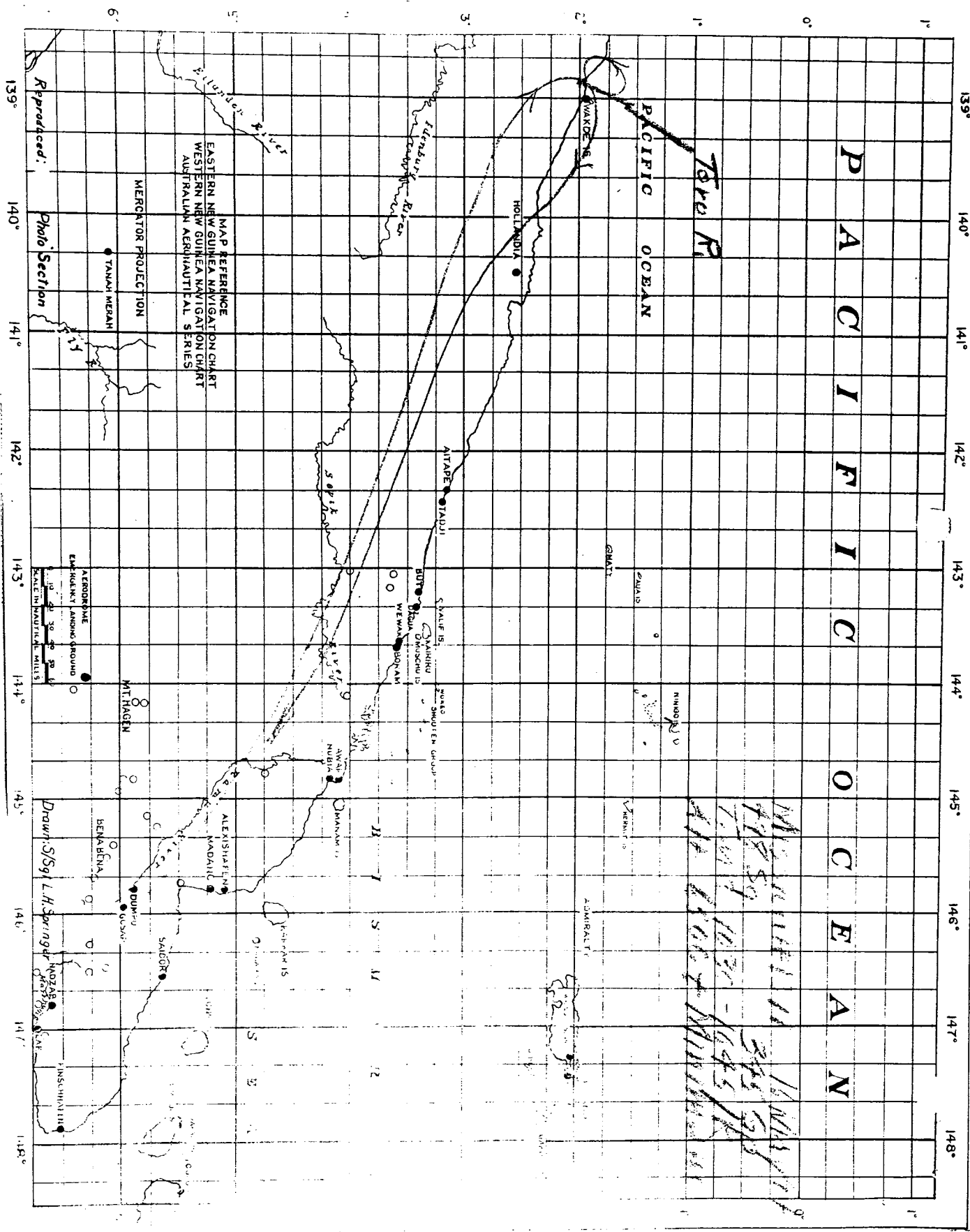
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1 Lt Fair 443 X +
 2 Lt Adams 592 0 +
 3 Lt Jensen 068 Δ
 4 Lt Boden 601 X +
 5 Lt Wright 024 0 +
 6 Lt Nutting 034 Δ
 Took Photos +

Mission # 137E 16 May 44
 49859 345 GP
 Time — 1038-1037 A
 Alt — 6500' + Minimum
 Order — 4th
 Overlay — Nafsin Village (Hasty Map)
 C.E. U.S.A. Scale 1:20000





By RLB/IM NARA, Date 5/20/91718
138-E
17 May 44

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #713 - 1

CMB/fo

18 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission 138-E, performed 17 May, 1944, by six airplanes of the 498th Squadron.
Objective - Personnel, Sarmi, NE New Guinea.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Fifth Air Force, APO 925.

1. GENERAL

(a) Three B25D-1's, 2 B25D's and 1 B25D-2 were to take off from strip #3, NADZAB, at 0710/K, assemble over the strip, form with the three other Squadrons at the Leron River and proceed direct to the target. The attack was to be made in two runs, the first a medium altitude bombing attack from 6500 feet and the second a minimum altitude strafing attack. Both runs were to be made on the same heading of approximately 30 degrees. Return was to be direct to base. There was to be no fighter escort.

(b) Rendezvous - There was no rendezvous with other units. The Group was on course at 0730/K.

(c) Attack - The bombing attack was made on a heading of thirty degrees from 6500 feet at 1030/K. There was no strafing attack. Twenty 500 lb. inst. fuse bombs were dropped in the target starting three medium sized fires with grey smoke. Four bombs fell in the wood 200 ft. North of the boundary of the target. Bombing was excellent.

(d) Interception and A/P's destroyed.

- (1) Nil enemy A/P interception.
- (2) Nil Allied A/P's observed lost.
- (3) Nil enemy A/P destroyed in air by Squadron.

(e) Time and location of:

Take Off: strip #3, NADZAB, 0710/K.

Attack: SARMI (target 8X) 1030/K.

Landing: strip #3, NADZAB, 1410/K.

(f) Route: RAMU VALLEY thence direct to target via inland route and return.

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2. A/P's OF THE 498TH SQUADRON IN THE ATTACK

FIRST FLIGHT		SECOND FLIGHT	
Lt. Best, M.L.	426	Lt. Turk	601
Lt. Easter	068	Lt. Dougherty	024
Lt. Kirkland	034	Lt. Boden	597

The 498th Squadron led by Lt. Best was in #3 position in the formation.

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

(a) Details of the attack - The two flights composed of three planes each made individual bombing runs on a heading of 30 degrees from an altitude of 6500 ft. Each flight was led by a medium bomber with the wingmen releasing bombs on the lead bombardier. The bombs of the first flight were trained through the Northwestern part of the target with four bombs falling slightly North of the target. The second flight's bombs were trained through the Southwest corner of the target.

The Squadron circled to the left and started to let down for the strafing run but the lead Squadron made a right turn off the approach and the other Squadrons followed making no strafing attack. The formation proceeded direct to base.

(b) Anti-aircraft fire - Nil A/A fire.

(c) Fighter cover - Nil fighter cover.

(d) Details of damage to aircraft in the air.
 (1) Nil enemy planes destroyed in air.
 (2) Nil damage was received by our planes.

(e) Personnel injured - Nil personnel was injured on this mission.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARDS - From information present available nil personnel will be recommended for an award.

5. APPENDICES

(a) Appendix "A" shows bombing table.

(b) Appendix "B" shows map of bomb hits and bomb run.

(c) Appendix "C" shows route to and from target.

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6. ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS - 1030/K, 6500 ft., one fire in clearing 800 ft. west of target. One small two masted cabin ship on South side of Vandoemoer Is. was burning furiously.

7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION - Nil photographs have been received in time to make interpretation for this report.

For the Squadron Commander:

CALVIN M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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By RLB/IM NARA, Date 5/20/91

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APPENDIX "A"

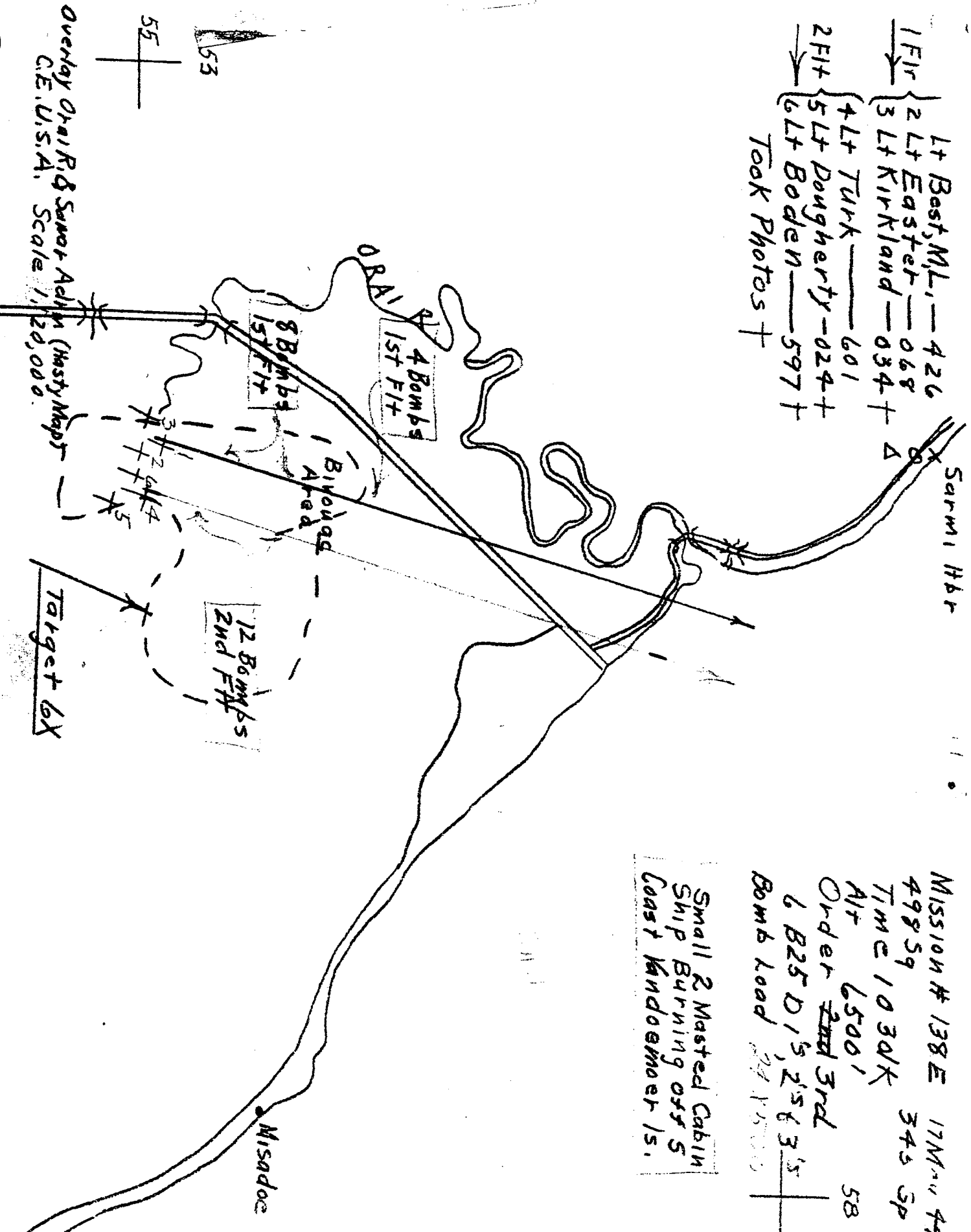
BOMBING TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>No. car'd</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>No. dropped</u>
426	4	inst.	500 lb.	4
068	4	inst.	500 lb.	4
034	4	inst.	500 lb.	4
601	4	inst.	500 lb.	4
024	4	inst.	500 lb.	4
597	4	inst.	500 lb.	4
	<u>24</u>			<u>24</u>

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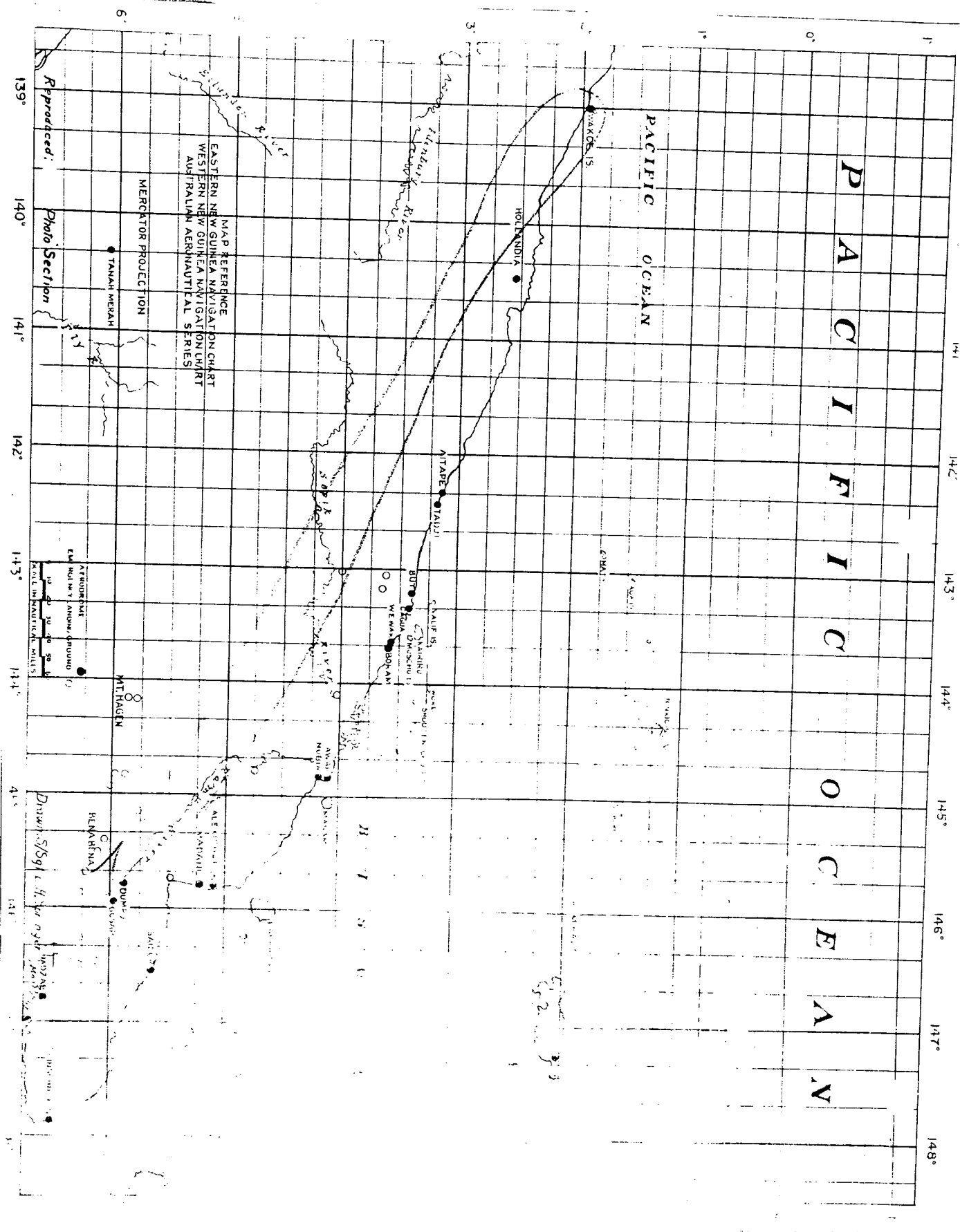
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Lt Bast, M.L. — 426
 1F1r { 2 Lt East — 068
 3 Lt Kirkland — 034 +
 2F1t { 4 Lt Turk — 601
 5 Lt Dougherty — 024 +
 6 Lt Boden — 597 +
 Took Photos +



Mission # 138E 17M 44
 49859 345 3P
 Time 1030K
 Alt 6500' 58
 Order 2nd 3rd
 6 B25 D15, 2563's
 Bomb load 24 15000

By RLB/IM NARA, Date 5/20/91



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139-A
18 May 44

498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #713 - 1

CME/fc

19 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission 139-A, performed 18 May, 1944, by six airplanes of the 498th Squadron.
Objective - Personnel and installations from Boram to But, NE New Guinea.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Fifth Air Force, APO 925.

1. GENERAL

(a) Four B25-H's, one B25-D-2, and one B25-D were to take off from strip #4, NADZAB, at 0900/K, assemble over the strip, form with the other three Squadrons of the 345th Group at the Leron River and proceed direct to Boram. Coastal targets North of Boram strip and between Cape Boram and Mission Point were to be bombed from East to West at 6000 ft. altitude. Coastal targets of opportunity between Wewak and Boiken Village were also considered as bombing targets. After bombing the 498th Squadron was to let down over the sea and continue up the coast past Dagua and But giving two following Squadrons an opportunity to bomb assigned targets and then circle to the left and make a strafing run from But to Boram. Return was to be direct to base. There was to be no fighter cover.

(b) Rendezvous - There was to be no rendezvous with other units. The Group was on course at 0937/K.

(c) Attack - The bombing attack was made on a heading of 280 degrees at 6000 feet altitude at 1045/K. 5 x 1000 lb. inst. fuse bombs in target 31-D North of Boram. 7 x 1000 lb. inst. fuse bombs in target 46-D between Cape Boram and Mission Point. 1 x 1000 lb. bomb in water at Boiken Point. Two huts on center of Valif Island, one hut East of Dagua A/D, one hut on hill South of Wewak A/D and two huts $\frac{1}{2}$ mile East of Brandi Ptn. destroyed by canon fire. Targets strafed at Dagua, Boram and Wewak and along coast between Points.

(d) Interception and A/P's destroyed.
(1) Nil enemy A/P interception.
(2) Nil Allied A/P's observed lost.
(3) Nil enemy A/P destroyed in air by Squadron.

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(e) Time and location of:

Take Off: strip #4, NADZAB, 0900/K.

Attack: BORAM 1045/K, strafe BUT * BORAM 1050/K to 1110/K.

(f) Route - RAMU VALLEY, BORAM, BUT AND RETURN.

2. A/P's OF THE 498TH SQUADRON IN THE ATTACK

<u>FIRST FLIGHT</u>		<u>SECOND FLIGHT</u>	
Lt. McCall	491	Lt. Boden	595
Lt. Mosser	130	Lt. Wright	341
Lt. Girdler	345	Lt. Best, R.D.	164

The 498th Squadron led by Lt. McCall led the Group formation.

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

(a) Details of the attack - The two flights composed of three planes each made individual bombing and strafing runs. The first flight dropped five 1000 lb. bombs in target 31-D, along the coast North of Boram strip and one bomb in the water at Boiken Village. The second flight dropped seven 1000 lb. bombs in target 46-D, along the coast between Cape Boram and Mission Point. Both flights bombed on a heading of 280 degrees from 6000 feet.

After the bombing attack the Squadron let down over the sea and flew up the coast until the following Squadron had bombed the assigned targets at Dagua and But. The entire formation then circled to the left and made a strafing run from Dagua to But. The strafing attack was made from minimum altitude between 1050/K and 1110/K. Return was direct to base.

(b) Anti-aircraft fire - Nil A/A fire.

(c) Fighter cover - Nil fighter cover.

(d) Details of damage to aircraft in the air

(1) Nil enemy planes destroyed in air.

(2) Nil damage was received by our planes.

(e) Personnel injured - Nil personnel was injured on this mission.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARDS - From information present available nil personnel will be recommended for an award.

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5. APPENDICES

- (a) Appendix "A" shows bombing and strafing tables.
- (b) Appendix "B" shows map of bomb hits and bomb run.
- (c) Appendix "C" shows route to and from target.

6. ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS - Following sightings at 1045/K, 6000 ft.; 8 trucks scattered around Boram, oil drums in dispersal areas at Boram, tarp covered supplies 2/3000 ft. East of Boram along road.

7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION - Nil photographs have been received in time to make interpretation for this report.

For the Squadron Commander:

CALVIN M. BOLEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

APPENDIX "A"

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BOMBING TABLE

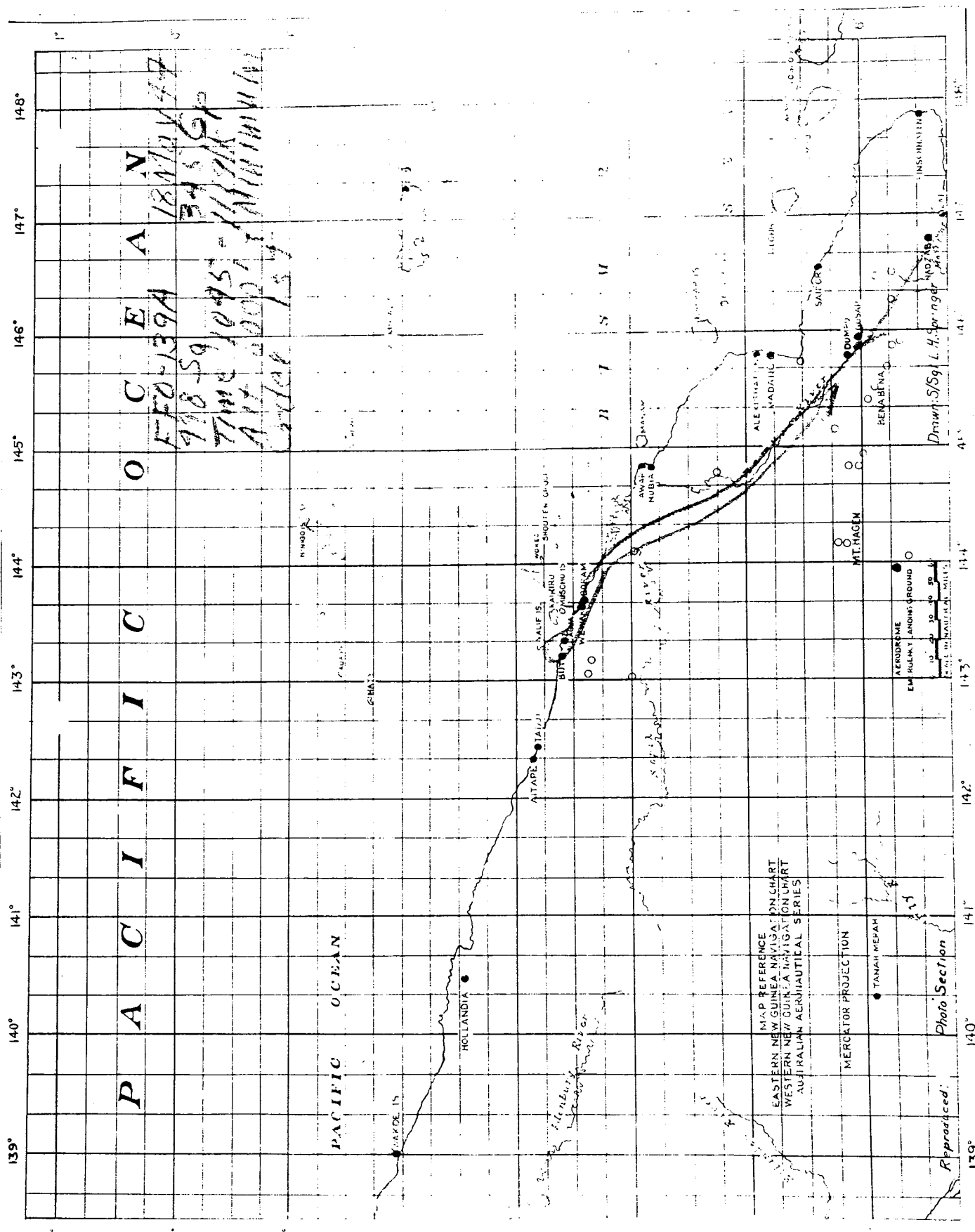
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491	2	inst.	1000 lb.	2
130	2	inst.	1000 lb.	2
164	2	inst.	1000 lb.	2
345	2	inst.	1000 lb.	2
341	2	inst.	1000 lb.	2
595	3	inst.	1000 lb.	3
	<u>13</u>			<u>13</u>

STRAPPING TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>.75mm No. car'd</u>	<u>No. Ex.</u>	<u>Rds car'd</u>	<u>.50 cal. Rds Ex.</u>
130	21	21	4600	4000
164	21	14	4600	----
345	21	21	4600	1500
341	21	8	4600	3000
491	--	--	4600	900
595	--	--	4600	900
		<u>64</u>		<u>6700</u>

.30 Caliber

491	4000	300
595	4000	300
		<u>600</u>

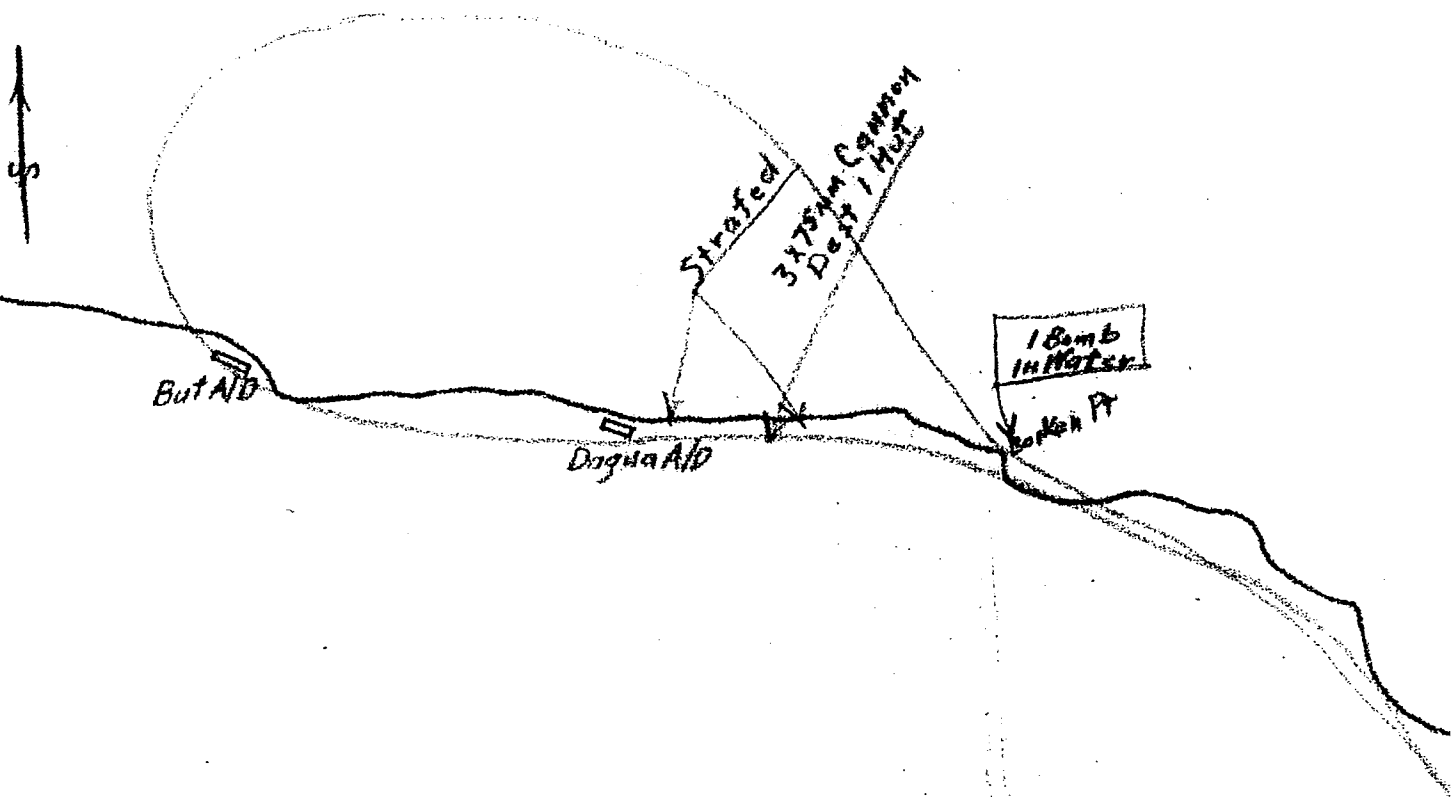


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O C E A N
FFO-139A
918 Sq
TIME 1045
ALT 2000
139

148°
147°
146°
145°
144°
143°
142°
141°
140°
139°

FFO-139A 18 May 44
49859 345 GP
Time 1045-1119/K
Alt 6000 & Minimum
Order 1st
Bomb Load 13x1000#

Oil Drums in
Dispersal Area



By RLB/IM NARA, Date 5/20/91

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142-C
21 May 44

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.C. #713 - 1

CMB/fc

22 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission 142-C, performed 21 May, 1944, by six airplanes of the 498th Squadron.
Objective - Coast from Minahau River to Cape Karawop, NE New Guinea.

TO: : COMMANDING GENERAL, Fifth Air Force, APO 925.

1. GENERAL.

(a) Four B25H's and 2 B25D's were to take off from #4 strip KALZAB at 0740/H, assemble over the strip, form with the other three squadrons of the 345th Group at the mouth of the Poron River and proceed direct to the target. The attack was to be made in two runs the first a medium altitude bombing attack from 6500 feet altitude and the second a strafing attack from minimum altitude. Both runs were to be made on a West to East heading down the coast. Return was to be direct to base. There was to be no fighter cover.

(b) Rendezvous - There was to be no rendezvous with other units and the group was on course at 0743/K.

(c) Attack - The bombing attack was made on a West to East heading from 6500 feet at 0932/K. The strafing attack was made from minimum altitude on a West to East heading and was completed at 0941/K. 13 x 1000 lb. inst. fuse bombs on targets of opportunity along the coast between Cape Karawop and Minahau River. 3 bombs fell in Ulbon Village, 4 on the installations at Ioanin Village, 2 in the Jap encampment area 1 1/2 miles South Dagua Brome and 4 on the dump between Bonak and Kofi Village. The coast from Dagua A/P to Cape Karawop was strafed in the second run.

(d) Interception and A/P's destroyed
(1) Nil enemy A/P interception.
(2) Nil Allied A/P's observed lost.
(3) Nil enemy A/P destroyed in air by Squadron.

(e) Time and location of:
Take Off: #4 strip, KALZAB, 0740/H.
Attack: Coast from Minahau River to Cape Karawop.

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(f) Route - RAMP VALLEY direct to target and return.

2. A/P's OF THE 498TH SQUADRON IN THE ATTACK

FIRST FLIGHT		SECOND FLIGHT	
Lt. Turk	604	Lt. Best, M.L.	595
Lt. Nutting	130	Lt. Kirkland	344
Lt. Jensen	335	Lt. Dougherty	331

The 498th Squadron led by Lt. Turk was in #3 position in the group.

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

(a) Details of the attack - The two flights composed of three planes each made individual bombing runs on a West to East heading from an altitude of 5600 ft. Each flight was led by a medium bomber with the wingmen releasing their bombs on the lead bombardier. The #1 and #3 planes of the first flight dropped two bombs each in Loanin Village. The #2 plane dropped both bombs in a Japanese encampment are 1 1/2 miles south of Pagua strip. Each plane of the second flight released one bomb in Elbon Village with the lead plane dropping two and the wingmen one each on a dump between Kanok and Pofi Villages.

Following the bombing the Squadron circled to the left and made a strafing run from West to East along the coast from Pagua to Cape Karawop. The lead plane in each flight was a medium bomber and flew off shore during this attack. The first flight made two strafing runs whereas the second flight made only one strafing run.

After the strafing attack the Squadron returned direct to base via the inland route.

(b) Anti-aircraft fire - Nil A/A fire.

(c) Fighter cover - Nil fighter cover.

(d) Details of damage to aircraft in the air.

(1) Nil enemy planes destroyed in air.

(2) Nil damage received by our planes.

(e) Personnel injured - Nil personnel was injured on this mission.

4. RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARDS - From information present available nil personnel will be recommended for an award.

5. ATTACHMENTS

(a) Appendix "A" shows bombing, strafing tables.

(b) Appendix "B" shows map of coastline and bomb run.

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6. ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS - At 0940/Z, from 150 ft., one twin engine plane seen burning on beach near Dagua Village.

7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION - Nil photographs received by 0915/22/k this Squadron in time to make interpretation for this report. *CMB*

For the Squadron Commander:

CALVIN R. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

By R-LB/IM NARA, Date 5/20/91

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APPENDIX "A"

BOMBING TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>No. of bombs</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>No. dropped</u>
344	2	inst.	1000 lb.	2
335	2	inst.	1000 lb.	2
130	2	inst.	1000 lb.	2
331	2	inst.	1000 lb.	2
604	2	inst.	1000 lb.	2
595	3	inst.	1000 lb.	3
	<u>13</u>			<u>13</u>

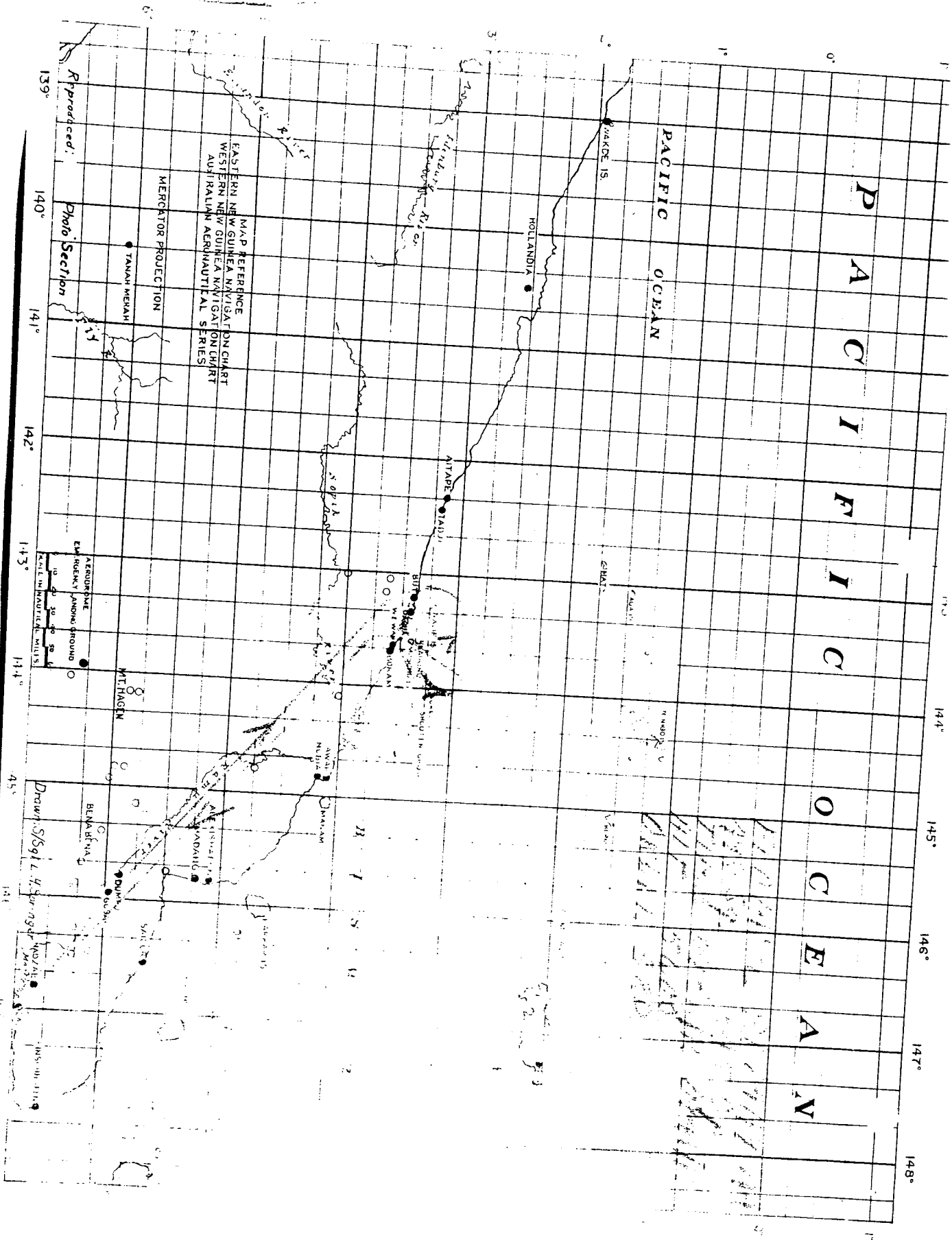
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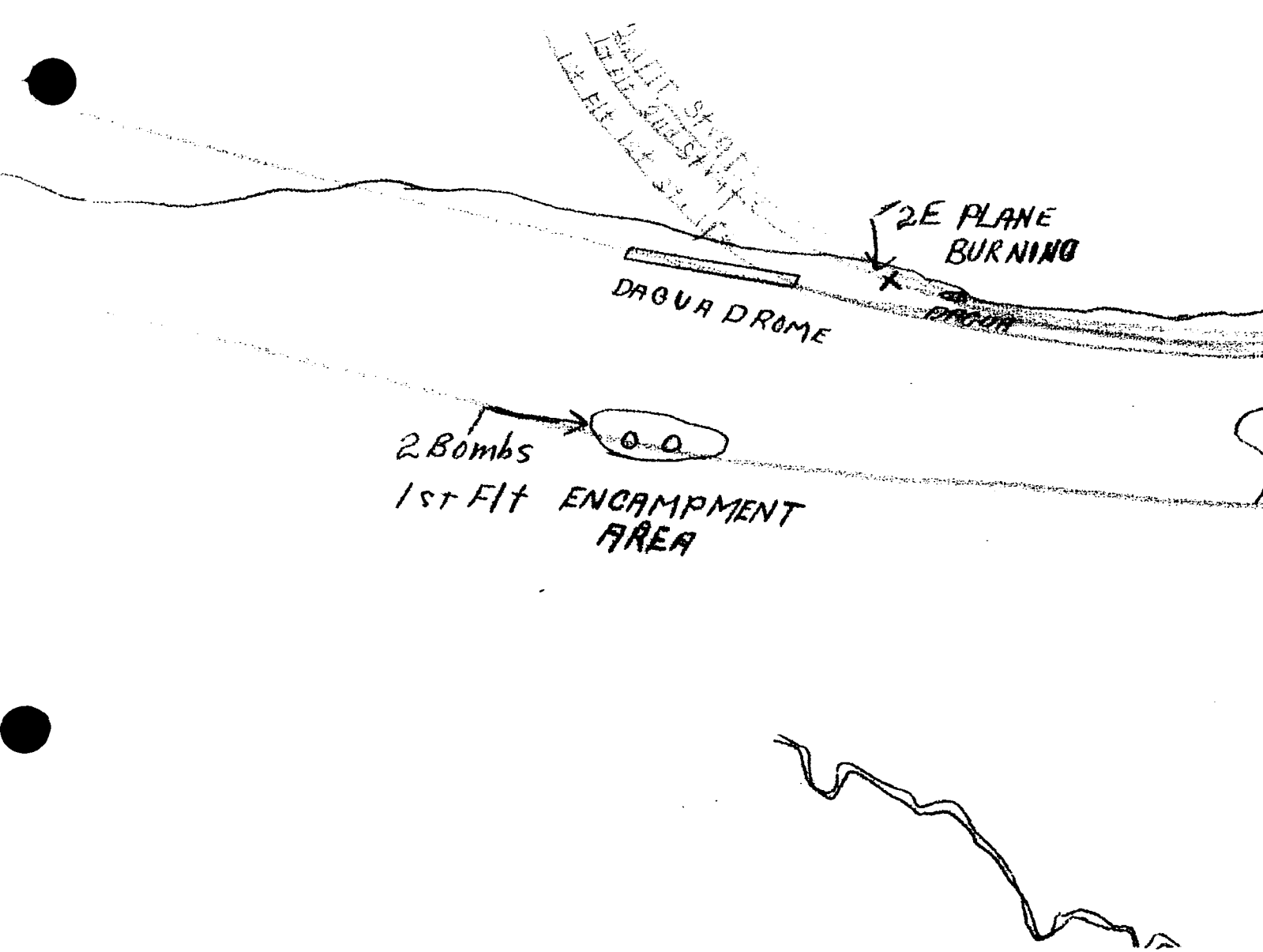
<u>A/P</u>	<u>.75mm</u> <u>Rds car'd</u>	<u>rds EX.</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u> <u>rds car'd</u>	<u>rds EX.</u>
344	21	12	4000	1200
335	21	6	4000	2200
130	21	3	4000	1000
331	21	14	4000	500
604	--	--	4000	500
595	--	--	4000	500
		<u>38</u>		<u>6500</u>

.30 cal.

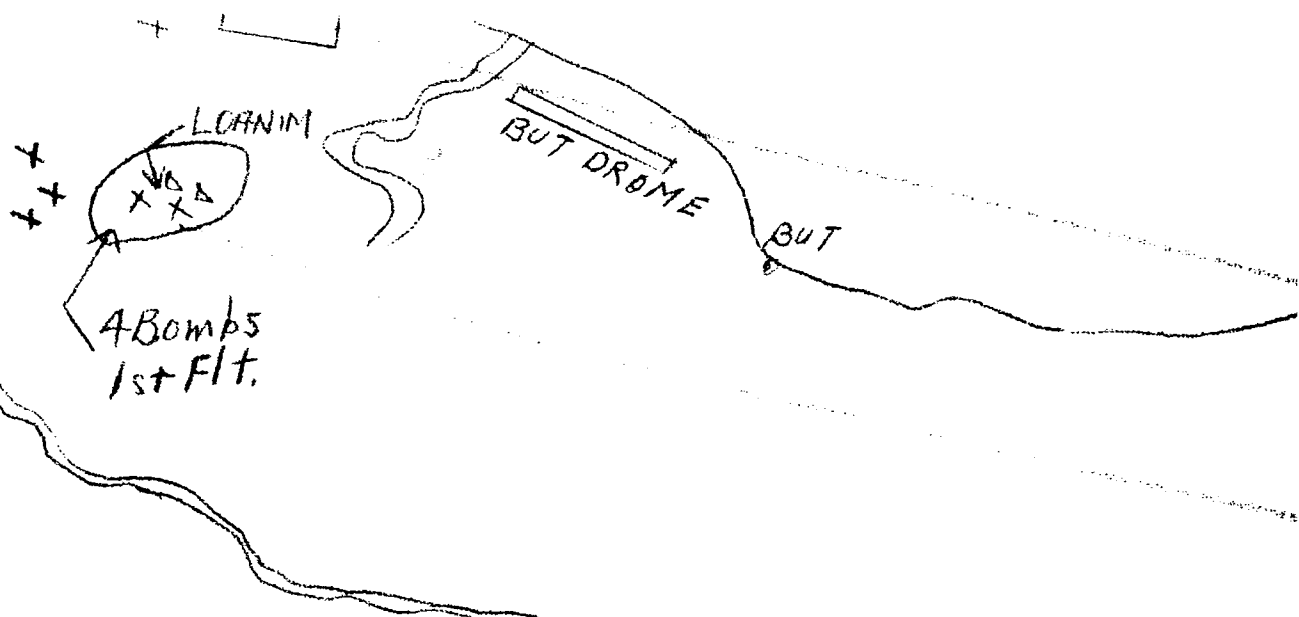
604	2000	300
595	2000	200
		<u>500</u>

By RLB/IM NARA, Date 5/20/91





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By RLB/IM NARA, Date 5/20/91



1 LT TURK 604 X +
 2 LT NUTTING 130 O +
 3 LT. JENSEN 335 Δ
 4 LT. BEST M. L. 545 X +
 5 LT. KIRKLAND 344 O +
 6 LT. DOUGHERTY 331 Δ
 TOOK PHOTOS +

20
 80

MISSION # 142-C 21 MAY '44
 498th Sq. 345 GP.
 TIME 0932/K - 0941/K
 ALT. 5600 Ft. - MINIMUM
 ORDER 3rd - 13-1000 lb. INST.

Overlay But West + East (NE New Guinea)
 Provisional Map Scale 1:63360

By RLB/IM NARA, Date 5/22/91

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.C. #713 - 1

CMB/fc

23 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission 143-D, performed 22 May, 1944, by six airplanes of the 498th Squadron.
Objective - But - Dagua.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Fifth Air Force, APO 925.

1. GENERAL

(a) Four B25H's and 2 B25D's were to take off from strip #4, NADZAB, at 0650/K, assemble over the strip, form with the other three Squadrons of the 345th Group at the mouth of the Leron River and proceed direct to the target. The attack was to be made in two runs the first a medium altitude bombing attack from 4800 ft. and the second a strafing run from minimum altitude. Both runs were to be made from West to East down the coast. Return was to be direct to base. There was to be no fighter cover.

(b) Rendezvous - There was to be no rendezvous with other units.

(c) Attack - Six A/P's dropped 13 x 1000 lb. inst. fuse bombs on targets with 7 falling in Dagua Village destroying several huts and 6 falling at the west end of But A/D starting small fires which disappeared quickly. Dagua Village was covered well with bombs. Bombing was excellent. The coast from But A/D to Cape Karawop was strafed with .50 cal. and .75mm canon. One small fire was started at the west end of Dagua A/D by canon fire.

(d) Interception and A/P's destroyed
(1) Nil enemy A/P interception.
(2) Nil Allied A/P's observed lost.
(3) Nil enemy A/P destroyed in air by Squadron.

(e) Time and location of:
Take Off: #4 strip, NADZAB, 0650/K.
Attack: But-Dagua, 0835/K to 0855/K.
Landing: NADZAB, 1104/K, strip #4.

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(f) Route: RAIN VALLEY direct to target and return.

2. A/P's OF THE 498TH SQUADRON IN THE ATTACK

<u>FIRST FLIGHT</u>		<u>SECOND FLIGHT</u>	
Lt. McCall	405	Lt. Hetherington	595
Lt. Foster	315	Lt. Mosser	150
Lt. Adams	130	Lt. Best, R.D.	345

The 498th Squadron led by Lt. McCall was in #2 position in the group.

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

(a) Details of the attack - The two flights composed of three planes each made individual bombing runs in trail formation. The runs were made from West to East at 4800 ft. altitude. Each flight was led by a medium bomber with the wingmen releasing their bombs on the lead bombardier. The first flight dropped seven one thousand pound bombs in Dagua Village destroying several huts and covering the target well. The second flight released six one thousand pound bombs at the West end of But A/1 starting a few small fires which disappeared quickly.

Following the bombing run the Squadron circled to the right over land and made a strafing run from West to East from But A/1 to Cape Farawop. The lead plane in each flight was a medium bomber and did not strafe.

Lt. Best A/P #345 scored several hits with .75mm canon in the heavy A/A position West of Dagua A/D causing a fire followed by small explosions resembling streamers from phosphorus bombs or shells. One strafing run only was made. The formation made two circles over the sea, reformed the Group and returned direct to base.

(b) Anti-aircraft fire - A/A was light and medium in caliber, slight in intensity and accurate. Fire came from a position immediately South of the center of But Drome. Two A/P's were holed.

(c) Fighter cover - Nil fighter cover.

(d) Details of damage to aircraft in the air

(1) Nil enemy planes destroyed in air.

(2) The hydraulic system was shot out by M/G fire on A/P #250 and A/P 315 received one hole in the wing and one in the nacelle.

(e) Personnel injured - Nil personnel was injured on this mission.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARDS - From information present no nil personnel will be recommended for an award.

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5. APPENDICES

- tables.
- (a) Appendix "A" shows bombing, strafing and photo
 - (b) Appendix "B" shows map of bomb hits and bomb run.
 - (c) Appendix "C" shows route to and from target.

6. ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS - At 0900/K from 2000 ft. altitude, two loaded barges off shore between Cape Wom and Mission Pt.

7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION - Photos show one bomb bursting on East end of Dagua strip.

For the Squadron Commander:

CALVIN M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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ALPHA DATA "A"

SECRET - 1000

<u>A/P</u>	<u>No. of bombs</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>weight</u>	<u>No. dropped</u>
150	2	inst.	1000 lb.	2
130	2	inst.	1000 lb.	2
315	2	inst.	1000 lb.	2
345	2	inst.	1000 lb.	2
595	2	inst.	1000 lb.	2
405	3	inst.	1000 lb.	3
	<u>13</u>			<u>13</u>

SECRET - 1000

<u>A/P</u>	<u>.75mm Rds car'd</u>	<u>Rds Ex.</u>	<u>.50 cal. Rds car'd</u>	<u>Rds ex.</u>
150	21	2	4000	1000
130	21	5	4000	1200
315	21	6	4000	1100
345	21	12	4000	800
595	--	--	4000	300
405	--	--	4000	900
		<u>25</u>		<u>5300</u>

.50 cal.

345	3000	500
405	3000	600
		<u>1100</u>

SECRET - 1000

<u>A/P</u>	<u>file of photo</u>	<u>location</u>	<u>type camera</u>	<u>x.m.m.</u>	<u>prts rec'd</u>
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4985A 345 GP
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Drawn: S/Sgt L.H. Springer

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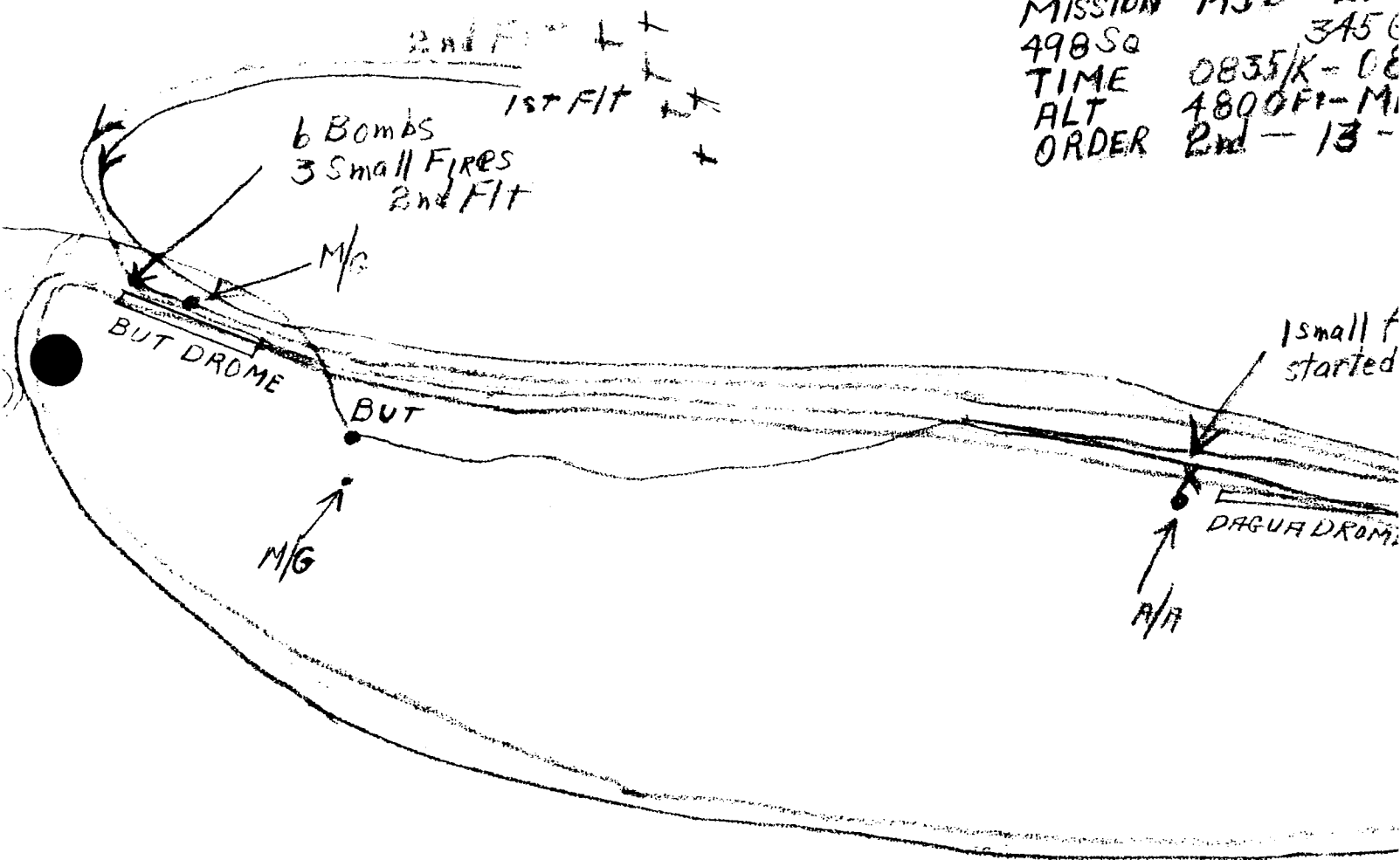
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OVERLAY-BUT WEST + EAST (NE NEW GUNNER)
 PROVISIONAL MAP - SCALE 1:63360

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #713 - 1

498
146-E
25 May 44
CMB/fo

26 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission 146-E, performed 25 May, 1944, by six airplanes of the 498th Squadron.
Objective - Dagua.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Fifth Air Force, APO 925.

1. GENERAL

(a) Six B25H's were to take off from strip #4, NADZAB, at 0735/K, assemble over the strip, form with the Group and proceed direct to the target. The attack was to be made from minimum altitude from But A/D to Cape Karawop. Bombs were to be released on personnel at the road junction one mile West of Dagua and the length of the target was to be strafed in the same run. Return was to be direct to base. There was to be no fighter cover.

(b) Rendezvous - There was to be no rendezvous with other units. Fighters taking off from strip #4 delayed take off ten minutes and the Squadron could not catch the Group formation.

(c) Attack - The attack was made on a West - East heading from minimum altitude at 0943/K to 0947/K. Six plane dropped 60 clusters of 3 x 23 lb. parafrags across target causing nil visible damage. Specifically assigned targets and the coast from five miles East of But to Cape Karawop were strafed thoroughly with .75mm and .50 cal. ammunition.

(d) Interception and A/P's destroyed
(1) Nil enemy A/P interception.
(2) Nil Allied A/P's observed lost.
(3) Nil enemy A/P destroyed in air by Squadron.

(e) Time and location of:
Take Off: strip #4, NADZAB, 0745/K.
Attack: But A/D to Cape Karawop, 0943/K to 0947/K.
Landing: strip #4, NADZAB, 1116/K.

(f) Route: RAMU VALLEY, direct to target and return direct.

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2. A/P's OF THE 498TH SQUADRON IN THE ATTACK

<u>FIRST FLIGHT</u>		<u>SECOND FLIGHT</u>	
Lt. Turk	130	Lt. Wright	356
Lt. Leon	358	Lt. Girdler	341
Lt. Dougherty	338	Lt. Best, R.D.	335

The 498th Squadron led by Lt. Turk was fourth over the target.

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

(a) Details of the attack - The two flights composed of three planes each attacked in trail formation from West to East at minimum altitude. Specified targets and the coast from But to Cape Karawop were strafed and the parafrag bombs were released on the assigned target -- personnel at the road junction one mile West of Dagua A/D.

Take off was delayed ten minutes by fighters taking off from strip #4 and the Squadron did not catch the Group formation and attacked the target separately. After completing the first run the Squadron circled to the left over the sea and heading towards the coast fired .75mm canon at areas reported to contain personnel and stores. After the attack the Squadron returned direct to base.

(b) Anti-aircraft fire - M/G and medium A/A, of slight intensity and inaccurate. One burst of medium fire was seen over But A/D, position not known. Burst was at same altitude but wide.

(c) Fighter cover - Nil fighter cover.

(d) Details of damage to aircraft in the air.

(1) Nil enemy planes destroyed in air.

(2) Nil damage received by our planes.

(e) Personnel injured - Nil personnel was injured on this mission.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARDS - From information present available no personnel will be recommended for an award.

5. APPENDICES

(a) Appendix "A" shows bombing, strafing and photo tables.

(b) Appendix "B" shows map of bomb hits and bomb run.

(c) Appendix "C" shows route to and from target.

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6. ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS - On target run, white panels with the letters POW were seen on the beach at But Village. Panels were sighted by members of two crews. Two covered A/A positions were at 086242 and 088242, But East 1:63,360. At 0955/K, from minimum altitude a fire was seen on Cape Boram.

7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION - Photos show bombs bursting in target.

For the Squadron Commander:

CALVIN M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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APPENDIX "A"

BOMBING TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>No. of clusters</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>No. dropped</u>
130	10	parafrag	69 lbs.	10
335	10	parafrag	69 lbs.	10
358	10	parafrag	69 lbs.	10
356	10	parafrag	69 lbs.	10
341	10	parafrag	69 lbs.	10
338	10	parafrag	69 lbs.	10
	<u>60</u>			<u>60</u>

STRAFING TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>.75mm</u> <u>Rds car'd</u>	<u>Rds Ex.</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u> <u>Rds car'd</u>	<u>Rds Ex.</u>
130	21	21	4400	1300
335	21	8	4400	700
358	21	21	4400	1200
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356	21	7	4400	500
341	21	1	4400	600
338	21	16	4400	800
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PHOTO TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>Time of photo</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type camera</u>	<u>Ex.made</u>	<u>prts rec'd</u>
356	0935/Z	Dagua	K-21	10	1
335	0935/R	Dagua	K-21	15	2

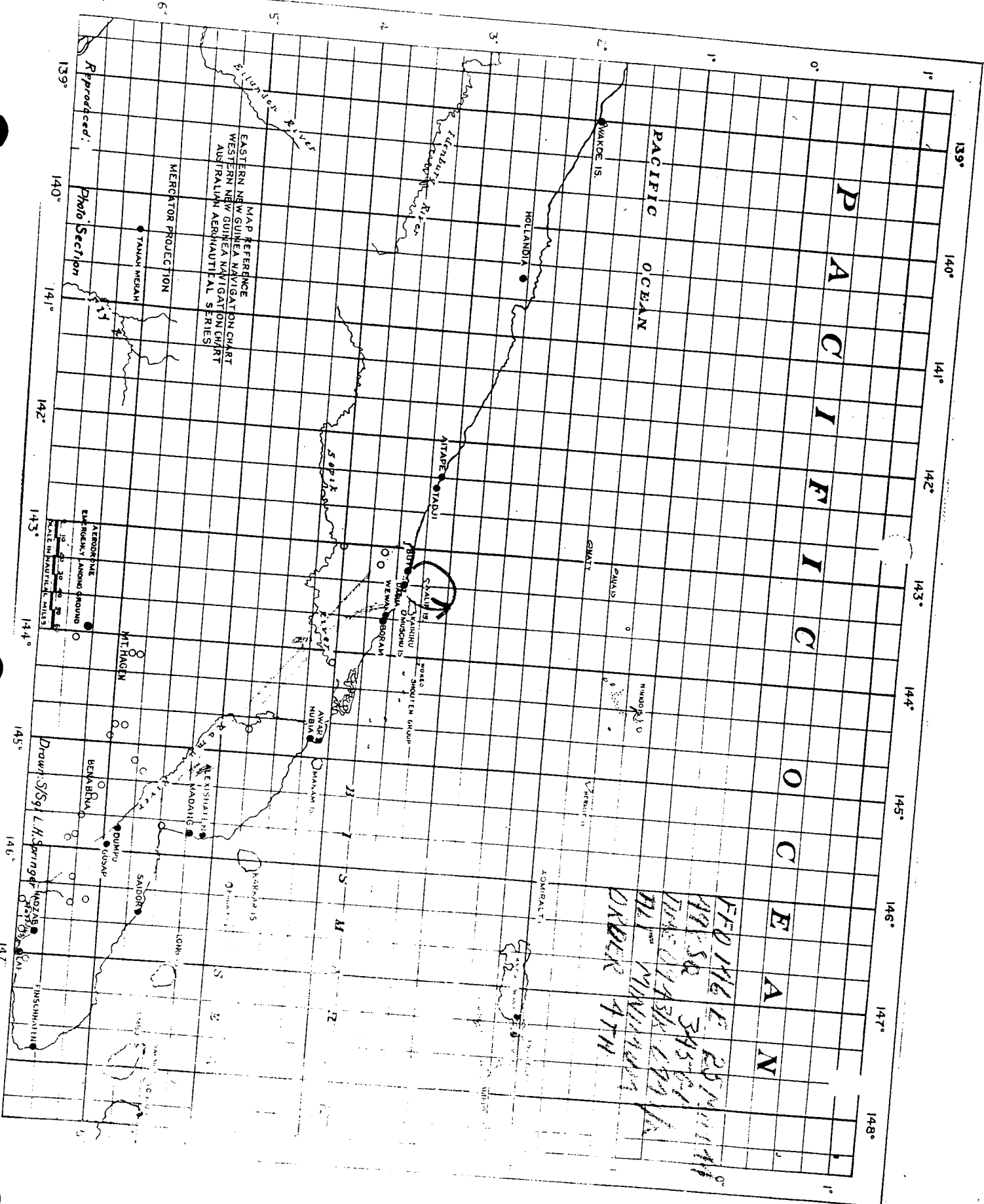
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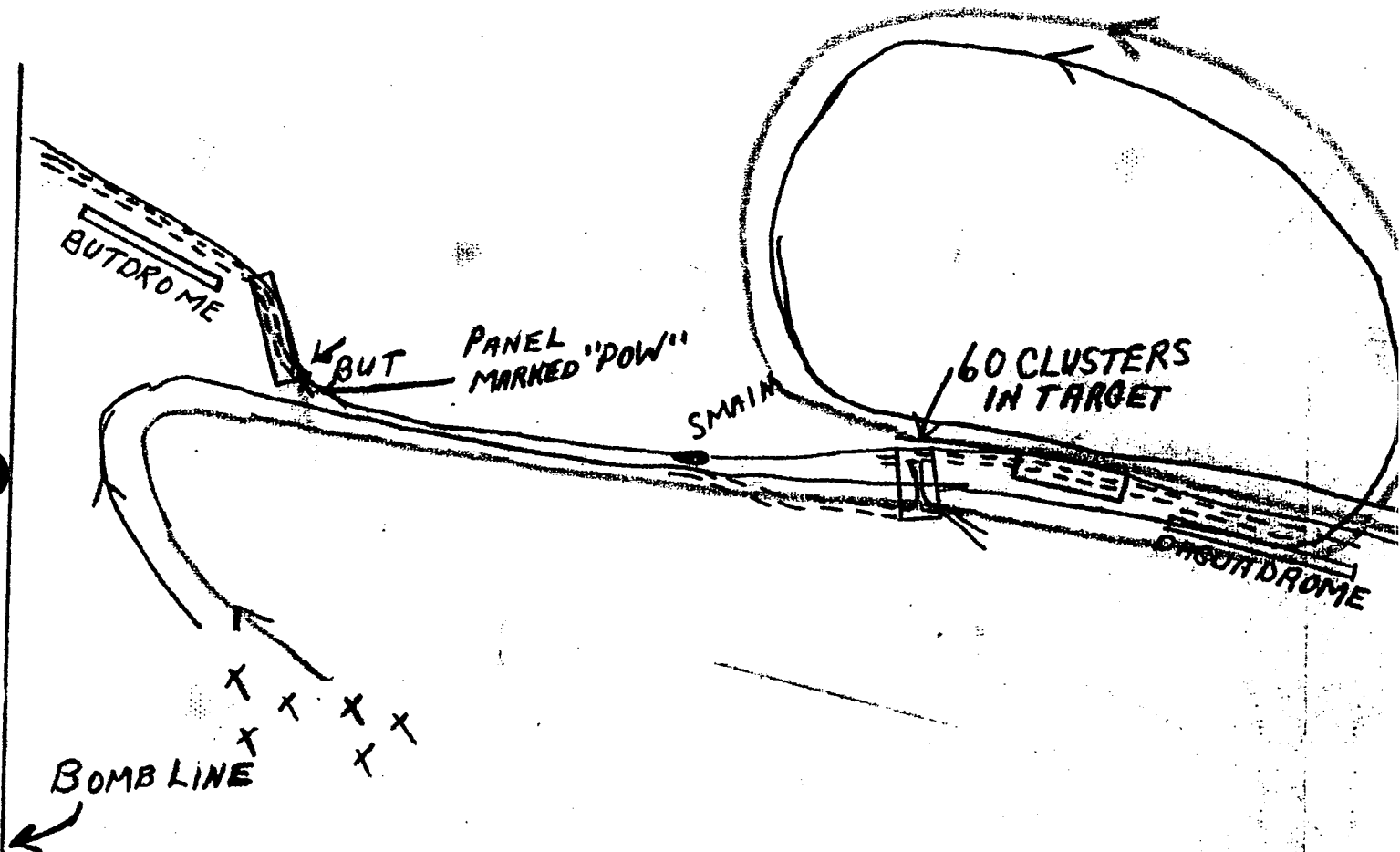
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OVERLAY BUT WEST-EAST (NW NEW GUINEA)
PROVISIONAL MAP SCALE 1:63360

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAP
346TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAP
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #713 - 1

27 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission 147-D, performed 26 May, 1944, by six airplanes of the 498th Squadron.
Objective - Personnel-installations at Hut and Dagua.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Fifth Air Force, APO 925.

1. GENERAL

(a) Four B25H's, one B-2 and one B, were to take off from strip #4, Nadzab, assemble over the strip, form with the 501st. and 498th Squadrons of the 346th Group and proceed direct to the target. The attack was to be made in two runs, the first a medium altitude bombing attack from 8,000 feet and the second a strafing run from minimum altitude. The bombing run was to be made from South to North across Cape Karawop with personnel areas South of Cape Karawop as the target. The strafing run was to be made from West to East from Sowam Village to Cape Karawop. Return was to be direct to base. There was to be no fighter escort.

(b) Rendezvous - There was to be no rendezvous and the Group formed enroute.

(c) Attack - Six A/P's dropped 11 x 1000 lb. bombs along Cape Karawop and salvaged 2 bombs in water North of target. Cloud cover of 8/10 prevented accurate spotting of bombs or estimating results. Targets from Sowam Village to Cape Karawop were strafed with .50 cal. and 75mm fire starting several small fires along Dagua A/D and three small fires along Hut A/D.

(d) Interception and A/P's destroyed.
(1) Nil enemy A/P interception.
(2) Nil Allied A/P's observed lost.
(3) Nil enemy A/P destroyed in air by Squadron.

(e) Time and location of:
Take Off: Strip #4, Nadzab. Delayed by weather until 1030/K.

Attack: Hut-Dagua, 1235/K to 1245/K.
Landing: NADZAB, 1430/K, Strip #4.

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(f) Route: RANU VALLEY direct to target.

2. A/P's OF THE 498TH SQUADRON IN THE ATTACK.

FIRST FLIGHT

Lt. Fair	595
Lt. Leon	315
Lt. Messer	355

SECOND FLIGHT

Lt. Boden	604
Lt. Jensen	164
Lt. Girdler	345

The 498th Squadron led by Lt. Fair was in #2 position but flew in #1 position on the strafing attack.

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

(a) Details of the Attack - The two flight composed of three planes each made individual bombing runs in trail formation. The runs were made from South to North at 3,200 feet altitude. 8/10 cloud cover prevented the attack from being made as planned. Each flight was led by a medium bomber with the wingmen releasing their bombs on the lead bombardier. The first flight dropped six 1,000 lb. inst. fuse bombs in Karawop Plantation and the second flight dropped five in the Plantation and salvaged two. Bombs were salvaged due to insufficient altitude over the terrain for safe bombing with the bomb load used. Cloud cover of 8/10 prevented accurate spotting of the bombs or reporting results.

Following the bombing run the Squadron circled to the left, took over the lead, and strafed from But A/D to Cape Karawop starting small fires on But and Dagua with 75mm cannon fire. The Group reformed over the sea North of Boiken and returned direct to base via the inland route.

(b) Anti-aircraft fire - M/G fire and Medium A/A of slight intensity and partly accurate were received from positions SE of Dagua A/D.

(c) Fighter cover - Nil fighter cover.

(d) Details of damage to aircraft in the air.

(1) Nil enemy planes destroyed in air.

(2) Nil damage was received by our planes.

(e) Personnel injured - Nil personnel was injured on this mission.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARDS - From information present available nil personnel will be recommended for an award.

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5. APPENDICES

- (a) Appendix "A" shows bombing, strafing and photo
- (b) Appendix "B" shows map of bomb hits and bomb run.
- (c) Appendix "C" shows route to and from target.

6. ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS - Possible mortar fire with missiles giving off long streamers of phosphorus like smoke came from a position reported as one mile West of Cape Karamop and one mile West of Banak (position probably same). At 1250/K from 2500 ft. 2 small fires on Newak strip and 1 on Wom Pt. Six apparently serviceable twin engine planes were seen on the shore side of Newak strip from center to East end. Planes were camouflaged. A/A positions previously reported SE of Dagua strip were uncovered.

7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION - No prints were made.

For the Squadron Commander:

CALVIN M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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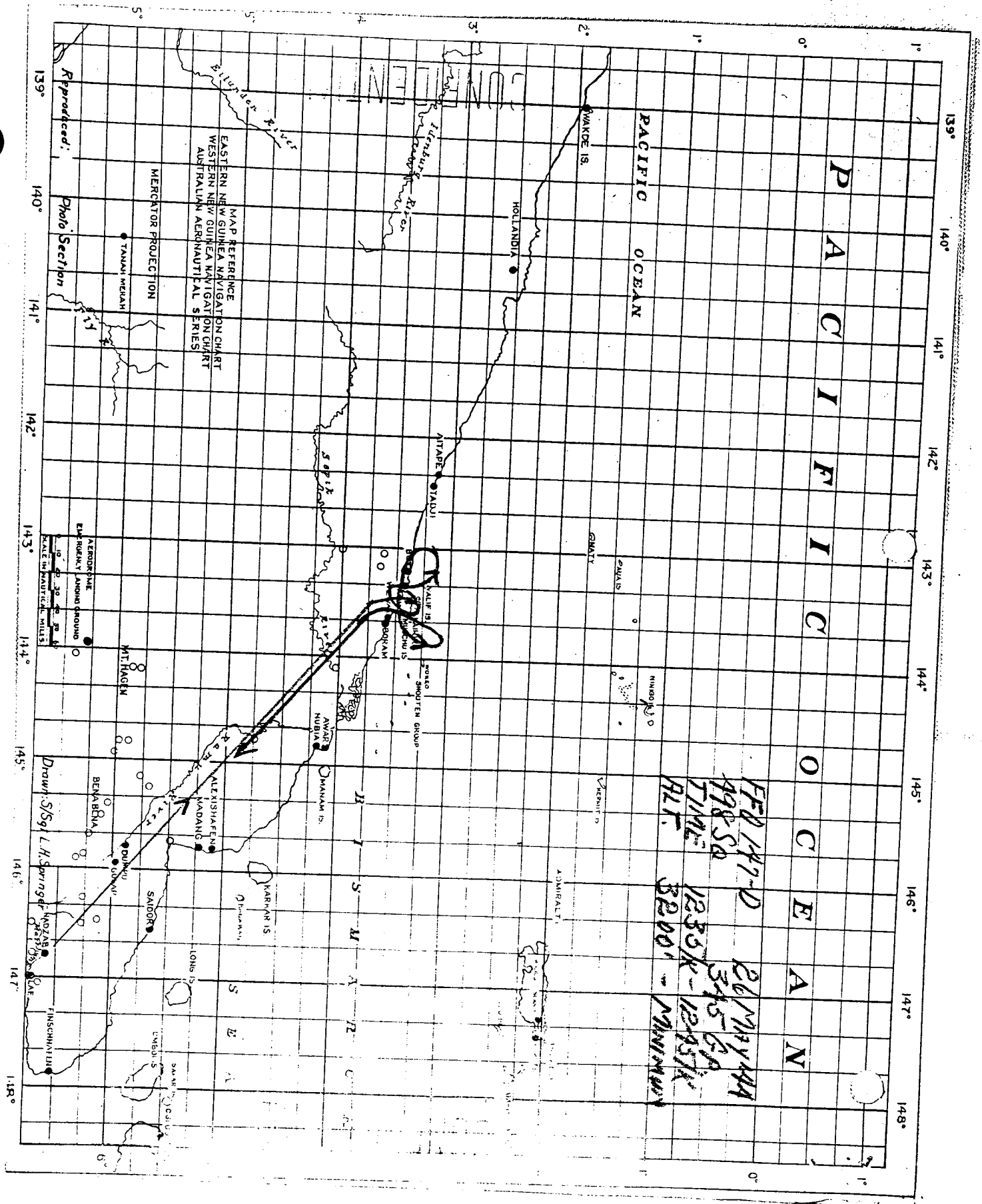
APPENDIX "A" BOMBING TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>No. of bombs</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>No. dropped</u>
315	2	inst. fuse	1000	2
345	2	inst. fuse	1000	2
164	2	inst. fuse	1000	2
355	2	inst. fuse	1000	2
604	3	inst. fuse	1000	2
405	2	inst. fuse	1000	3
	<u>13</u>			<u>13</u>

STRAPPING TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>.50 cal. Rds. car'd</u>	<u>Rds. ex.</u>	<u>75 mm canon Rds. car'd</u>	<u>Rds. ex.</u>
315	4450	1400	21	21
345	4450	700	21	13
164	4450	1200	21	7
355	4450	1400	21	7
604	4450	200	21	0
405	4450	500	21	0
		<u>5,400</u>		<u>48</u>

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By RLB/IM NARA, Date 5/20/91 27 May

498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.F.O. #713 - 1

CMB/fc

28 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission 148-F, performed 27 May, 1944, by six airplanes of the 498th Squadron.
Objective - Personnel -- But, NE New Guinea.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Fifth Air Force, APO 925.

1. GENERAL

(a) Four B25H's and 2 B25D-2's were to take off from strip #4, NADZAB at 0730/K, assemble over the strip and form with the 501st and 500th Squadrons of the 345th Group enroute to But. The attack was to be made in two runs, the first a medium altitude bombing run at 4000 ft. on personnel in the bend of Manib Creek one mile SW But A/D and the second a strafing attack along the edge of the hills from But to Cape Karawop. Both attack were to be made in two flights of three A/P's each in trail formation. Return was to be direct to base. There was to be no fighter cover.

(b) Rendezvous - There was to be no rendezvous with other units and the formation was on course at 0744/K.

(c) Attack - The bombing and strafing attacks were made from 0935/K to 0944/K on Southeast and East headings respectively. Six A/P's dropped 24 x 500 lb. inst. fuse bombs in target starting one small fire within large bend in Makin Creek. (845270 But west, 1:63,360 map). Edge of hills from But A/D to Cape Karawop was strafed with .50 cal. and 75mm ammunition. Three A/P's were damaged by M/G fire and two members of crews were injured slightly.

- (d) Interception and A/P's destroyed
(1) Nil enemy A/P interception.
(2) Nil Allied A/P's observed lost.
(3) Nil enemy A/P destroyed in air by Squadron.

(e) Time and location of:
Take Off: strip #4, NADZAB, 0730/K.
Attack: But, 0935/K to 0944/K.
Landing: NADZAB, 1150/K.

By RLB/IM NARA, Date 5/20/91(f) Route - RAMU VALLEY direct to But and return.

2. A/P's OF THE 498TH SQUADRON IN THE ATTACK

<u>FIRST FLIGHT</u>		<u>SECOND FLIGHT</u>	
Lt. Turk	491	Lt. Best, M.I.	658
Lt. Dougherty	338	Lt. Wright	341
Lt. Metherrington	358	Lt. Best, R.D.	344

The 498th Squadron led by Lt. Turk was first over the target.

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

(a) Details of the attack - The six planes attacked in flights of three in trail formation bombing from NW to SE from 4000 ft. and strafing from West to East from minimum altitude. Bombing by both flights was excellent with all bombs in target. All planes strafed the edge of the hills from But to Cape Karawop. The #2 plane in each flight and the lead plane of the second flight were damaged by M/G fire while on the strafing run.

Following the attack the formation reassembled and returned direct to base.

(b) Anti-aircraft fire - M/G, medium and stream fire; moderate in intensity and accurate. M/G fire was received from positions at SW corner and south center of But strip, and from positions on edge of hills 2000 ft. to 3000 ft. south of But A/D, facing the strip. M/G fire was also received from positions at SW end of Inagua A/D. Positions throwing streamers were located at base of hills south of But (863268 and 3/4 miles East of But Mission 091253, But West, 1 inch to 1 mile map).

(c) Fighter cover - Nil fighter cover.

(d) Details of damage to aircraft in the air.

(1) Nil enemy planes destroyed in air.
 (2) A/P 338 received holes from M/G fire in nose, left engine nacelle and tire, and in right wing. A/P 358 and A/P 341 received holes in fuselage from M/G fire.

(e) Personnel injured - T/Sgt Wayland R. Anderson, 39531638 and S/Sgt Howard Saunders, 34036831 were injured slightly by fragments resulting from M/G fire.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARDS - From information present available nil personnel will be recommended for an award.

By RLB/IM NARA, Date 5/20/91

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5. APPENDICES

- (a) Appendix "A" shows bombing and strafing table.
- (b) Appendix "B" shows map of bomb hits and bomb run.
- (c) Appendix "C" shows route to and from target.

6. ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS - On target run six trucks at base of hills south of East end of Bul. A/D, serviceability not known. One dummy A/A gun at East end of Bul A/D. 0930/K, 6000 ft., two large fires with smoke to 6000 ft. at base of Cape Moem.

7. PHOTO INTE P PAF - Nil photos received by Squadron.

For the Squadron Commander:

CHARLES L. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

By RLB/IM NARA, Date 5/20/91

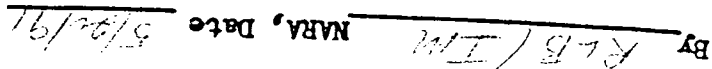
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BOMBING TABLE

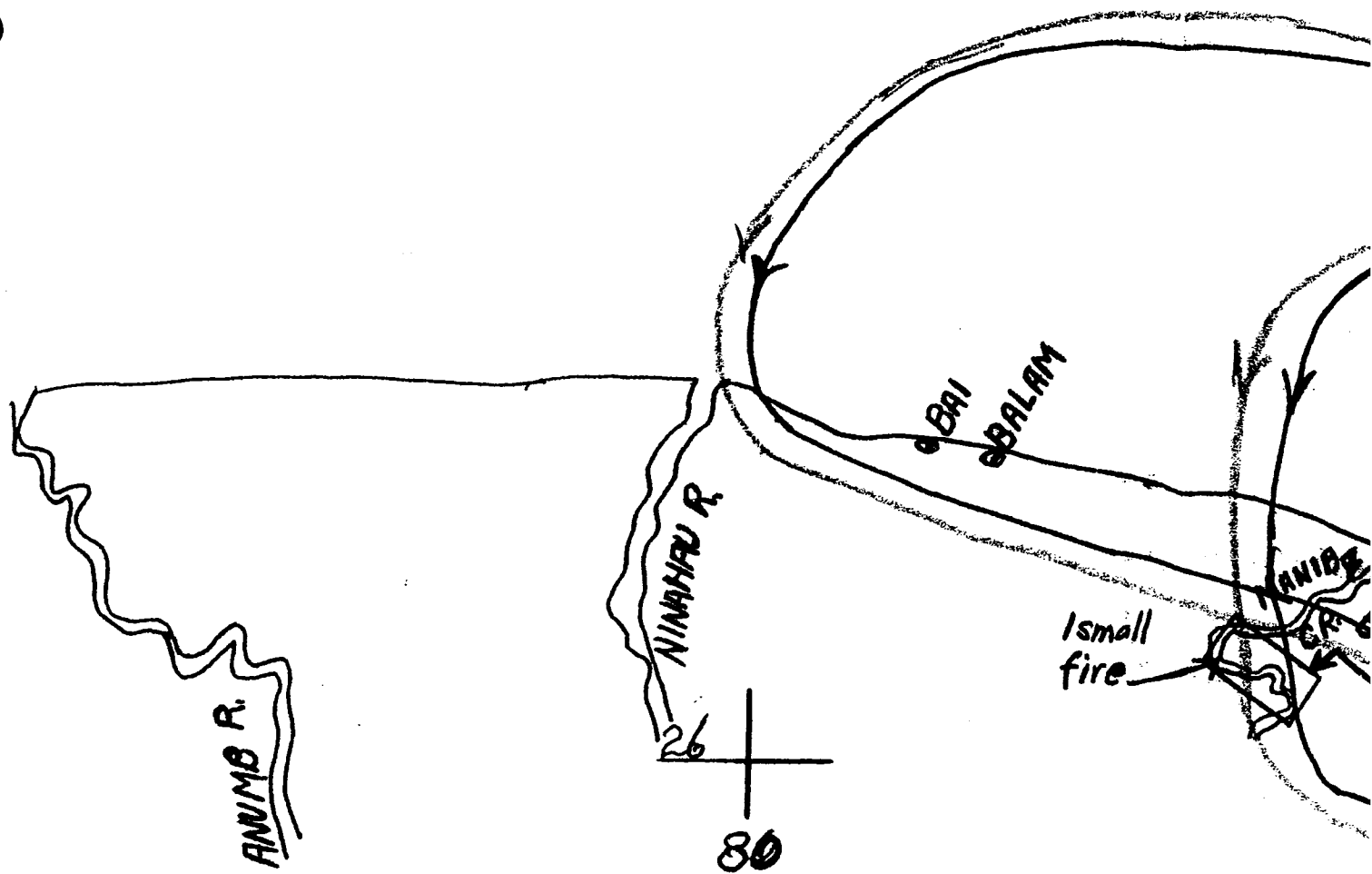
<u>A/P</u>	<u>No. of bombs</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>No. dropped</u>
358	4	inst. fuse	500 lb.	4
341	4	inst. fuse	500 lb.	4
338	4	inst. fuse	500 lb.	4
344	4	inst. fuse	500 lb.	4
656	4	inst. fuse	500 lb.	4
491	4	inst. fuse	500 lb.	4
	<u>24</u>			<u>24</u>

STRAPPING TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>75mm</u> <u>Rds car'd</u>	<u>Rds. ex.</u>	<u>Rds car'd</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u> <u>Rds. ex.</u>
358	21	21	4000	1200
341	21	16	4000	2000
338	21	21	4000	2400
344	21	21	4000	1400
656	--	--	4000	200
491	--	--	4000	1300
		<u>78</u>		<u>9300</u>

By RLB/IM NARA, Date 5/22/91





1 LT TURK	491 x +
2 LT. DOUGHERTY	3380
3 LT. HETHERINGTON	358 Δ +
4 LT BEST M. L.	656 x +
5 LT WRIGHT	3410
6 LT. BEST R. D.	344 Δ

TOOK PHOTOS +

Overlay-But West-East (NE New Guinea)
Provisional Map Scale 1:63,360

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498 Sq
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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #713 - 1

CMB/fc

28 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission 149-I, performed 28 May, 1944, by two airplanes of the 498th Squadron.
Objective - Personnel at junction of Danimul - Danmap Rivers and Suain and Luain Villages, NE New Guinea.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Fifth Air Force, APO 925.

1. GENERAL

(a) Six B25H's were to take off from strip #4, NADZAB, assemble over the strip and proceed directly to the target. The four Squadrons of the 345th Group were to take off at twenty minute intervals and proceed to the target by individual Squadrons. The attack was to be made in two runs, the first a minimum altitude bombing attack and the second a strafing run. The attack on the river junction was to be made from SW to NE and the attack on Suain and Luain Villages from NW to SE. Return was to be direct to base. There was to be no fighter escort.

(b) Rendezvous - There was to be no rendezvous.

(c) Attack - Six airplanes took off from base for the strike but four planes had to return to base shortly after take off. Two planes dropped 6 x 500 lb. 8/11 sec. delay fuse bombs at River Junction and two in Luain Village. Suain and Luain Villages were strafed with .50 caliber and .75mm ammunition on two runs. Ten huts were destroyed by direct hits with .75mm shells and many others were damaged by canon and .50 caliber fire. Both villages were covered thoroughly.

(d) Interception and A/P's destroyed

- (1) Nil enemy A/P interception.
- (2) Nil Allied A/P's observed lost.
- (3) Nil enemy A/P destroyed in air by Squadron.

(e) Time and location of:

Take Off: Strip #4, NADZAB, 0704/K to 0706/K.

Attack: 0909/K to 0920/K, Danimul - Danmap River junction and Suain and Luain Villages.

Landing: Strip #4, NADZAB, 1110/K. (2 planes)

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(f) Route - RAMU VALLEY direct to target.

2. A/P's OF THE 498th SQUADRON IN THE ATTACK

FIRST FLIGHT

Capt. Magee	344
Lt. Jensen	331

The 498th Squadron, led by Capt. Magee, was number one Squadron.

At fifteen miles from base the right engine of A/P 130 caught on fire and had to turn around. This plane was escorted back by airplanes 345 and 164. At Annenberg A/P 356 developed mechanical trouble and had to return to base.

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

(a) Details of the Attack - One flight composed of two planes made a bombing run on the junction of the Danimul - Danmap Rivers from SW to NE and a bombing and strafing run on Suain and Luain Villages from NW to SE. Terrain at river junction prevented strafing of that target. 6 x 500 lb. 8/11 sec. delay fuse bombs were dropped at river junction and two bombs were released on Luain Village. Ten huts were definitely destroyed by direct hits of .75mm shells and other were damaged by canon and .50 caliber fire. Following the second run on Suain and Luain Villages the planes circled out to sea and returned direct to base.

(b) Anti-aircraft fire - Nil A/A fire.

(c) Fighter cover - Nil fighter cover.

(d) Details of damage to aircraft in the air.

(1) Nil enemy planes destroyed in air.

(2) Nil damage was received by our planes.

(e) Personnel injured - Nil personnel was injured on this mission.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARDS - From information present available nil personnel will be recommended for an award.

5. APPENDICES

(a) Appendix "A" shows bombing, strafing and photo tables.

(b) Appendix "B" shows map of bomb hits and bomb run.

(c) Appendix "C" shows route to and from target.

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6. ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS - At the mouth of Dandriwad River, at 0909/K, from 1000 ft., two barges, probable LCI. At Wewak en-route and return, road from Wewak to Murik Lagoon well worn from traffic and is much more prominent than in earlier strikes in this area. Bridges on road leading up coast to Dagua serviceable.

7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION - Photos show bomb bursts in target.

For the Squadron Commander:

CALVIN M. BOWEN, *K*
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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By RLB/IM NARA, Date 5/20/91~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPENDIX "A"

BOMBING TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>No. of bombs</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>No. dropped</u>
344	4	8/11 sec.	500 lb.	4
356	4	8/11 sec.	500 lb.	returned
331	4	8/11 sec.	500 lb.	4
130	4	8/11 sec.	500 lb.	salvaged
345	4	8/11 sec.	500 lb.	returned
164	4	8/11 sec.	500 lb.	returned
	<u>24</u>			<u>8</u>

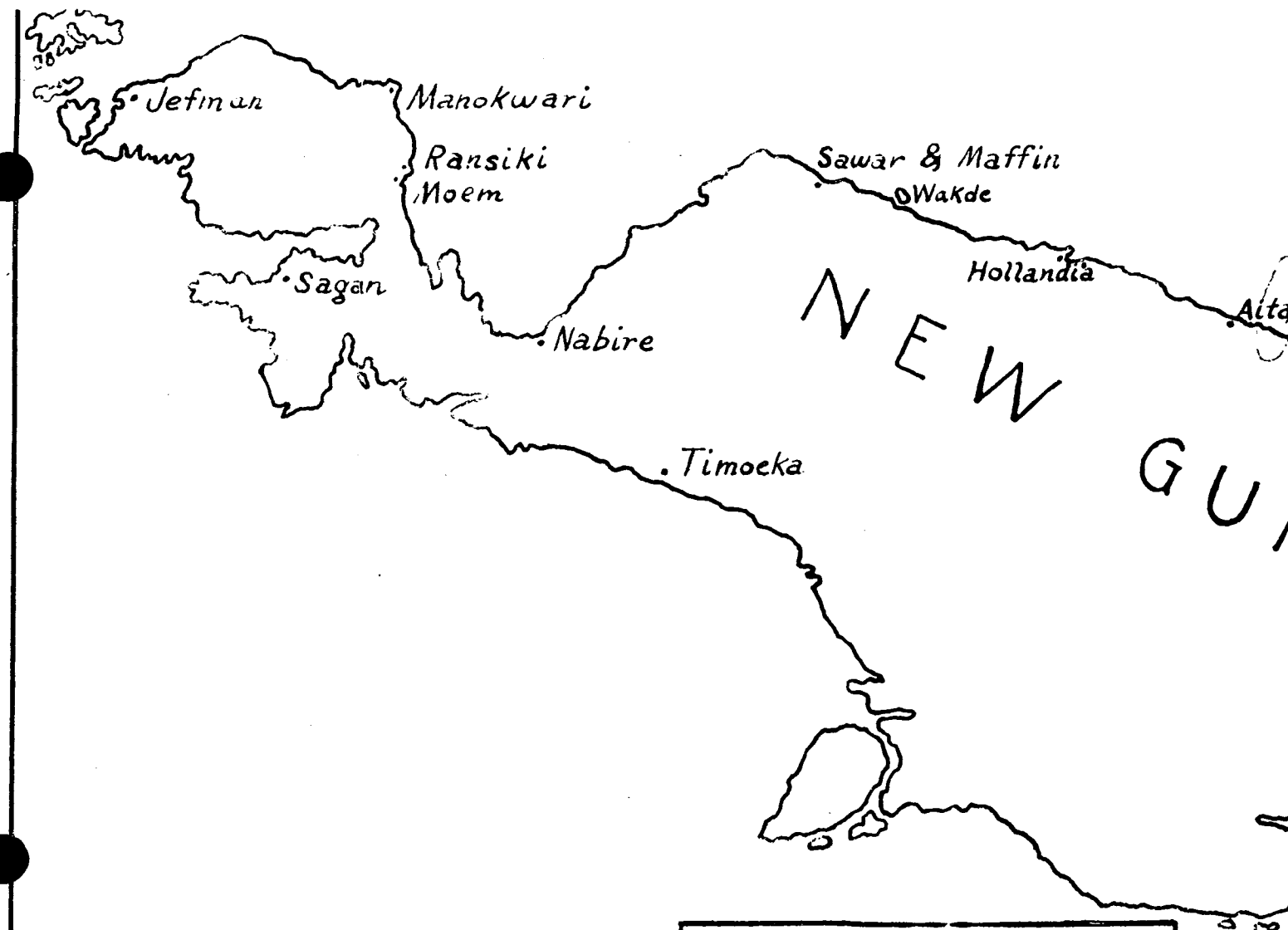
STRAFING TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>.75mm</u> <u>Rds car'd</u>	<u>Rds Ex.</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u> <u>Rds car'd</u>	<u>Rds Ex.</u>
344	21	21	4400	1000
331	21	18	4400	1200
		<u>39</u>		<u>2200</u>

PHOTO TABLE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>Time of photo</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type camera</u>	<u>Ex.made</u>	<u>prts rec'd</u>
331	0909/K	Suain-East	K-21	25	2

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ROUTE TO & FROM TARGET
 FFO:149I DATE-28 May 44
 345th BOMB GROUP
 418th BOMB SQUADRON
 TIME OVER TARGET: 0909h-0120h
 ALTITUDE: MINIMUM-1000'

DRAWN BY- GROUP PHOTO
 Cpl. ADAM A. GWIAZDA

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 BY RLB/IM
 NARA, Date 5/20/91

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #713 - 1

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160-D
8 Jun 44
CMB/jv

10 June, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission 160-D, performed 8 June, 1944, by seven airplanes of the 498th Squadron.
Objective - Enemy positions along Sorido Strip, Biak Island.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Fifth Air Force, APO 925.

1. GENERAL

(a) Seven B25 H's of the 498th Squadron were to take off from Hollandia at 0630/K, assemble with the 501st, 500th and 499th Squadrons of the 345th Group and proceed direct to Biak Island. The bombing and strafing attack was to be made from minimum altitude in line abreast formation in four waves with the 498th Squadron in number two position. The single run was to be made from E to West with return direct to Hollandia and thence to Nadzab. Area cover was to be provided over the Target.

(b) Rendezvous - There was to be no rendezvous.

(c) Attack - Seven airplanes dropped 12 x 1000 lb. 8/11 sec. delay fuse bombs along the sides of Sorido strip and strafed the target with 75mm cannon and .50 cal. ammo in a single run from E to W. Six bombs fell on the South side of the strip between the strip and the coast and 6 fell in the gaged area adjoining the N side of the Strip. Results of bombing and strafing were not observed. Bombing was excellent.

(d) Interception and A/P's destroyed.

- (1) Nil enemy A/P interception.
- (2) Nil Allied A/P's observed lost.
- (3) Nil enemy A/P destroyed in air by Squadron.

(e) Time and location of:

Take Off: HOLLANDIA STRIP, 0640/K.

Attack: Sorido A/D, Biak Island, 0831/K.

Landing: Hollandia 1040/K, taking off at 1105/K and landing at Nadzab at 1320/K.

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(f) Route - HOLLANDIA up the coast to BIAK and return direct.

2. A/P's OF THE 498TH SQUADRON IN THE ATTACK.

FIRST FLIGHT

Lt. Neblett	150
Lt. Wright	331
Capt. Turk	127

SECOND FLIGHT

Lt. Hetherington	353
Lt. Mosser	336
Lt. Leon	338

The 498th Squadron led by Capt. Magee was second over the target.

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

(a) Details of the Attack - The attack was made from East to West at minimum altitude in line abreast formation with the first flight composed of three planes attacking between Sorido Strip and the Coast, and the second flight attacking enemy positions in the vegetated area adjoining the North side of the strip.

The bombs of both flights were released to give good coverage of the respective areas which were also strafed with 75mm cannon and .50 cal. M/G fire. Lt. Mosser, A/P # 336, salvoed his bombs in the water NW of the target.

(b) Anti-aircraft fire - Nil A/A fire.

(c) Fighter cover - Area fighter cover.

(d) Details of damage to aircraft in the air.

(1) Nil enemy planes destroyed in air.

(2) Nil damage was received by our planes.

(e) Personnel injured - Nil personnel was injured on this mission.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARDS - From information present available nil personnel will be recommended for an award.

5. APPENDICES

(a) Appendix "A" shows bombing and strafing table.

(b) Appendix "B" shows map of bomb hits and bomb run.

(c) Appendix "C" shows route to and from target.

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6. ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS - Nil.

7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION - Nil photographs have been received from which a photo interpretation could be made.

For the Squadron Commander.

GALVIN M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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APPENDIX "A" **CONFIDENTIAL**

BOMBING TABLE				
<u>A/P</u>	<u>No. of bombs</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>No. dropped</u>
150	2	8/11 sec.	10000lb.	2
331	2	8/11 sec.	1000 lb.	2
127	2	8/11 sec.	1000 lb.	2
358	2	8/11 sec.	1000 lb.	2
336	2	8/11 sec.	1000 lb.	Salvaged
338	2	8/11 sec.	1000 lb.	2
	<u>12</u>			<u>10</u>

STRAPPING TABLE				
<u>A/P</u>	<u>75mm</u> <u>Rds car'd</u>	<u>Rds Ex.</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u> <u>Rds. car'd</u>	<u>Rds Ex.</u>
150	21	15	4400	1300
331	21	15	4400	1500
127	21	15	4400	1200
358	21	15	4400	1700
336	21	15	4400	1350
338	21	15	4400	1325
		<u>90</u>		<u>8375</u>

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MISSION #160
 498 SA 345 GP.
 TIME 0831K
 ALT. MINIMUM
 ORDER #2 14-10000 811 sec

- 1 CAPT. MASSEE 341 X.
- 2 LT. NEBLETT 150 0
- 3 LT. WRIGHT 351 Δ
- 4 CAPT. TURK 127 X
- 5 LT. HETTERINGTON 358 0
- 6 LT. MOSSER 336 Δ
- 7 LT. LEON 338 0

LT. MOSSER SALVUED
 BOMBS INSERT.

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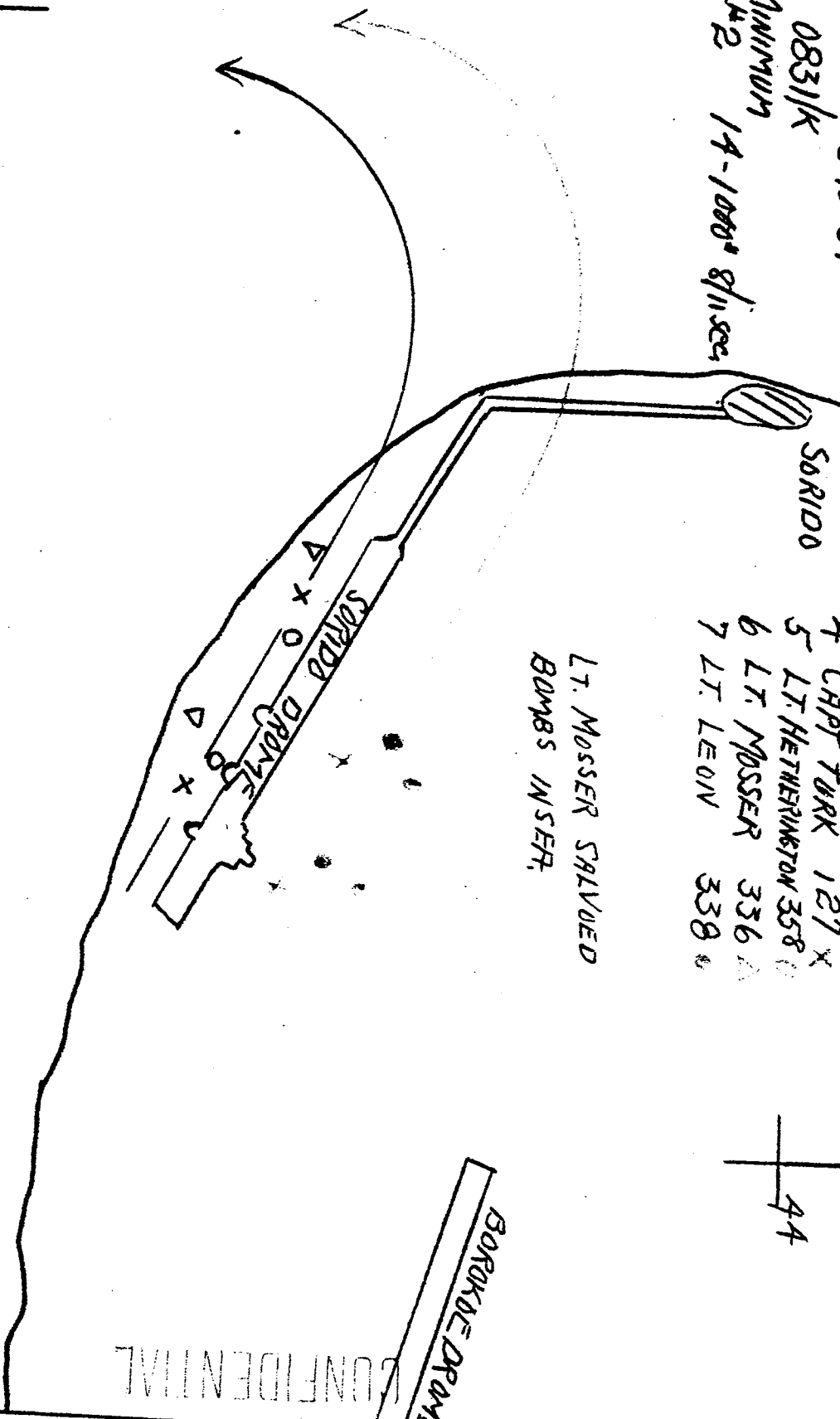
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168-E-8
16 Jun 4-

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
498th Bombardment Squadron (M)
345th Bombardment Group
APO 713, Unit 1

CCG/rpb

20 June, 1944

Subject: Narrative Report on Mission FFO 168-E-8, Performed by 498th Bombardment Squadron June 16. **Objective:** Grounded Planes, SAMATE-JEFMAN.

To : Commanding General, Fifth Air Force. APO 925.

1. GENERAL

(a) 1. Operating out of HOLLANDIA under control of the 310th Bomb Wing, four squadrons of B-25's of the 345th Bombardment Group were ordered to bomb and strafe SAMATE DROME and strafe JEFMAN DROME in a mid-day attack on grounded planes there. Planes were loaded with 100 pound parademo bombs, 4/5 second delay fuse, which were to be dropped from minimum altitude on a single bombing and strafing run over the target. Fighter cover was to be provided by four squadrons of P-38's, and route to the target was direct. Crews were thoroughly briefed on bombing restrictions before takeoff.

2. Two of this Squadron's planes carried 12 bombs and four were loaded with ten, making a grand total of 64 X 100 pounders.

(b) Rendezvous with fighters was scheduled for MIOS WAAR ISLAND; the Group was to assemble enroute and to be in formation before leaving WAKDE ISLAND.

(c) 1. Six B-25's of the 498th Squadron dropped 27 X 100 pound parademos, 4/5 second delay, through the SAMATE dispersal area and 3h through the JEFMAN area in a minimum altitude attack, part of a large strike that left both strips a shambles of wrecked Jap planes and fires. No specific damage from our Squadron's bombs was seen but they fell in the assigned targets and beyond a doubt contributed to the wholesale destruction wrought. Three bombs were dropped at a lugger off JEFMAN ISLAND but missed.

2. Enemy fighters were in the air but did not attack our Squadron. A/A was medium to heavy, moderate to intense, inaccurate to accurate and damaged the hydraulic system in one A/P. All returned safely, however.

(d) Nil interception.

(e) Takeoff: 0900/K from HOLLANDIA DROME.

Rendezvous: As scheduled.

Attack: 1250/K to 1300/K at 50/100 feet.

Landing: 1610/K at HOLLANDIA DROME for three A/P's. Three planes landed at WAKDE and returned to HOLLANDIA the following day.

(f) Route up: HOLLANDIA - WAKDE - MIOS WAAR - TARGET.

Return: TARGET - WAKDE - HOLLANDIA.

2. PLANES OF THE 498TH SQUADRON IN THE ATTACK

The 498th Squadron, second in the Group formation, was led by Lt Fair and composed as follows: Lt Fair, A/P 084; Lt Nutting, A/P 089; Lt Gridler, A/P 161; Lt Neblett, A/P 068; Lt Mosser, A/P 164 and Lt Wright, A/P 335.

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

(a) 1. Lt Fair led our six A/P's in line abreast over the target at 1250/K at 50/100 feet. Lt's Fair, Neblett and Wright dropped 27 of their bombs

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in the SAMATE dispersal area and three at a lugger off JEFMAN ISLAND that missed. Lt's Nutting, Gridler and Mosser dropped all of their 34 bombs on JEFMAN. Both targets and three apparently new twin engine bombers off the West edge of JEFMAN were strafed, but no results were observed of either the bombing or strafing.

2. A/P's piloted by Lt's Nuttings, Mosser and Gridler landed at WAKDE and spent the night before returning to HOLLANDIA the following day. The hydraulic system on Lt Nuttings's ship was disrupted by A/A and the engines on the other two ships were "acting up."

(b) A/A was medium to heavy, moderate to intense, inaccurate to accurate and mostly above A/P level. Eight phosphorous aerial burst bombs exploded at approximately 1500 feet in the vicinity of JEFMAN; no damage resulted.

(c) Fighter cover was excellent.

(d) The hydraulic system on A/P 089 was damaged by A/A.

(e) Nil personnel injured.

5. Bombing tables attached.

6. ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS

Three probable destroyers and approximately seven merchantmen were seen in the DOOM ISLAND vicinity; five serviceable probable Sugar Charlies were sighted in BORE BAY and three more stationary off CAPE ASI.

7. Although one A/P took K-21 photos no prints were made due to overlap by other photos taken by other squadrons of the Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

CLYDE C. CARTER
1st Lt, Air Corps
Acting Intelligence Officer

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Narrative Report, FFO 168-Z-8

A/P	NO. BOMBS	WEIGHT	BOMBING TABLE		JEPMAN	SAMATE	IN WATER
			TYPE	DELAY			
084	10	100 lb	Parademo	4/5 sec		10	
089	12	"	"	"	12		
161	10	"	"	"	10		
068	10	"	"	"		10	
164	12	"	"	"	12		
335	10	"	"	"			
TOTAL	64	100 lb	Parademo	4/5 sec	34	27	3

Estimated 6,900 X .50 calibre ammo expended. Ammunition figures not available.

A/P 335 took 30 K-21 photos of bombing.

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169-E-9
17 Jun 44

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
498th Bombardment Squadron (M)
345th Bombardment Group
APO 713, Unit 1

CCC/rpb

20 June, 1944

Subject: Narrative Report on Mission FFO 169-E-9 Performed by 498th Bombardment Squadron June 17, 1944. Objective: JEFMAN strip and dispersal areas.

To : Commanding General, Fifth Air Force. APO 925.

1. GENERAL

(a) Four squadrons of four planes each of the 345th Bomb Group were ordered to bomb and strafe JEFMAN and SAMATE June 17, 1944 from minimum altitude with 12 X 100 pound parademo bombs, 4/5 second delay fuse, per A/P. The strike, to be coordinated with one by the 38th Bomb Group against shipping around DOOM ISLAND, was to be made by two squadrons against SAMATE and two against JEFMAN attacking in line of eight planes abreast.

(b) The Group was to be assembled before leaving WAKDE ISLAND and rendezvous with P-38 fighter cover was scheduled for MOIS WAAR ISLAND.

(c) In a return engagement to JEFMAN to destroy any grounded A/P's left over from the previous day's strike, three B-25's of our Squadron dropped 16 X 100 pound parademos across the Southwestern part of JEFMAN strip and dispersal areas and nine at shacks on WARIR ISLAND. Bombing and strafing was considered good, but no results were observed. Eight bombs were salvoed at sea near JEFMAN because of release malfunction and three were returned to base. Enemy opposition consisted of moderate, inaccurate, medium A/A and machine gun fire.

One of our planes turned back before reaching the target because of engine trouble.

(d) Nil interception or plane losses reported.

(e) Takeoff: 0943/K from HOLLANDIA DROME.

Rendezvous: At 4000 feet over MOIS WAAR with P-38 cover.

Attack: 1358/K at 75-100 feet.

Landing: 1745/K at HOLLANDIA DROME.

(f) Route up: HOLLANDIA - WAKDE - MOIS WAAR - TARGET.

Return: Direct.

2. PLANES OF THE 498TH SQUADRON IN THE ATTACK

The 498th Squadron, fourth in the Group formation and consisting of only three planes after Lt Neblett turned back due to engine trouble, was led by Lt Wright and was composed as follows:

A/P 335 - Lt Wright

A/P 084 - Lt Stapleton

A/P 069 - Lt Kirmil

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

(a) Enroute to the target Lt Neblett's plane developed engine trouble so he turned back. Lt Wright led our remaining three planes across the target in line abreast at 1358/K at 75/100 feet. Lt's Wright and Stapleton each dropped eight bombs on JEFMAN and salvoed four at sea because of release mal-

Narrative Report, FFO 169-E-9, continued.

function. Lt Kirmil of the 501st Squadron flying with us in a 501st A/P, dropped nine of his bombs at shacks on WARIR ISLAND and returned three to base. All three A/P's strafed the target heavily, but no results of either bombing or strafing were observed. A/A was ineffective and all A/P's returned safely.

(b) A/A was medium, slight to moderate and inaccurate above the level of our A/P's.

(c) Fighter cover was excellent.

(d) Nil enemy planes shot down; nil damages suffered by our A/P's.

(e) Nil personnel injured.

4. Nil awards recommended.

5. Bombing tables inclosed.

6. Two large camouflaged barges sighted at CAPE DORE.

7. No photos received.

For the Commanding Officer:

CLYDE C. CARTER
1st Lt, Air Corps
Acting Intelligence Officer

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Narrative Report, FFO 169-E-9.

BOMBING TABLE							
A/P	NO.	BOMBS	WEIGHT	TYPE	DELAY	ON TARGET	RETURNED
335	12		100 lb	Parademo	4/5 second	8	
084	12		"	"	"	8	
069	12		"	"	"	9	3
TOTAL	36		100 lb	Parademo	4/5 sec.	25	3

An estimated 7,200 rounds of .50 calibre ammo expended.

A/P 335 took K-20 photos of the attack.

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ROUTE TO & FROM TARGET

FFO: 148-F DATE: 27 May. 44
 345th BOMB GROUP
 500th BOMB SQUADRON
 TIME OVER TARGET: 0935/0955/k
 ALTITUDE: 50/4500'

DRAWN BY- GROUP PHOTO

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
APO 713 - 1
TEMPORARY APO 565

6 July 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on Mission FFO 187-E-6, performed by the 498th Bomb Squadron, 5 July, 1944. Objective: barge sweep to WAIGEO ISLAND; secondary objective: sweep from CAPE OF GOOD HOPE to CAPE BOROPEN.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Fifth Air Force, APO 713-1.
(Attention: A.C. of S., A-2)

1. GENERAL

a. The primary objective was a barge sweep to WAIGEO ISLAND with the 501st Squadron covering the South coast while the 498th was to cover the North coast of the island. Secondary objective was a barge sweep along the coast of Dutch New Guinea from CAPE OF GOOD HOPE to CAPE BOROPEN. Two planes were loaded with 3 x 500 lb. 4/5 sec. delay fuse bombs and the remaining four planes were loaded with 4 x 250 lb. 4/5 sec. delay fuse bombs. Attack was to be from minimum altitude.

b. RENDEZVOUS.

Rendezvous of the two Squadrons was accomplished over TANAHMERAH BAY enroute to the target.

c. ATTACK.

(1) Six airplanes of this Squadron swept the South and North coast of WAIGEO ISLAND. Only one of our planes found a target on the island, which was five barges and a jetty at KEBOLAA Village on the North coast. 1 x 500 pounder was dropped there, and the Villages and barges were strafed. No results, however, were seen. The Squadron then proceeded to the coast of Dutch New Guinea and started their run at the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE. Here again very few lucrative targets were sighted. Villages and barges along the coast between CAPE OF GOOD HOPE and CAPE BOROPEN were bombed and strafed. In all 6 x 500 lb. bombs and 13 x 250 lb. bombs were dropped. Of these two 250 pounders were dropped in SACEKOREM and two 250 pounders were dropped on WARPAPERI Village with unobserved results. Two serviceable camouflaged barges were strafed eight miles SE of CAPE WAIOS and were very probably damaged. One 500 pounder scored excellent hits on a village two miles South

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OF CAPE SAGEERIE, destroying three huts and a mission building there. The remaining bombs were dropped along the coast with unobserved results (see attached bomb assessment map). In all approximately 12 barges, most of them unserviceable, were seen along this coastline. They, as well as the villages in the area, were very heavily strafed with 14,100 rounds of .50 calibre.

1. TIME AND LOCATION OF:

Take off: HOLLANDIA DRONE, 0736 - 0738/K.
ATTACK: WAIGEO, from 1130 - 1210/K; CAPE OF GOOD HOPE to CAPE BOBOPEN, 1245 - 1315/K.
Landing: HOLLANDIA DRONE, from 1555 - 1620/K (two planes landed at WAKDE at 1530/K for gas and returned to HOLLANDIA DRONE landing at 1700/K).

a. ROUTE: HOLLANDIA, WAKDE, OWI, WAIGEO, COAST OF DUTCH NEW GUINEA, SOUTH OF NORMFOOR ISLAND, SOUTH OF CAPE 4'URVILLE, HOLLADIA.

2. FORMATION -- Planes and Pilots participating.

a. Group

The 501st Squadron led by Captain Neuenschwander was first in the sequence of the attack. The 498th led by Lt. Nutting was second over the target, with flights as follows:

<u>FIRST FLIGHT</u>		<u>SECOND FLIGHT</u>	
Lt. Nutting	099	Lt. Best	082
Lt. Garrison	278	Lt. Stapleton	375
Lt. Jensen	076	Lt. Morris	372

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. The 498th Squadron followed the 501st on the attack. They swept first the South coast of WAIGEO ISLAND, made a 180 deg. turn at the West around the island and then swept the North coast. Lt. Jensen noted five barges and a jetty at KABOLAA Village and strafed and dropped one 500 pound bomb there, however, the bomb skipped and failed to hit the target. Other than this the Squadron sighted no targets at WAIGEO ISLAND. They proceeded then to the coast of Dutch New Guinea coming in at the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE. Led by Lt. Nutting, at minimum altitude,

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THE Squadron made their principal attack along this coastline. Lt. Nutting dropped one 500 pounder just ~~SE of~~ at WAU Village ten miles South of CAPE WAIOS. He continued strafing and dropped his next bomb near village at CAPE SRABAPAN and his last bomb at CAPE BOROPEN. Results of these bombs were unobserved. Lt. Garrison, in number two position of the first flight, dropped two 250's at WAU Village and two on a native village just South of SRABAPAN. Lt. Jensen in number three position dropped one 500 lb. bomb just South of CAPE WAIOS and one on a village two miles South of CAPE SAOKRIS, scoring an excellent hit destroying three huts and a mission building there.

Lt. Best was leader of the second flight. He dropped his first 250 lb. bomb just South of CAPE WAIOS, then strafed heavily two serviceable camouflaged barges 8 miles SE of that Cape and very probably damaged them. His next bomb was dropped on a native village at CAPE SAOKRIS and his remaining two at WARPAFERI VILLAGE. Lt. Stapleton, in number two position, dropped one 250 pounder on this same village and brought his remaining three bombs back due to lack of suitable targets. Lt. Morris was number three in second flight. He dropped two in a grove, probably a bivouac area, seven miles South of CAPE WAIOS and two in SAOKOREM Village. The strafing attack was particularly heavy. The Squadron strafed the villages and barges along the route. Most of the barges, however, were described as possibly un-serviceable.

b. INTERCEPTION, A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground:

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

c. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES.

Nil personnel of this squadron injured.

d. DAMAGE TO OUR A/P's.

Nil airplanes of this squadron damaged.

4. CITATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendation of awards.

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5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE.

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs returned</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>	<u>.30 cal.</u>
099	3	—	1000	—
076	3	—	1200	—
278	4	—	1400	—
372	4	—	700	—
082	4	—	1000	—
335	1	2	1500	—
Totals	19	3	14100	—

6. SIGHTINGS

- a. Lt. Stapleton's crew, at 1320/X, reported seeing four or five men in a beached silver plane at CAPE NAKIANIKI. The crew stated that this could either be two planes or one large plane broken in two since part of it seemed to be on the beach and part in the water.
 - b. Of the 12 barges reported by all crews along the coastline, the majority of them were unserviceable.
 - c. One barge was seen to have been hit by the 501st Squadron at SRABAPAN.
 - d. With the exception of the five barges and the jetty, the crews report no signs of enemy activity on WAIGEO IS.
7. Of the 13 prints received from this mission one print shows a very near miss on two freshly camouflaged barges, probably the two mentioned above at 8 miles SE of CAPE WAIOS. One K-20 shot shows a burning barge. Another K-21 shot shows two type "A" barges possibly serviceable beached along the shore. Several photos reveal bomb hits in plantation areas along this coastline.

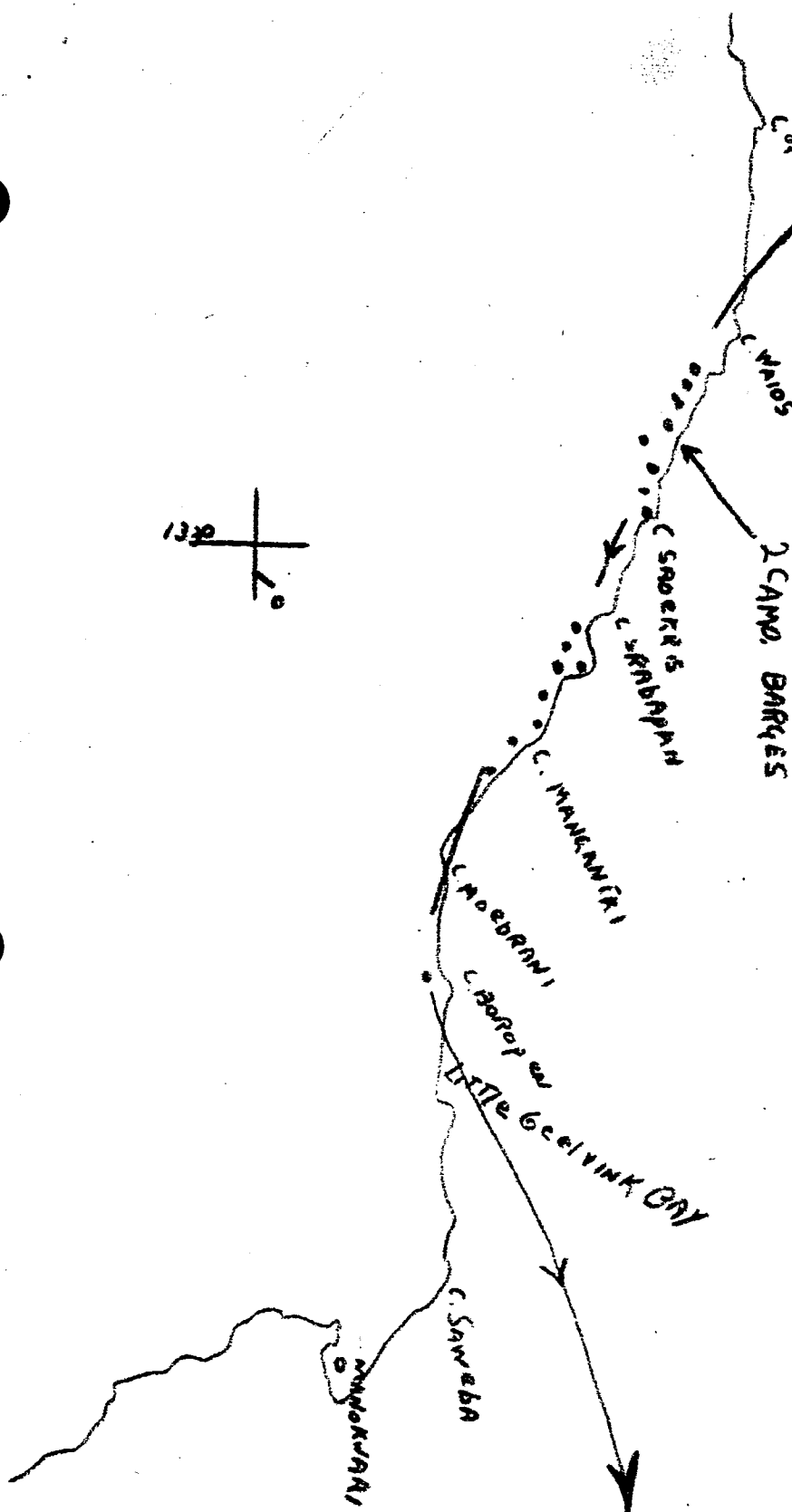
For the Squadron Commander:

CARL A. STRAUSS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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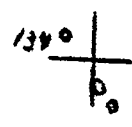
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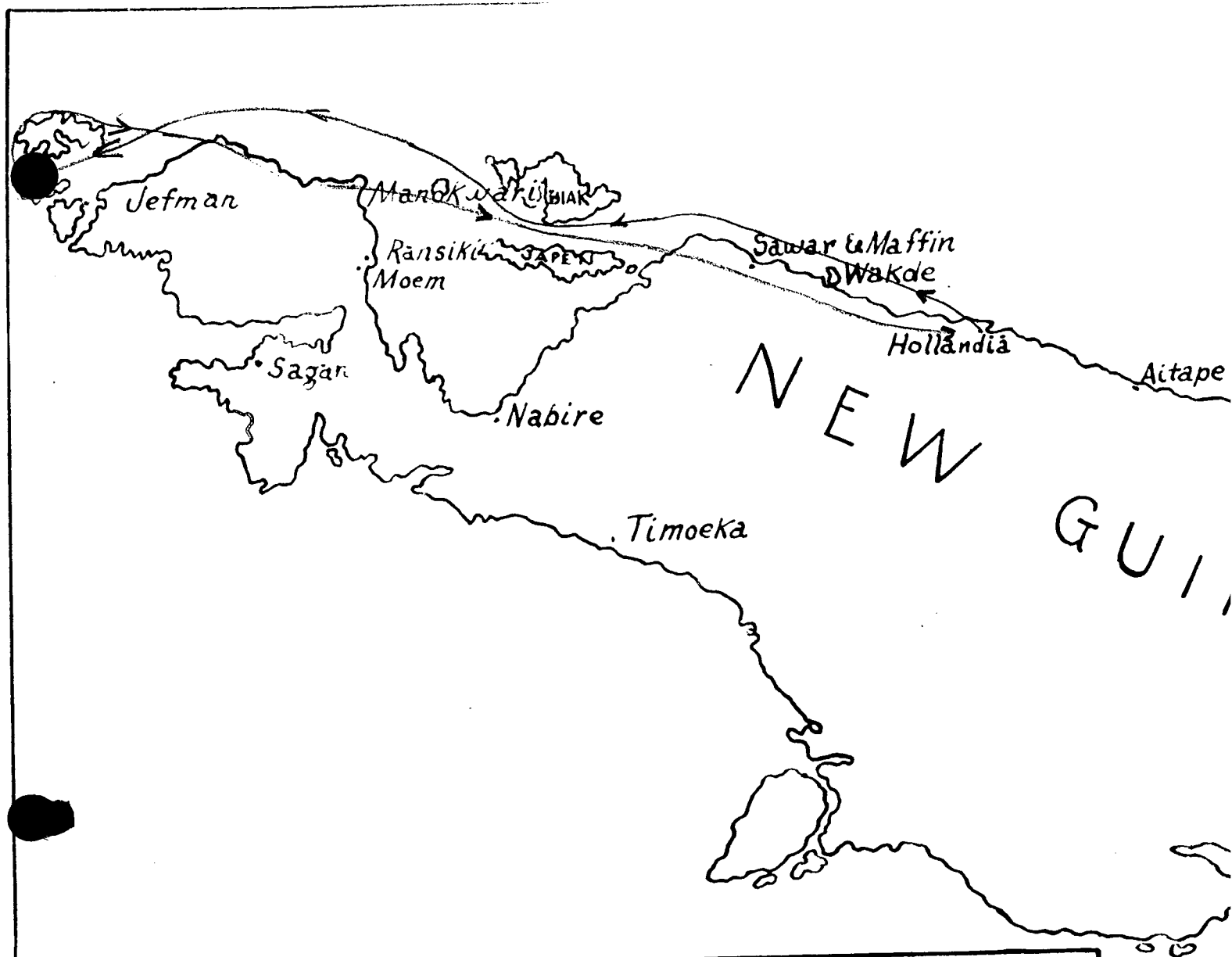
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 Mission 4187-1-C
 Order of attack 501 - 498
 Time over target 1245-1315/1
 Altitude 10000 ft
 T 1/1 1000 photos

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ROUTE TO & FROM TARGET

FFO: 187-E-6 DATE-5 July '44
 345th BOMB GROUP
 498th BOMB SQUADRON
 TIME OVER TARGET: 1215-1315/K
 ALTITUDE: MINIMUM

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498th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #920

18 July, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission FPO 199-C-4, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 17 July 1944.
Objective: shipping and barge sweep East coast Halmaheras (in M sector).

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FBAF; attention A.C. of S, A-8, APO #925.

1. a. Primary target was shipping and barge sweep on the East coast of MORTAI ISLAND, PITOE, AKELAMA BAY and BULI BAY. One Squadron of the 498th employing four B26H-5's each loaded with 3 x 500 pound 4/5 sec. delay fuse bombs and 21 x .75mm cannon ammo. Shipping and barges were bombed and strafed at a minimum altitude.

b. RENDEZVOUS

The Squadron rendezvous was accomplished over MOKMER A/D, BIAK ISLAND, enroute to target.

c. ATTACK

- (1) The 498th Squadron swept East coast of MORTAI ISLAND proceeded along East coast of HALMAHERAS through BULI BAY. Bombing excellent. 10 x 500 pound 4/5 sec. delay fuse demo bombs were dropped. One Sugar Baker suffered near misses. A direct hit by .75mm cannon on stern of Sugar Baker, stern left sinking.

d. Time and location of:

Take off: MOKMER A/D, 1055/K.
Attack: MORTAI ISLAND, 1405 - 1420/X.
Landing: MOKMER A/D, 1805/K.

- e. ROUTE: BIAK ISLAND, MORTAI ISLAND, PITOE, AKELAMA BAY, BULI BAY, BIAK ISLAND.

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2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

a. Squadron

The 498th Squadron led by Lt. Heblett in the attack:

Lt. Heblett	A/P 458
Lt. Morris	A/P 453
Lt. Johnson	A/P 452
Lt. Lamb	A/P 457

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. Details of the attack - The 498th Squadron approached the target in two flights of two airplanes each. Flight #1 Lt. Heblett and Lt. Johnson. Lt. Heblett made three passes on sugar Baker in PITOE area and dropped 2 x 500 lb. bombs scoring near misses. 1 x 500 lb. bomb was brought back to MOKMER A/D. He also strafed the sugar Baker with unobserved results. He then proceeded to LILI where two luggers were strafed 15 to 20 tanks west of MABA VILLAGE. Lt. Johnson flew #2 in the first flight and made three passes in which he scored near misses on sugar Baker with 3 x 500 lb. bombs. He also strafed the sugar Baker on the passes. He then proceeded to LILI where two luggers were strafed. Then proceeded to BULI RAY where he strafed 15 to 20 tanks west of MABA VILLAGE.

Flight #2 Lt. Morris and Lt. Lamb. Lt. Morris made three passes on sugar Baker in PITOE area and dropped 2 x 500 lb. bombs with near misses, also strafed snip. He then proceeded to BULI RAY where he strafed 15 to 20 tanks west of MABA VILLAGE and strafed BITJOLI VILLAGE. Lt. Lamb flew #2 in second flight. He scored two hits, one in stern and one amidship of sugar Baker near PITOE also dropped 1 x 500 lb. bomb and missed. Later he dropped one bomb on BITJOLI VILLAGE and strafed village. Last bomb was dropped on SAGGHO ISLAND with unobserved results

b. INTERCEPTION, A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground:

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

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c. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

(1) Light, possible M/G fire, from Sugar Baker.

d. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES.

(1) Nil personnel of the squadron injured.

e. DAMAGE TO OUR A/P's

(1) Lt. Johnson's plane (452) received two holes in rudder by light possible M/G fire from Sugar Baker.

4. CITATIONS.

a. Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendations of awards.

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE.

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs returned</u>	<u>.75mm</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
437	3	0	17	750
452	3	0	21	1500
453	2	1	13	1000
458	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>1000</u>
Totals	10	2	64	4250

6. SIGHTINGS

a. One Sugar Baker sighted off East coast of MAROTAI ISLAND.

b. One sunk Sugar Baker sighted in AKELAMO BAY area.

c. At LILI two luggers were sighted close to shore.

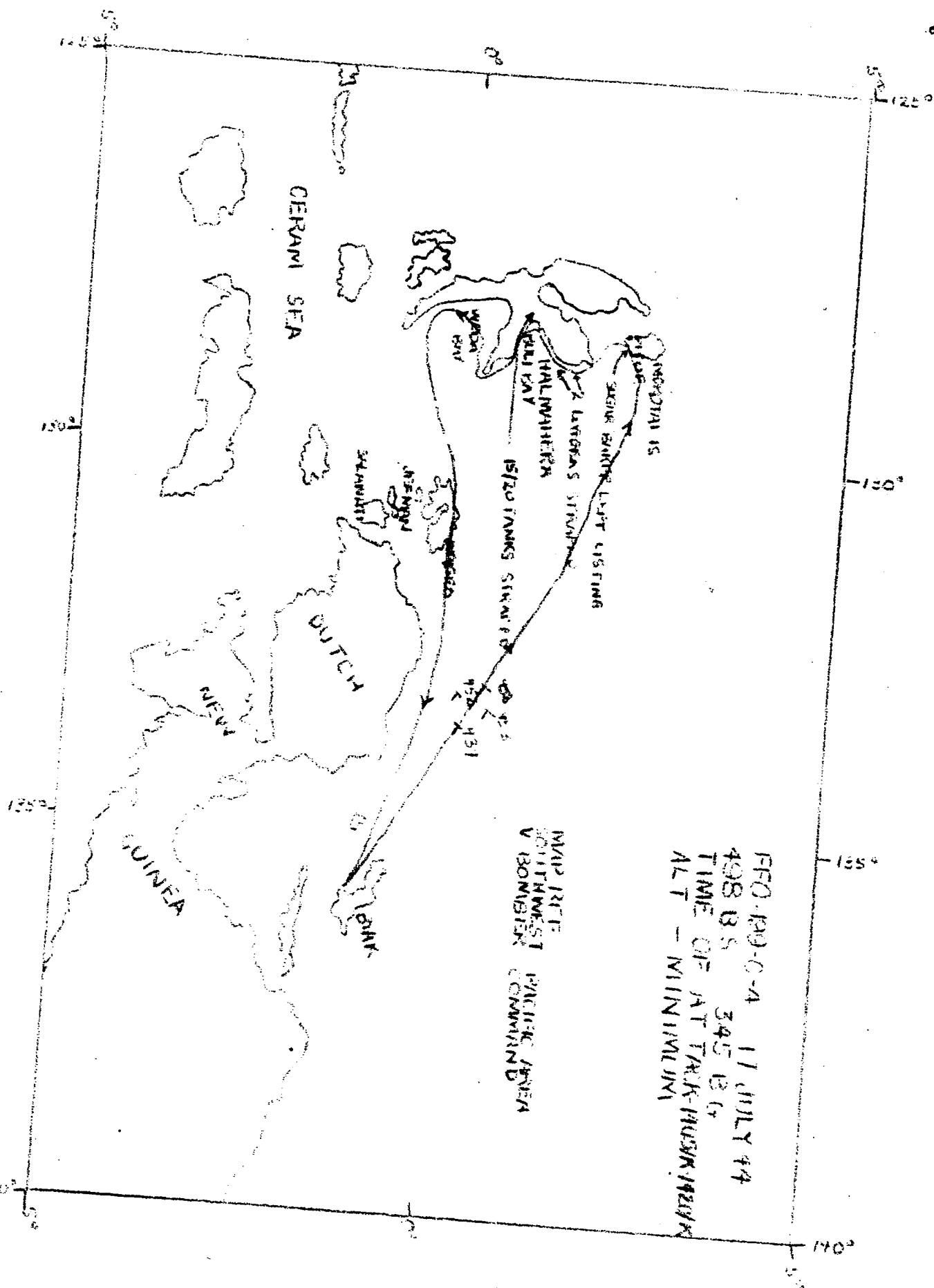
d. West MABA in FULI BAY 15 to 20 tanks were sighted.

7. No photos taken.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROBERT KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

1 Inel.
1. Route in and out chart.



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

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498th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #920

18 July 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission PFO 199-C-8, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 17 July 1944.
Objective: Barge sweep to West coast of Geelvink Bay, MacCluer Gulf, Sole Straits, Jefman and Sorong.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF; attention A.C. of S, A-2, APO #923.

1. GENERAL

a. Primary objective was a barge sweep to the West coast of Geelvink Bay, MacCluer Gulf, Sole Straits, Jefman and Sorong. There was no secondary objective. There were to be three B25H's and one B25D-2. All planes carried 3 x 500 lb. 4/5 sec. delay demo bomb and the H's carried 21 x .75mm cannon shells. Attack was to be made from minimum altitude.

b. RENDEZVOUS

The Squadron formed over Mokmer Drome at Biak.

c. ATTACK

(1) Only three planes of this Squadron took off on the barge sweep since A/P 331 was damaged while taxiing out. These three planes swept the West coast of Geelvink Bay and proceeded then to Sentoni Bay into MacCluer Gulf. The bombing was excellent with 6 x 500 lb. 4/5 sec. delay demo bomb dropped. In the mouth of Waronge River a Sugar Charlie received a direct hit and was seen to explode. A lugger and barge between Bira and Metamani Bay were sunk by bomb hits and .75mm cannon fire. Two small boats in Metamani Bay with ten to fifteen Japs in them were heavily strafed. One was definitely sunk and the personnel in the water was strafed also. Due to the failure of the fuel transfer pump in the lead plane the three ships returned to base after this attack in the MacCluer Gulf.

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d. Time and Location of:

Take Off: MOKMER BROME, 1045 - 1047/K.
Attack: MAC CLUER GULF, 1300 - 1330/K.
Landing: MOKMER BROME, 1515 - 1517/K.

- e. ROUTE: MOKMER, SOUTH OF NOENPOOR ISLAND, WEST COAST OF GHELVINK BAY, BENTONI BAY, MAC CLUER GULF, GHELVINK BAY, MOKMER.

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2. FORMATION - Planes and Pilots participating.

- a. The 498th Squadron led by Captain Pair was the only Squadron on this sweep. The flight was as follows:

Capt. Pair	250
Lt. Miller	370
Lt. Smith	407

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

- a. The three planes of the 498th Squadron swept first the west coast of Gheelvink Bay over land to Bentoni Bay, searched that area and then proceeded to Mac Cluer Gulf and searched the North shore of the Gulf. At the mouth of the Waronge River a sugar Charlie was sighted and Capt. Pair made a pass on it at minimum altitude and scored a direct hit on the vessel which was seen to explode. He also scored a hit with his .75mm cannon on a lugger between Bira and Metamani Bay which was left listing. He also dropped a bomb on this lugger but missed. However, Lt. Miller in plane 370 scored a hit on this lugger with a 500 pounder. A camouflaged barge at Cape Uaim was hit and seen to be sunk. Lt. Smith in A/P 407 strafed a barge and lugger and also strafed two small boats in Metamani Bay. One of these boats was seen to have from ten to fifteen Japs in it who jumped overboard as the boat sunk. He then strafed this personnel in the water. The formation then did not continue up to the Sele Straits and Jefman area due to the fact that the fuel transfer system would not work in the flight leader's plane.

- b. INTERCEPTION. A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground;

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

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c. Anti-Aircraft fire.

- (1) Light, possible rifle fire, inaccurate was received from the lugger.

d. Personnel casualties.

- (1) Nil personnel of this Squadron injured.

e. Damage to our A/P's.

- (1) Nil airplanes of this Squadron damaged.

4. CITATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendations of awards.

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs returned</u>	<u>.75mm</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
250	3	0	6	1500
370	3	0	0	1700
407	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>1500</u>
Totals:	6	3	25	4700

6. SIGHTINGS

- a. At 1325/K, Capt. Fair's crew reported seeing two Sugar Chailies (one slightly larger than the other) on the North side of Metamani Bay. He also reported two well camouflaged buildings (one 30' x 50' the other 50' square) at Mira Village on the North shore of Mac Cluer Gulf.

- b. Two well camouflaged barges were seen in the Metamani Bay area by Lt. Smith's crew.

7. Nil photos were taken.

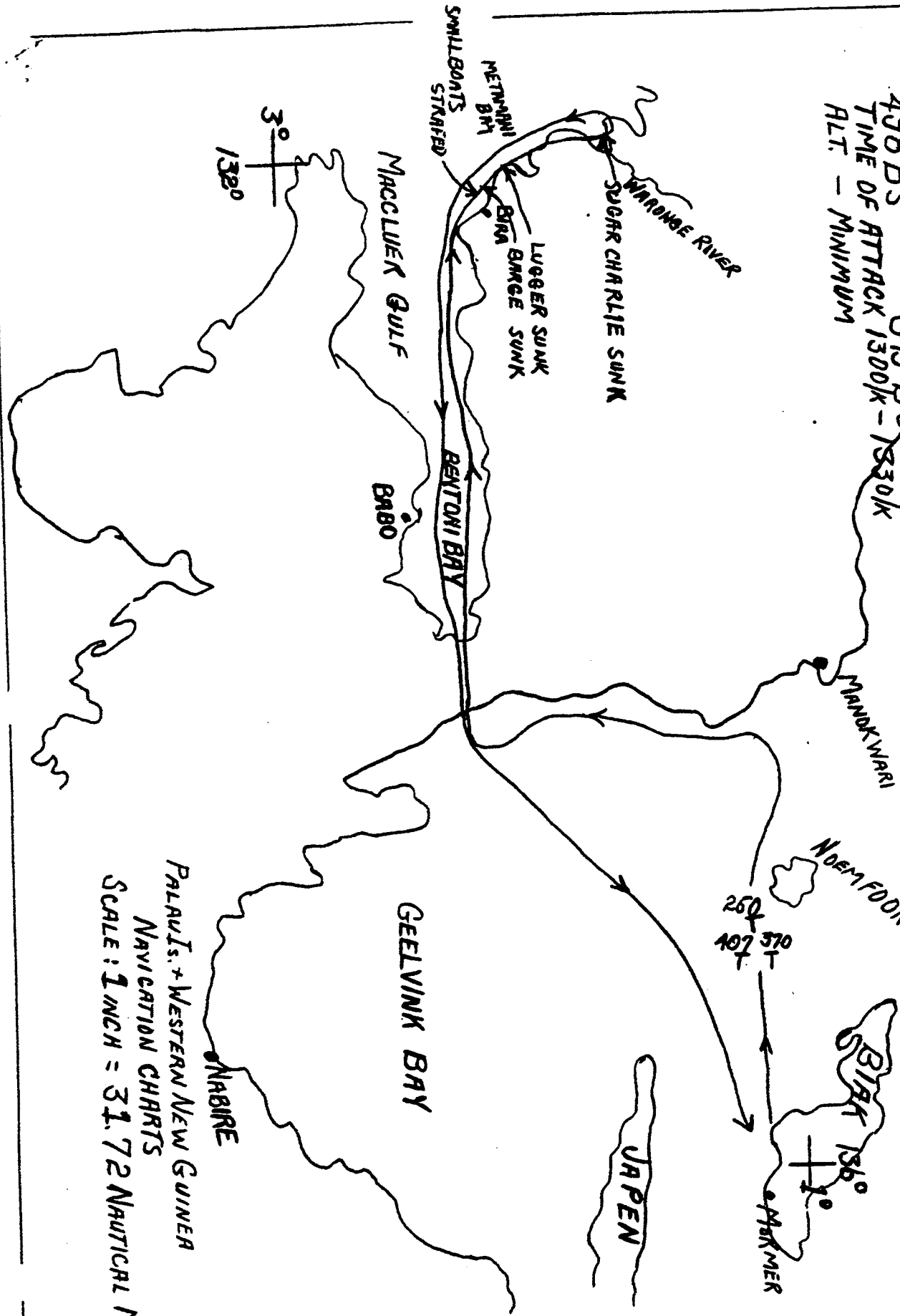
For the Commanding Officer:

CARL A. STRAULS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Act. Intelligence Officer

- 1 Incl
1. Route in and out chart.

FFO 199-C-8
 498 BS
 TIME OF ATTACK 1300k-1330k
 ALT. - MINIMUM

17 JULY '44



PALAU IS. + WESTERN NEW GUINEA
 NAVIGATION CHARTS
 SCALE: 1 INCH = 31.72 NAUTICAL MI.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
348TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.F.C. #920

21 July, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission PFO 802-G-11, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 20 July 1944.
Objective: Barge sweep of CAPE MOEPI, WARREN, SAGAN, SORONG and SAWERA.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PEARL, attention A.C. of S, A-2, APO #925.

1. GENERAL

a. The primary objective was a barge hunt to west coast of GHELVINK BAY, MAC CLUER GULF, SAGAN, JEPHAN, SORONG and SAWERA. There was no secondary target. Four B25H's all carried 3 x 500 lb. 4/5 sec. delay demo bombs, 21 x .75mm cannon shells. Attacked from minimum altitude.

b. RENDEZVOUS

The Squadron formed over WOKMER DROME at BLAK.

c. ATTACK

(1) Four A/P's swept west coast of GHELVINK BAY with nil shipping targets. Proceeded to MAC CLUER GULF. Bombing excellent. 12 x 500 lb. 4/5 sec. delay fuse bombs were dropped in area from BINA VILLAGE to WAR-CHONG RIVER. Of these 3 were dropped in BINA VILLAGE which was strafed with .75mm and .50 cal. Five direct hits were scored on buildings in village, one a large school type buildings. Seven bombs were dropped on lugger in METAMAIN BAY, lugger was left listing with oil slick on water and is considered destroyed. 2 bombs were dropped and at least 6 direct .75mm hits were scored on a large lugger loaded with supplies, which was left burning fiercely, considered destroyed. A lugger at the mouth of the WAR-CHONG RIVER was strafed with unobserved results.

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1. TIME AND LOCATION OF:

Take off: MOKMER A/D, 1330/K.
Attack: MAC CLUER GULF, 1610/K - 1640/K.
Landing: MOKMER A/D, 1910/K.

2. ROUTE: MOKMER, SOUTH OF MOKMPOOR ISLAND, WEST COAST GHELVINK BAY, MAC CLUER GULF, JETMAN, SORONG, SANEBA, MOKMER.

2. FORMATION - Planes and Pilots participating.

a. The 498th Squadron led by Lt. Nutting was the only Squadron on this sweep. The flight was as follows:

Lt. Nutting	A/P 434
Lt. Cranford	452
Lt. Coppatella	437
Lt. Cooper	407

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION.

a. The four A/P's of the 498th Squadron swept first the West coast of GHELVINK BAY overland to BEN-TONI BAY, searched that area and then proceeded to North shore of Gulf to BIRA. Lt. Nutting strafed BIRA VILLAGE then proceeded to METAMAIN BAY where he dropped 3 x 500 lb. bombs on lugger left listing. At the mouth of WARONGE RIVER he strafed a lugger. Lt. Cranford strafed BIRA VILLAGE then proceeded to METAMAIN BAY where he dropped 2 x 500 lb. bombs and fired 10 x .75mm leaving lugger listing. He then proceeded to WARONGE RIVER where he dropped 1 x 500 lb. bomb falling short. Lt. Cooper dropped 1 x 500 lb. bomb on buildings at BIRA destroying 5 buildings. He then proceeded to CAPE SOEABOER where he dropped 2 x 500 lb. bombs on lugger and left it burning. Lt. Coppatella dropped 3 x 500 lb. bombs on BIRA VILLAGE destroying 5/10 buildings. He then proceeded to CAPE SOEABOER where he had 2 direct .75mm cannon hits on lugger, left burning.

b. INTERCEPTION. A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground:

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

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

c. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

(1) Light M/G fire, inaccurate was received from METAMAIN BAY area.

d. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

(1) Nil personnel of this Squadron injured.

e. DAMAGE TO OUR A/P's

(1) Nil airplanes of this Squadron damaged.

4. CITATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendations of awards.

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>.75mm</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
434	3	21	2000
432	3	19	2400
437	3	21	1500
437	<u>3</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1500</u>
Totals	12	75	7400

6. SIGHTINGS

a. 2 camouflaged buildings at BIRA VILLAGE.

b. Numerous large canoes along coast from CAPE CABRA to CAPE KARMELA.

c. Well built jetties on East coast of WANDAMEN BAY.

d. At 1810/X, 4/5 Sugar Charlies seen unloading between CAPE SABRA and LITTLE GUELVIN BAY.

7. Nil photos were taken.

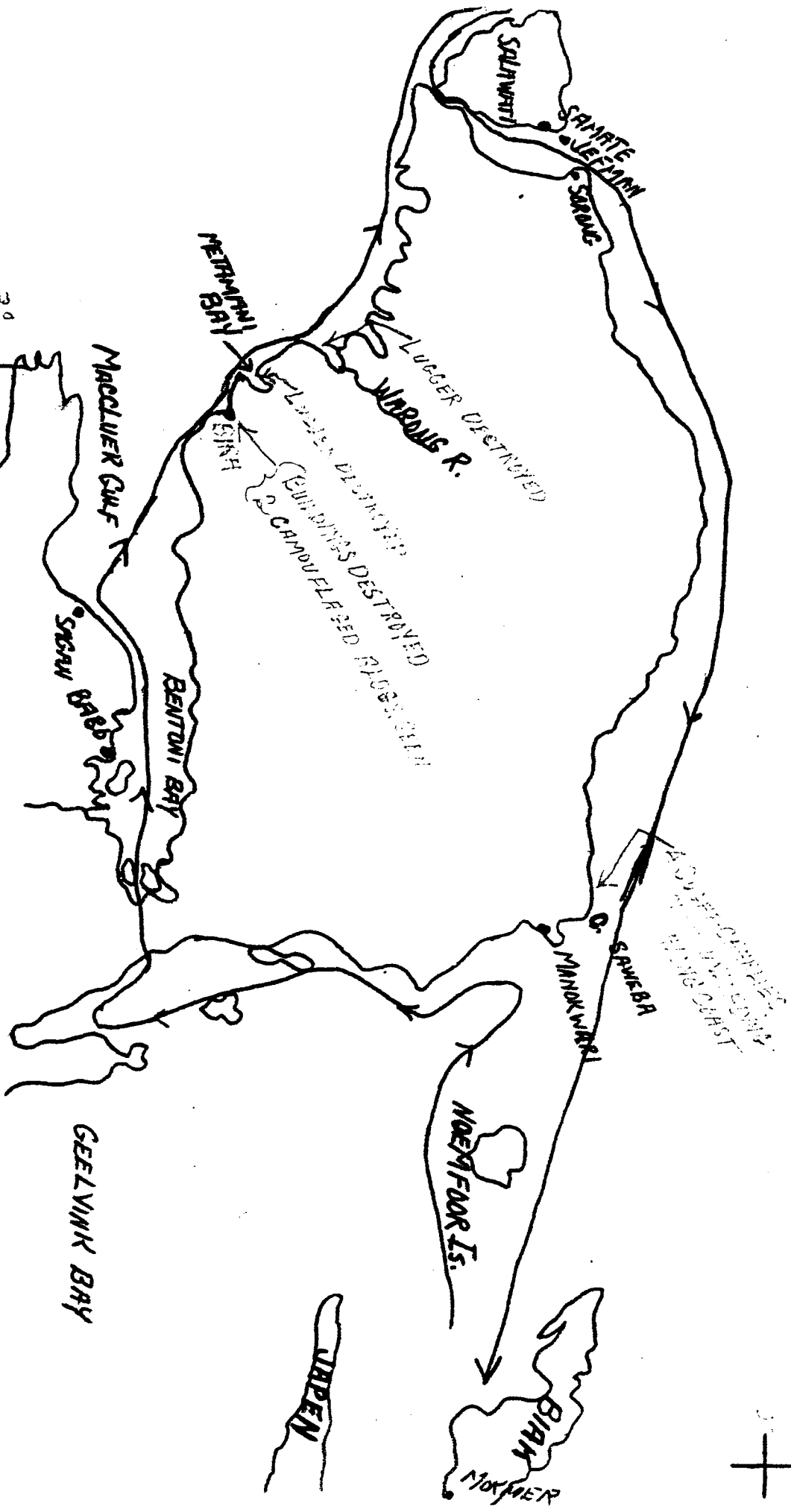
For the Commanding Officer:

ROBERT KURCHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

1 Incl.

1. Route in and out chart.

FFO-202-C-11 20 July 44
 498 B.S. 345 B.S.
 TIME OVER TARGET 1610H-1640H
 ALT. - Minimum



PALHU & WESTERN MOUNTAINS
 SOUTH - 1600H
 17:00H

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #920

498
202-C-1
20 July 44

21 July 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission WFO 202-C-6, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 20 July 1944.
Objective: shipping and barge sweep East coast Halmaheras (in M sector).

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, attention A.C. of S, A-2, APC #925.

1. GENERAL.

a. Primary target was shipping and barge sweep on the East coast of Morotai Island, Pitoe, AKELAMA BAY and BULI BAY. One Squadron of 498th employing four B25H-5's each loaded with 3 x 500 lb. 4/5 sec. delay fuse demo bombs and 21 x .75 mm cannon ammo.

b. RENDEZVOUS

The Squadron rendezvous was accomplished over MOKMER A/D, BIAK ISLAND, enroute to target.

c. ATTACK.

(1) The 498th Squadron bombed and strafed BERE-TERO VILLAGE on NE coast of MOROTAI ISLAND and a small village with silver water tower at CAPE ILILI. 6 x 500 lb. 4/5 sec. delay fuse bombs were dropped on WAJAMI and BULI BAY. Direct hits were scored on buildings, 4 to 5 destroyed.

d. TIME AND LOCATION OF:

Take Off: MOKMER A/D, 1130/K.

Attack: MOROTAI ISLAND, 1425/K - 1530/K.

Landing: MOKMER A/D, 1850/K.

e. ROUTE: BIAK ISLAND, MOROTAI ISLAND, PITOE, AKELAMA BAY, BULI BAY, BIAK ISLAND.

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

2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

a. Squadron

The 498th Squadron was led by Lt. Boden in the attack.

Lt. Boden	A/P 250
Lt. Tuftie	A/P 224
Lt. Leon	A/P 251
Lt. Frazier	A/P 253

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. Details of the attack - The 498th Squadron approached the target led by Lt. Boden. Lt. Boden, Lt. Tuftie, Lt. Leon and Lt. Frazier all strafed BRR-EBERO VILLAGE on NE coast of MOROTAI ISLAND with unobserved results. They then proceeded to CAPE LILI where all A/P's strafed a small village with silver water tower with unobserved results. The A/P then proceeded to WAJAMI and BOELI - SERANIVILLAGES on North coast of BULI BAY. Lt. Boden dropped 3 x 500 lb. bombs on villages destroying 4 to 5 buildings. He also fired 16 x .75mm cannon ammo. Three passes were made strafing on each pass. On returning he landed at KAMIRI A/D due to shortage of gas. On approaching KAMIRI M/G fire was fired at A/P but no hits were scored. Lt. Tuftie dropped 3 x 500 lb. bombs on villages destroying 4/5 buildings, 10 x .75mm cannon ammo was expended. Lt. Leon dropped 1 x 500 lb. bomb on village, 2 x 500 lb. bombs were salvoed in BULI BAY. Lt. Frazier dropped 2 x 500 lb. bombs on villages, 1 x 500 lb. bomb was salvoed in BULI BAY. This A/P received hits in engine cowling from explosions of bombs dropped by A/P 250. Delayed explosions was due to faulty fuses is believed by pilot.

b. INTERCEPTION, A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground:

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

c. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

- (1) Nil A/A fire received.

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

a. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES.

(1) Nil personnel of the Squadron injured.

c. DAMAGE TO OUR A/P's

(1) Lt. Frazier, A/P 453, received moderate damage to engine cowling due to explosion of bombs from Lt. Boen, A/P 250.

4. CITATIONS.

a. Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendations of awards.

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE.

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs salvaged</u>	<u>.75mm</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
250	3	0	16	1500
224	3	0	10	1600
251	1	2	0	1500
253	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>700</u>
Totals	9	3	26	5300

6. SIGHTINGS

a2 At 1425/X, a large barge seen 2 miles west of PITOE.

b. 2 trucks seen at CAPE LILI, numerous buildings were seen between CAPE LILI and BOWLI VILLAGE.

c. Shore line on NE coast MOROTAI IS. has many cliffs and reefs extending 50 yards from shoreline.

7. No photos taken.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROBERT KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

1 Incl.

1. Route in and out chart.

FFO-202-C6 20 JULY 41
498 BS 345 BG
TIME OF ATTACK - 1425K-1537K
ALT - MINIMUM

MAP AREA:
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
V BOMBIER COMMAND

The map shows the Southwest Pacific area, including parts of New Guinea, Dutch East Indies, and Japan. A route is indicated by a solid line with arrows, starting from New Guinea, passing through the Philippines, and ending at Japan. Key locations labeled include Cebu, Manila, Iloilo, Zamboanga, and various islands in the Philippines and Indonesia. The route is marked with distances: 1200 miles from New Guinea to the Philippines, 1200 miles from the Philippines to Japan, and 1200 miles from Japan to New Guinea.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
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22 July, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission PFO 203-C-6, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 21 July 1944.
Objective: Barge sweep along coast of NW New Guinea.

TO :: COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S, A-2, APO #925.

1. GENERAL

a. Primary objective was a barge sweep from Manokwari to Jefman through Sele Straits and along South coast to Pak Pak and thence Mac Cluer Gulf and return. There was no secondary target. The mission was to be executed by four B25H-5's loaded with 3 x 500 lb. 4/5 sec. delay fuse demo bombs and 21 x .75mm cannon shells. The attack was to be made from minimum altitude.

b. Rendezvous

The Squadron formed over MOKMER DROME at BIAK.

c. Attack

(1) Four planes reaching target bombed and strafed fuel dump containing 200/400 drums, docks, large derrick and a barge on the south side of SELE STRAITS four miles North of KARARABOE ISLAND starting a large fire visible for 30 miles and two smaller fires and causing damage to installations and barge. Direct hits with .75mm cannon were scored on a large lugger in dry dock on the mainland four miles SW of KARARABOE ISLAND and a dock at this location was bombed and strafed. Two direct hits were made on one Sugar Charlie four miles West of CAPE SABRA completely destroying it. Ship was traveling SE and was strafed prior to sinking and wreckage was thoroughly strafed. Troops in white life vests jumped overboard at beginning of attack. One lugger in BENTONI BAY three miles South of mouth of KAMARIN RIVER was strafed and damaged. Two bomb hits destroyed 4/5 buildings at CAPE NAM-BOEMBI.

d. Time and location of:

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Take Off: MOKMER DROME, 0645/K.
Attack: SELE STRAITS, MAC CLUER GULF, 1020/K-1130/K.
Landing: MOKMER DROME, 1315/K.

- c. Route: MOKMER, CAPE SANSAPOR, SOUTH TO CAPE SIBADOE, WEST TO SALAWATI, UP SELE STRAITS AND RETURN ALONG SOUTH COAST THROUGH THE MAC CLUER GULF TO MOKMER.

2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

- a. The 498th Squadron led by Lt. Best was the only Squadron on the mission. The flight was as follows:

Lt. Best	A/P 424
Lt. Miller	452
Lt. Johnson	437
Lt. Frazier	453

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

- a. Details of the attack - The planned sweep along the North coast to Jefman was prevented by a front extending from CAPE SANSAPOR to SAGEWIN STRAIT. The formation of two flights of two planes each turned South at CAPE SANSAPOR and followed the South coast to SALAWATI and thence up SELE STRAIT and return through MAC CLUER GULF. Shortage of fuel prevented continuing to FAK FAK.

Lt. Best and Lt. Miller of the first flight bombed an fuel dump four miles East of KARARABOE ISLAND starting a large fire, bombed and damaged a barge in the mouth of a small river at the same location and strafed the docks, dumps and derriek. Lt. Best scored two direct hits with .75mm on a large lugger at a dock four miles West of KARARABOE ISLAND. Both planes strafed the dock. A Sugar Charlie traveling SE four miles West of CAPE SABRA was strafed in three passes with Lt. Miller scoring a direct bomb hit destroying the vessel. A lugger in BENTONI BAY three miles South of KAMARIN RIVER was strafed and damaged.

Lt. Johnson and Lt. Frazier of the second flight bombed and strafed the same installations as the first flight in SELE STRAIT starting two small fires at the fuel dump and adding to the damage already started. The second flight also made three passes on the Sugar Charlie with Lt. Johnson scoring a direct bomb hit completing the destruction of the sinking ship. Lt. Johnson destroyed 4/5 buildings at CAPE NAMBOEMBI with two direct hits. Both planes strafed the lugger in BENTONI BAY.

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b. Interception. A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground:

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

c. Anti-Aircraft fire

- (1) heavy-light, inaccurate and slight. bursts were at 200 ft. and coming from position at Sorong.

d. Personnel casualties

- (1) Nil personnel of this Squadron injured.

e. Damage to our A/P's

- (1) Nil airplanes of this squadron damaged.

4. CITATIONS

Lt. Miller will be recommended for the Air Medal for the destruction of the Sugar Charlie.

5. Armament and Ordnance

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs returned</u>	<u>175mm</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
424	3		21	2300
432	3		8	1000
437	3		10	1700
453	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1800</u>
Totals	11	1	41	6700

6. SIGHTINGS

- a. 1100/K, 3 scattered barges from KARABOES RIVER to CAPE UAIN.
- b. 1030/K, large derrick and dock facilities 4 miles North KARARABOE ISLAND. Road leading inland from this location was well used.
- c. Red roofed buildings were observed on each side of STGARA RIVER.
- d. Two large camouflaged buildings were located three miles inland and on the west side of the same river.

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2. Photos have not been developed.

For the Commanding Officer:

C.M. BOWEN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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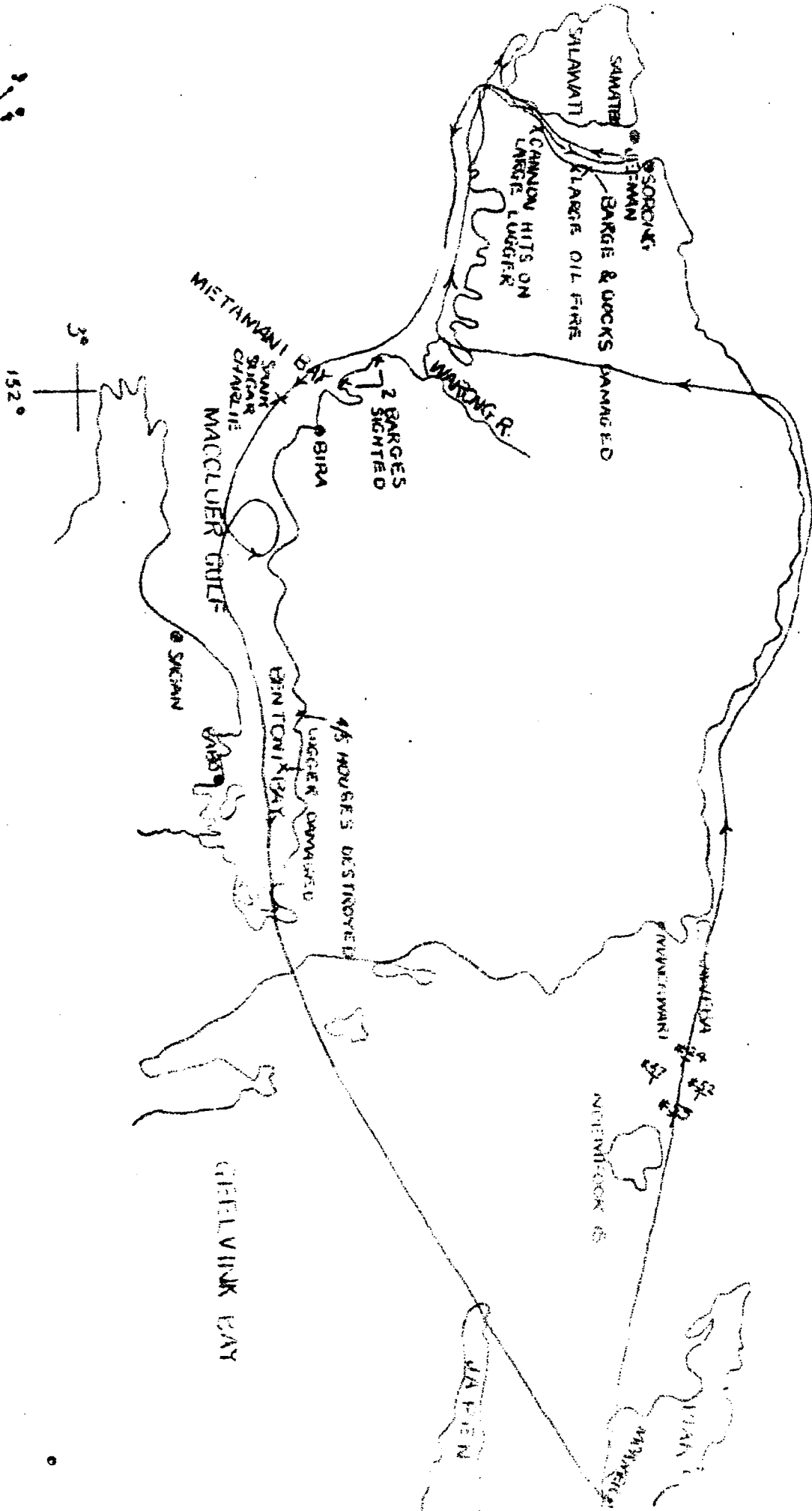
1. Route in and out chart.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #920

23 July, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission PFO 204-C-3, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 23 July 1944.
Objective: Shipping and barge sweep East coast Halmaheras (sector M).

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PRAF, Attention of A.C. of S, A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. GENERAL

a. Shipping was the primary objective of a search along the East coast of MOROTAI ISLAND and south to SAJAPI ISLAND. Four B25H-5's of the 498th Squadron were the only planes used on the mission. Each plane was loaded with 3 x 500 lb. 4/5 sec. delay fuse bombs, 21 x .75mm and 4600 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition.

b. Rendezvous

The Squadron formed over MOKMER DRONE.

c. Attack

(1) Four planes attacked Sugar Charlie which was moving NE three miles East BEREMERE, MOROTAI ISLAND. Ship was sunk with .75mm and .50 cal. fire after two near misses were scored with bombs. One B25 crashed into the sea immediately after the first attack. Plane sank quickly with nil survivors. A/P 43-4452 was plane lost.

d. Time and location of:

Take off: MOKMER A/D, 0745/K.
Attack: SECTOR M, 1110/K - 1120/K.
Landing: MOKMER A/D, 1445/K.

e. Route: BIAK, MOROTAI ISLAND, CAPE LELAI, BIAK.

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2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

a. Squadron

Lt. Heblett led the 496th Squadron in the attack.

Lt. Heblett	A/P 457
Lt. McCullough	452
Lt. Jensen	453
Lt. Gilstrap	442

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. Details of the attack - The formation attacked a SUGAR CHARLIE, traveling NE three miles off BEREHERE on the East coast of MOROTAI ISLAND, in two elements of two planes each. In a single run on the ship Lt. Heblett scored a direct hit with cannon fire and raked ship with .50 cal. M/G's. One bomb released fell slightly short. Lt. McCullough scored a hit with .75mm cannon blowing away a section of the vessel and was the primary cause of its sinking. The plane was hit with M/G fire from the ship and crashed into the sea immediately after the attack. It sank immediately with nil survivors. After being hit A/P 452 slid under A/P 457 causing damage to the radio compartment, engine nacelle and propeller.

Lt. Jensen in the second element scored a hit on the ship at the water line with cannon fire causing further damage to the already sinking vessel. The single bomb dropped by Lt. Jensen fell long. Both planes of the second element strafed the ship.

b. Interception, A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground:

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) One B25 of Squadron lost at target.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

c. Anti-Aircraft fire

- (1) Intense, accurate M/G fire was received from ship.

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d. Personnel casualties

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>A.S.N.</u>
MC CULLOUGH, GEORGE L.	2nd Lt.	Pilot	O-749081
SHACK, WILLIAM R.	2nd Lt.	Bomb-Navigator	O-681830
MEDINA, LOUIS L.	Sgt.	Engineer	18068169
MACONE, FRANCIS V.	S/Sgt.	Radio-Gnr.	20101808
MONAHAN, THOMAS F.	Sgt.	Gunner	20101897
HENWOOD, JOHN B.	Sgt.	Cannondeer	38762547

h. Remarks

e. Damage to our A/P's

- (1) A/P 43-4452 was lost at the target. A/P 437 was damaged in the radio compartment, engine nacelle and propeller by A/P 452 when it crashed.

4. CITATIONS

- a. Lt. McGullough is credited with the sinking of a Sugar Charlie.

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs salvaged</u>	<u>bombs returned</u>	<u>.75mm</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
437	1	2	0	1	0
453	1	0	2	6	700
452	-	-	-	-	-
442	0	0	3	-	1500
Totals	2	2	5	7	2200

6. SIGHTINGS

- a. Nil sightings.

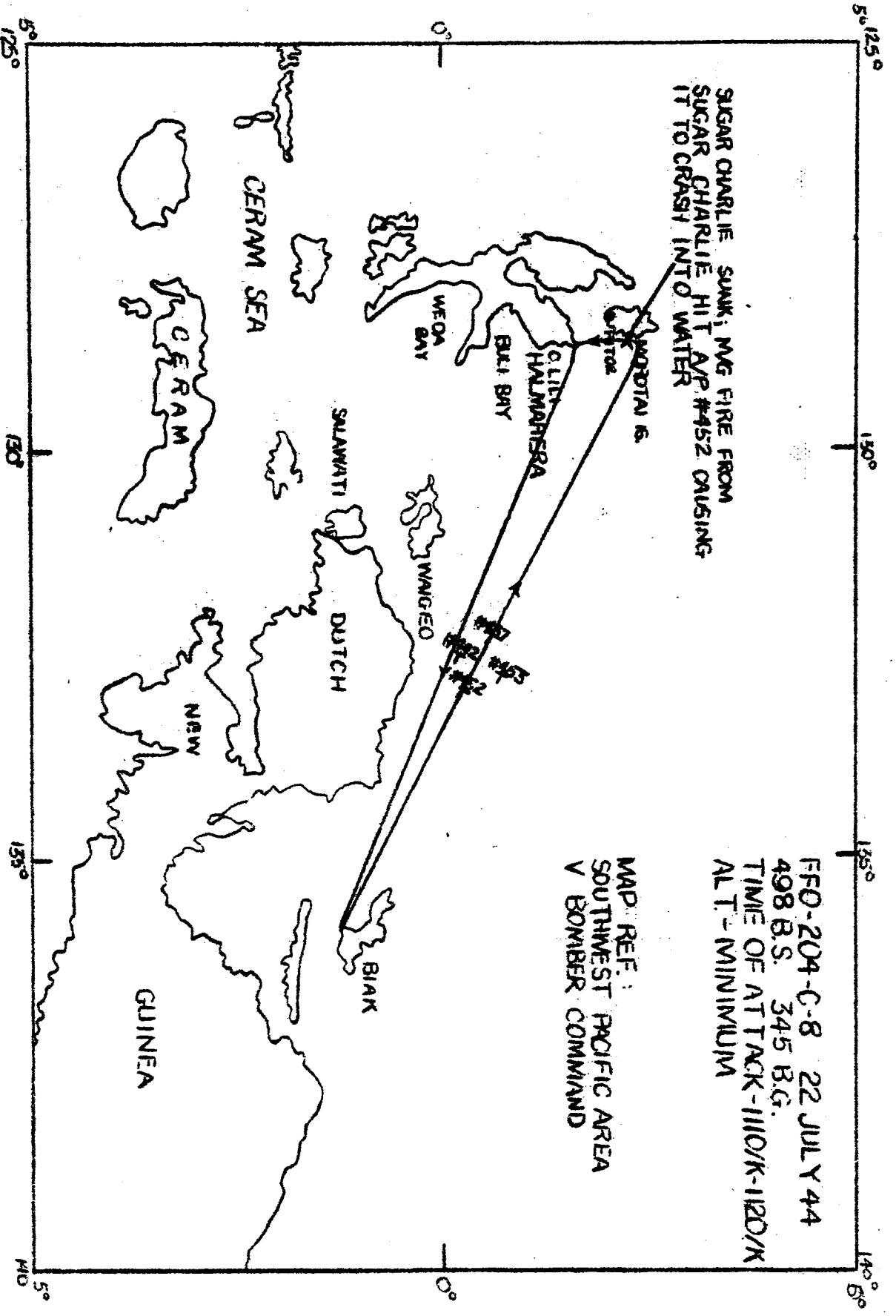
7. No photos received.

For the Commanding Officer:

C.M. BOWEN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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1. Route in and out chart



SUGAR CHARLIE SUAK; MG FIRE FROM
SUGAR CHARLIE HIT A/P #452 CAUSING
IT TO CRASH INTO WATER

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498 B.S. 345 B.G.
TIME OF ATTACK-1110/K-1120/K
ALT - MINIMUM

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498th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #920

24 July, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission PPO 208-C-10, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 23 July 1944.
Objective: Shipping and barge sweep NW New Guinea.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FKAF, Attention of A.C. of 8, A-2, A.P.O. #928.

1. GENERAL

a. Shipping was the primary objective of the search along the coast of NW New Guinea from CAPE SAN-BA to JEPHAN, SELF STRAITS, PAK PAK and BABO. Four B25H-5's of the 498th Squadron were to be used on the mission. Each plane was loaded with 3 x 800 lb. 4/5 sec. delay fuse bombs, 21 x .75 mm and 4500 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition.

b. Rendezvous

The Squadron formed over MOKMER A/D, BIAK IS.

c. Attack

(1) 2 planes completing mission bombed and sank a lugger off CAPE KAKMELA. Hits were also scored with .75mm canon and .50 cal. M/G fire. Lugger was stationary just off shore. Three Japanese were visible on vessel.

d. Time and location of:

Take off: MOKMER A/D, 0630/K.
Attack: SHIPPING, 0830/K - 0900/K.
Landing: MOKMER A/D, 1200/K.

e. Route: BIAK, CAPE SANBA, west overland south of CAPE DORE and south to the south coast of NEW GUINEA. Return was to CAPE DORE around the coast to BIAK.

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2. **FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.**

a. Squadron

Capt. Magee led the 498th Squadron in the attack.

Capt. Magee
Lt. McKinney

A/P 434
436

3. **DETAILS OF THE MISSION**

a. Details of the attack - Two of the four planes were forced by mechanical trouble to return to base shortly after taking off. The two remaining planes started the search at CAPE SAMBABA continued overland south of the restricted area along the coast to CAPE DORE. Weather North and West of CAPE DORE prevented continuing the search along the coast and the formation crossed to the south coast locating a lugger just off the beach at CAPE KAMELA. The two planes attacked together strafing the vessel and scoring hits with .75mm canon. Capt. Magee dropped 3 x 500 lb. bombs on the ship scoring a direct hit and destroying the lugger.

The electrical and hydraulic systems were out on A/P 434 and the weather in the MAC CLUER GULF was unsatisfactory for a search mission and so the formation returned to CAPE DORE and along the coast to base.

b. Interception, A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground;

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed lost in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

c. Anti-Aircraft fire

- (1) Moderate, inaccurate M/G fire was received from the coast near the lugger on CAPE KAMELA.

d. Personnel casualties

- (1) Nil personnel of this squadron injured.

e. Damage to our A/P's

- (1) Nil damaged was sustained by our planes.

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4. CITATIONS

- a. Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendations of awards.

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs returned</u>	<u>.75mm</u>	<u>150 cal.</u>
438	0	3	3	800
434	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1600</u>
Totals	3	3	9	1800

6. SIGHTINGS

- a. Nil sightings.

7. No photos received.

For the Commanding Officer:

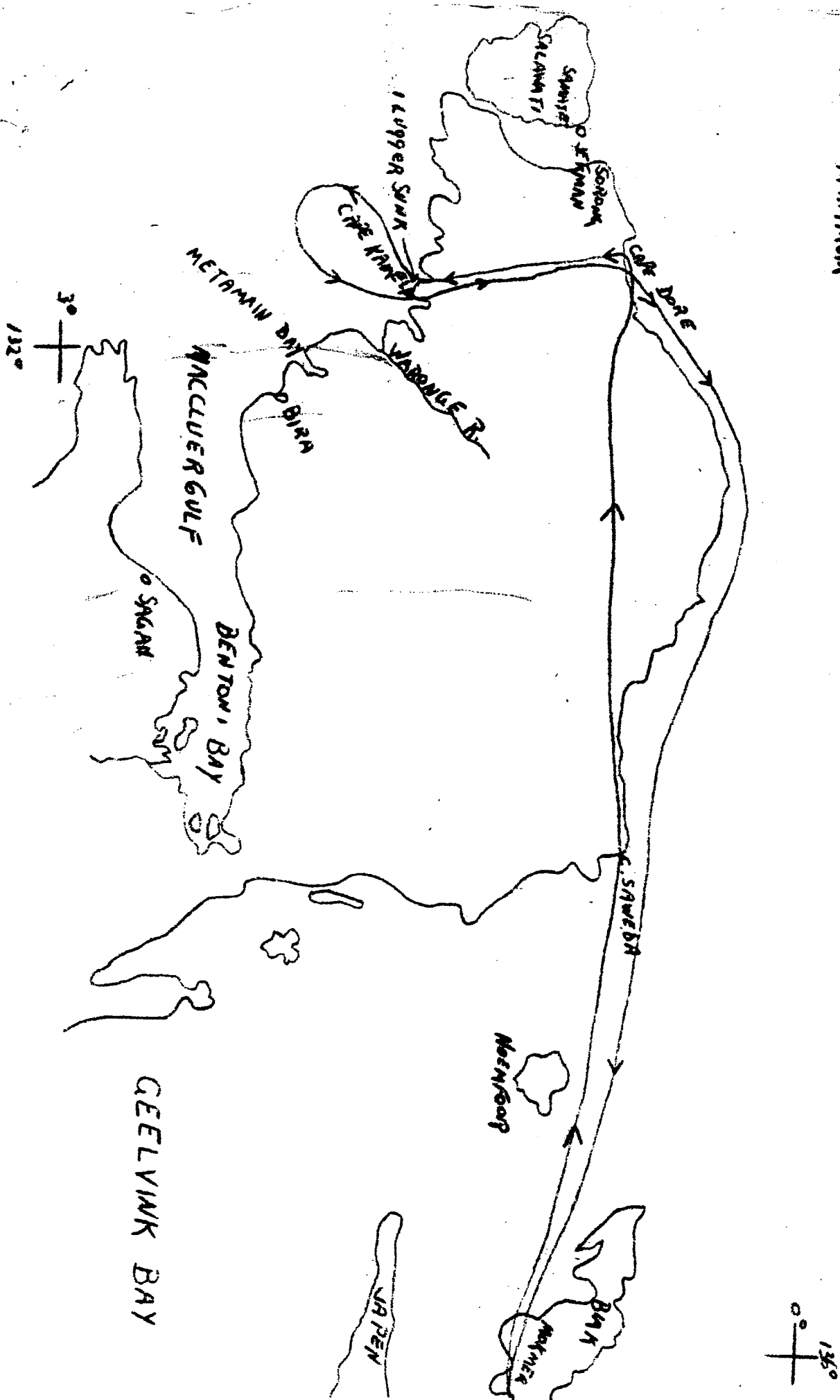
C.M. BOWEN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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1. Route in and out chart.

FFO 205-C-10 23 July 44
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 TIME OVER TARGET - 0830-0900/H
 ALT. - MINIMUM

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #985

27 July, 1944.

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission PPO 808-C-23, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 26 July 1944.
Objective: Air support MANORIBO VILLAGE to NAPIA RIVER (BIAX ISLAND).

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S, A-2, APO #985.

1. **GENERAL**

a. Primary objective was air support between MANORIBO VILLAGE and NAPIA RIVER (BIAX ISLAND). There was no secondary target. The mission was to be executed by six A/P's, 5 B26's and 1 B25D-2 loaded with 10 x 100 lb. 4/5 sec. delay fuse demo bombs and 21 x .75mm cannon shells. The attack was to be made from minimum altitude.

b. Rendezvous

The Squadron formed over MOKMER DRONE at BIAX.

c. Attack

(1) Six A/P's bombed and strafed villages and trails between MOKMER VILLAGE and NAPIA RIVER along coast. Four passes were made, covering villages and trails.

d. Time and location of:

Take off: MOKMER DRONE, 1640/K.

Attack: NAPIA RIVER to MOKMER VILLAGE, 1710/K to 1735/K.

Landing: MOKMER DRONE, 1800/K.

e. Route: MOKMER, to NAPIA RIVER, to MOKMER VILLAGE to MOKMER.

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2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

- a. The 498th Squadron led by Capt. Magee was the only squadron on the mission. The flight was as follows:

Capt. Magee	A/P 636
Lt. Moadam	454
Lt. Tuttle	434
Lt. Heblitt	160
Lt. Cranford	403
Lt. Stapleton	407

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

- a. Details of the attack - The planned mission, air support HAKORISO VILLAGE to NAPLA RIVER was completed as ordered. The formation of three flights of two planes each made four passes on the target.

Capt. Magee and Lt. Moadam of the first flight bombed and strafed target.

Lt. Stapleton and Lt. Tuttle of the second flight bombed and strafed same area.

Lt. Heblitt and Lt. Cranford of the third flight bombed and strafed same target.

- b. Interception. A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground;

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

c. Anti-aircraft fire

- (1) Nil A/A fire.

d. Personnel casualties

- (1) Nil personnel of this Squadron injured.

e. Damage to our A/P's

- (1) Nil airplanes of this Squadron damaged.

4. CITATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendations of awards.

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5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs salvaged</u>	<u>.75mm</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
656	0	10	0	----
455	9	1	12	700
434	10	0	21	4000
160	10	0	3	4000
408	10	0	21	3000
407	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3000</u>
Totals	49	11	75	14700

6. SIGHTINGS

a. Nil sightings.

7. Nil photots.

For the Commanding Officer:

R. KUSCHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

1 Incl.

1. Route in and out chart.

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498th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #920

28 July, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission WFO 209-C, performed
by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 27 July, 1944.
Objective: Shipping UTARON SW NEW GUINEA.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PEARL, Attention of A.C. of S,
A-2, A.P.O. #923.

1. GENERAL

a. Shipping was the primary objective of a search of
UTARON SW NEW GUINEA. Three B25H's of the 498th
Squadron were to attack shipping sighted at UTARON
on a morning mission. Each plane was loaded with
3 x 500 lb. 4/5 sec. delay fuse bombs, 21 x 75mm
and 4800 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition.

b. Rendezvous

The Squadron formed over MOKMER DRONE, BIAK.

c. Attack

(1) Three A/P's bombed and strafed 20 camouflaged
barges along the coast at the center of the
strip and along the dispersal area North of
the strip. Tracers were seen to enter barges
but extent of damage unknown. Three Sugar
Charlies and one schooner type vessel west
of the North end of the strip in KAMRAU BAY
were strafed. One truck on west side of
strip 1000 ft. North of South end of strip
was destroyed by 75mm canon. A direct hit
with 75mm was scored on an A/A position between
East dispersal area and strip 500 ft. SE of
North junction of East dispersal area and
strip. One direct bomb hit was made on mech-
anized equipment on East side of center of
strip. 75mm hits were made on A/A battery
of 8 guns on knoll 200 ft. from coast and
2200 ft. North of North end of strip (180150)
and on a heavy A/A position (090106). 3
bombs were dropped on a barge at jetty 200
ft. North of South end of strip. Barge be-
lieved destroyed. Radar station and sur-
rounding 20mm guns on tip of Cape directly

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South of South end of strip was strafed thoroughly. Station had wooden towers and appeared to be first class installation. 2 A/P's were damaged, one badly. Three crew members were injured, one seriously by A/A.

d. Time and location of:

Take Off: MOKMER, 1830/K.
Attack: UTARON, 1845/K.
Landing: MOKMER, 1800/K.

e. Route: BIAK, UTARON, RETURN.

2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

a. Squadron

Lt. Neblett led the attack.

Lt. Neblett	A/P 250
Lt. Leon	434
Lt. Boden	656

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. Details of the Attack - The three planes attacked in a shallow V formation from land to sea over UTARON A/D and KAIMANA Jetty. Installations trucks, equipment and barges were bombed and strafed on the first run. Lt. Boden bombed barracks and mechanized equipment in the Eastern dispersal area and strafed targets. Lt. Leon bombed a barge at KAIMANA and also strafed. Lt. Neblett strafed on the first run and released his bombs on a concentration of automatic weapons at the North end of the dispersal area.

The attack caught the enemy by surprise. Barges were moving in the bay and no opposition was made until the planes were over the bay. The formation circled and made a sea to land approach over the same area. A radar station on the tip South of the strip was strafed. Lt. Neblett destroyed a truck on the strip with 75mm cannon and scored hits on an A/A position. Lt. Leon got several hits on the A/A battery at the North end of the dispersal strip. Lt. Boden in #3 position strafed barges, installations and A/A positions on the 2nd pass.

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b. Interception. A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground;

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed lost in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

c. Anti-aircraft fire

- (1) Heavy, medium and light A/A fire was received from positions along the strip and coast. Fire was accurate and intense. Mortar fire was received from barges on the beach.

d. Personnel casualties

- (1) Charles E. Becker, radio gunner A/P 250, seriously injured.
Ward E. Hamilton, radio gunner A/P 656, head injury.
William M. Collier, photographer, A/P 250, back and head injury.

e. Damage to our A/P's

- (1) A/P 656 received holes in the rudder, flaps, upper fuselage in the radio compartment and in the fuselage beneath the pilot.
- (2) A/P 250 had the bombay doors shot off, the nose wheel damaged, radio compartment badly damaged and holes in the tail turret.

4. CITATIONS

- a. Charles E. Becker, Ward E. Hamilton and William M. Collier will be recommended for awards.

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>75mm</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
250	3	21	2400
434	3	15	2500
656	3	—	2400
	9	36	3500

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6. SIGHTINGS

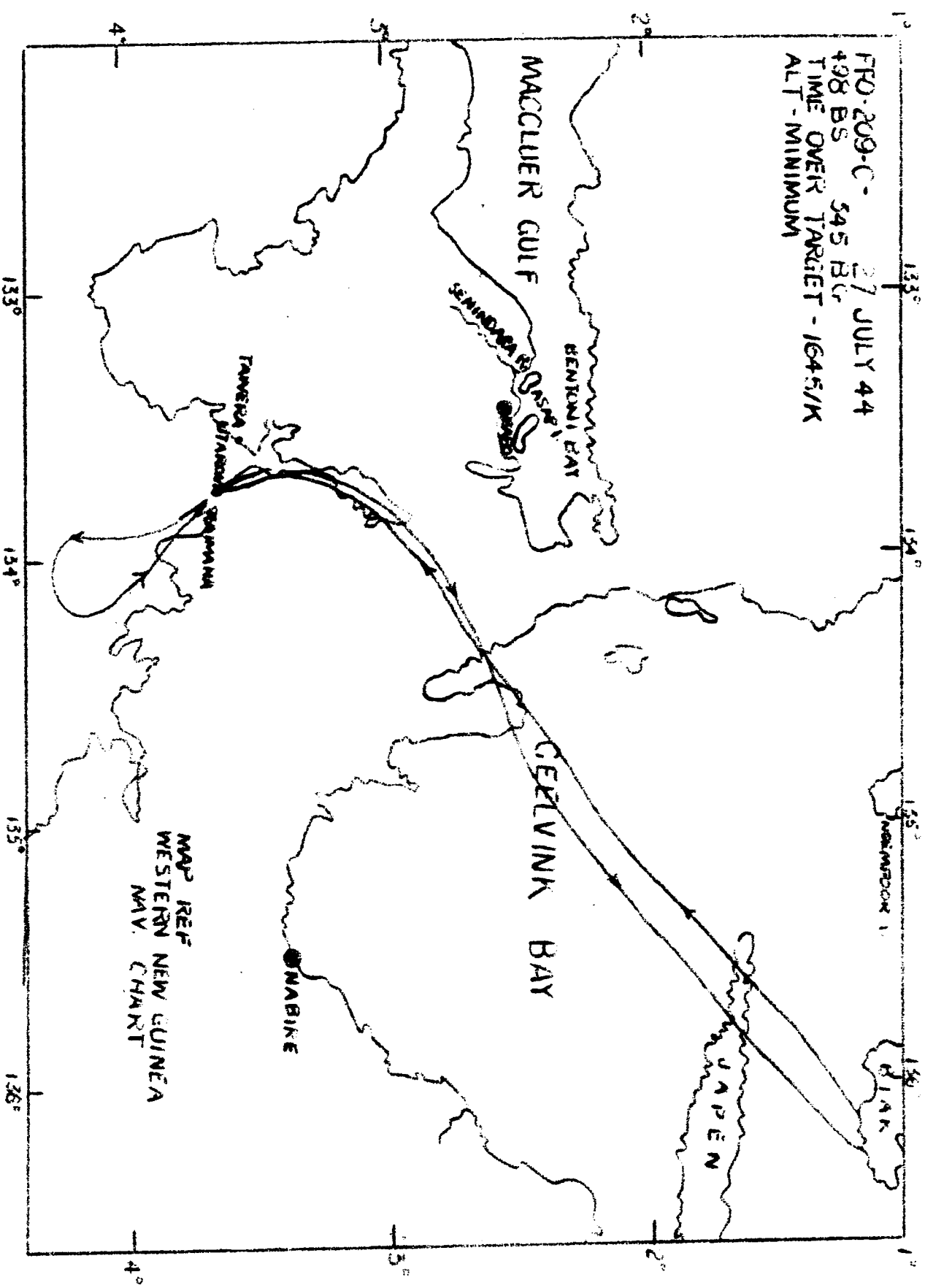
- a.** Twenty camouflaged barges dispersed along coast west of strip. Two Sugar Charlies and one sail vessel anchored 750 ft. west of North end of strip. Numerous trucks off coastal road west of strip. Radar station with two screens 20' x 20' on tip south of strip.

7. Nil photos developed.

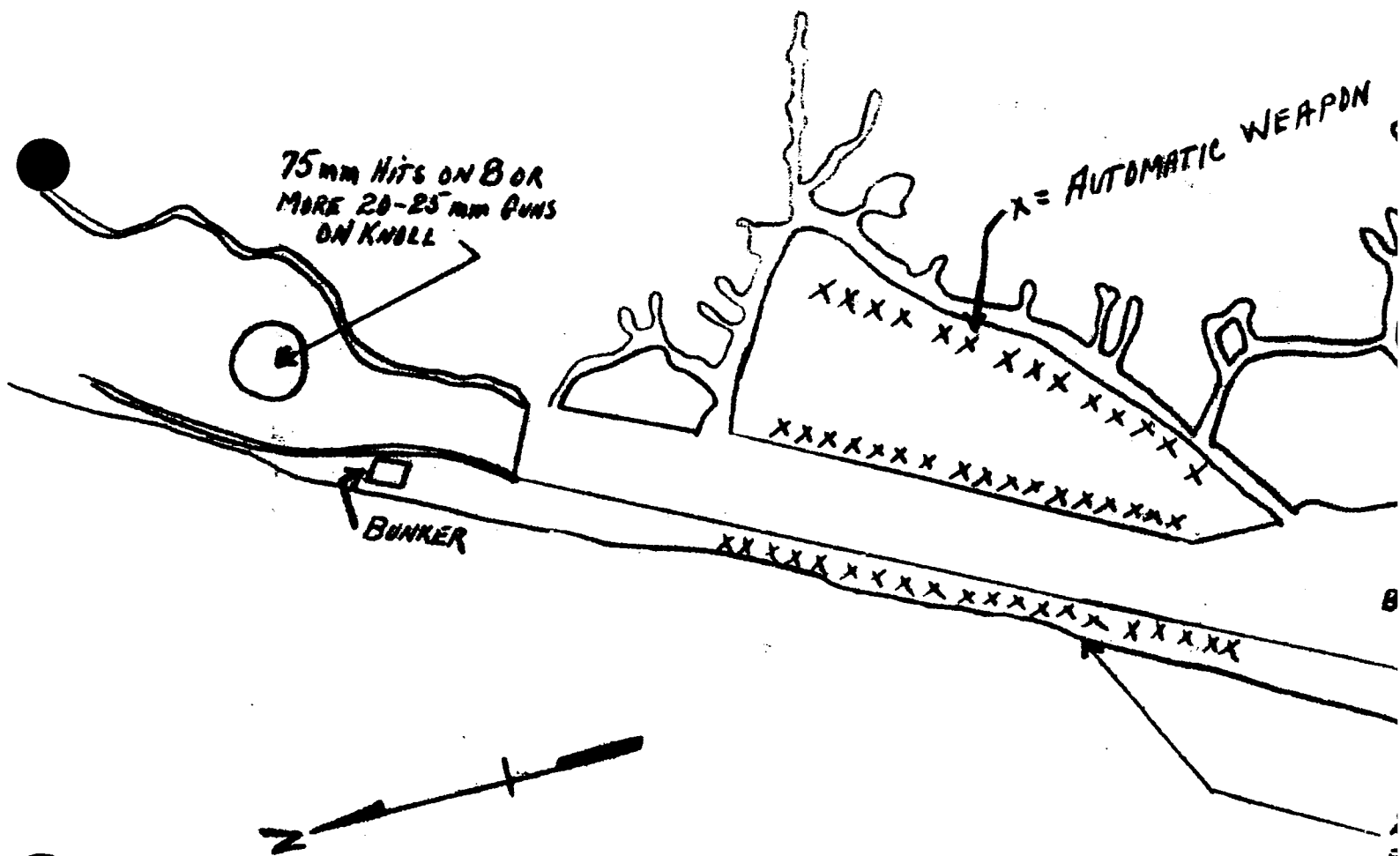
For the Commanding Officer:

**C.M. BOWEN,
Capt. Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.**

FFO-209-C- 27 JULY 44
498 BS 545 BG
TIME OVER TARGET - 1645/K
ALT - MINIMUM



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498 B.S. 345 B.G.
3 A/P - 9-500M - 4-5 SEC.
X = AUTOMATIC WEAPON FIRE



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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #920

28 July, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission WFO 209-C-9, performed
by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 27 July, 1944.
Objective: Shipping search of "K" Sector.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S, A-2,
APO #925.

1. **GENERAL**

a. Primary objective was shipping search along East coast of Halmaheras Sector "K". No secondary target. Four B25H-5's of the 498th Squadron were to be used on the mission. Each A/P was loaded with 10 x 100 lb. 4/5 sec. delay fuse bombs, 21 x 75mm canon shells and 4600 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition.

b. **Rendezvous**

The Squadron formed over MOKMER DROME AT BLAK.

c. **Attack**

(1) Four A/P's completed mission with nil sighting. Bombs were dropped in villages off Cape Wajamli (East coast of Halmaheras).

d. **Time and location of:**

Take off: MOKMER DROME, 0900/K.
Attack: CAPE WAJAMLI, 1245/K.
Landing: NOEMPOOR KEMEK, 1615
Take off: NOEMPOOR, 1750/K.
Landing: MOKMER DROME, 1840/K.

e. **Route:** MOKMER, MOROTAI ISLAND, BULI BAY, NOEM-
FOOR ISLAND, MOKMER DROME.

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2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

- a. The 498th Squadron led by Lt. Girdler was the only squadron on the mission. The flights were as follows:

Lt. Girdler	A/P 425
Lt. Praxler	453
Lt. Johnson	451
Lt. Miller	436

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

- a. Details of the attack - The planned mission search sector "K" was completed as ordered. There were no ships sighted so bombs were dropped in CAPE WAJAKLI. On return the A/P's landed at WOMBPOOR ISLAND due to bad weather in vicinity.

- b. Interception. A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground:

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

c. Anti-aircraft fire

- (1) Nil A/A fire.

d. Personnel casualties

- (1) Nil personnel of this Squadron injured.

e. Damage to our A/P's

- (1) Nil airplanes of this squadron damaged.

4. CITATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendations of awards.

5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE

A/P	bombs dropped	bombs returned	75mm	.50 cal.
425	3	0	0	----
453	2	1	0	----
451	3	0	0	----
436	3	0	0	----
	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-600</u>
Totals	11	1	0	600

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6. SIGHTINGS

- a. At JIEW ISLAND at 1808/K, one u/d airplane was sighted flying a heading 110 degrees at 900 ft. elevation. The A/P was approximately 30 miles away and turned North after flying parallel for 30 minutes.

7. Kil photos

For the Commanding Officer:

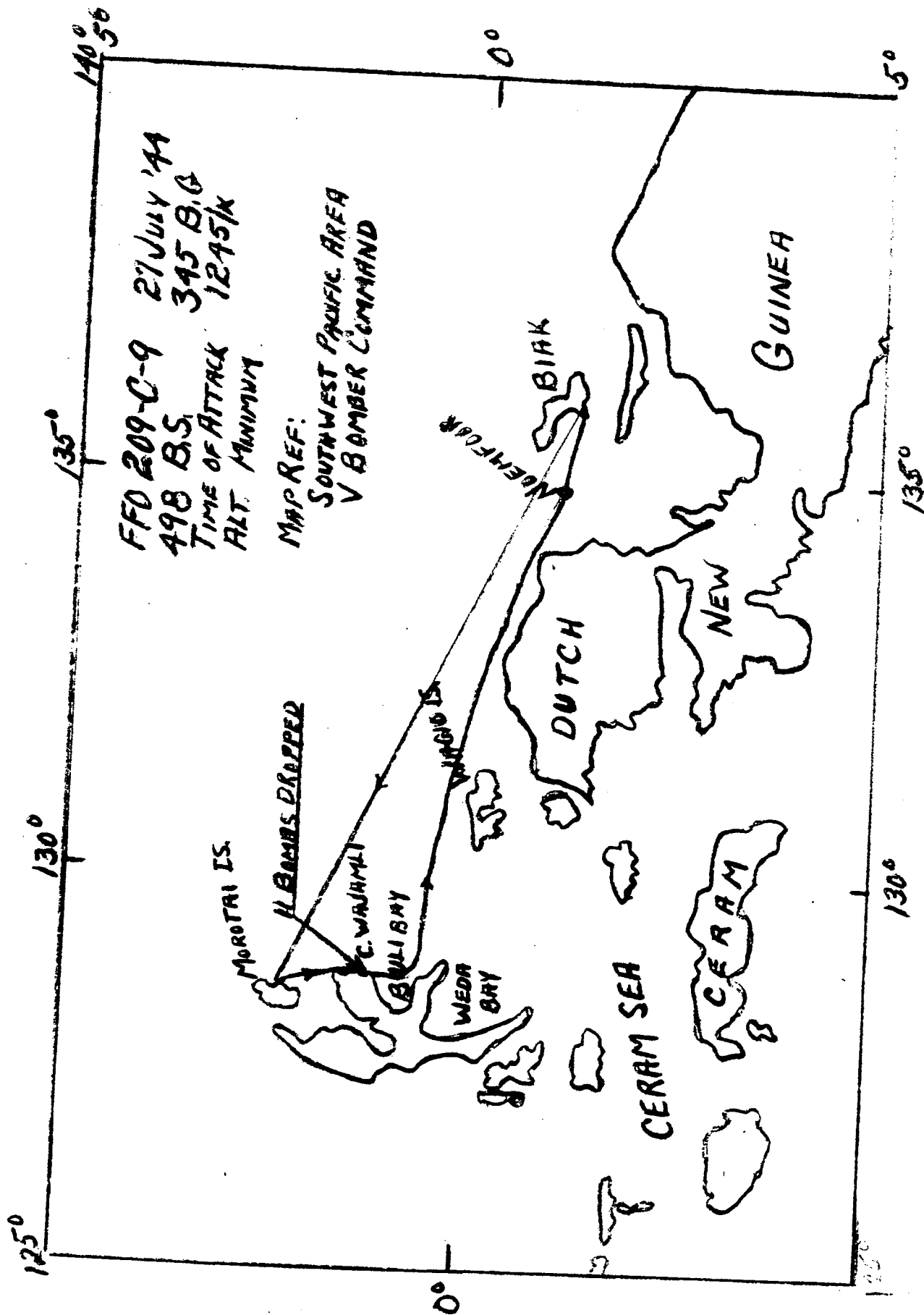
R. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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1. Route in and out chart.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
545TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #980

28 July, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission FVO 200-c-21, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 27 July, 1944.
Objective: Shipping and barge sweep SW New Guinea.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S, A-2, APO #985.

1. GENERAL

a. Shipping was the primary objective of the search through the MAC CLUEN GULF and around UTARON in SW NEW GUINEA. A suspected radar station tentatively located nine miles SW BANO was the secondary target. Four B25's of the 498th Squadron were to execute the mission. Each plane was loaded with 3 x 500 lb. 4/5 sec. delay fuse bombs, 21 x 75mm and 4500 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition.

b. Reconnoitering

The Squadron formed enroute.

c. Attack

(1) Three planes reaching target sank one lugger type vessel going from KAIMANA to TAGIHI with 3 hits of 75mm cannon which blew off a large section of one side of the vessel. Vessel had stack in the center, no masts and unbroken deck and was the size of a small Sugar Charlie or large lugger. One Sugar Charlie unloading supplies at KAIMANA jetty, supplies and personnel were strafed. One near miss with a 500 lb. bomb was made on the Sugar Charlie. Houses and 8/10 barges at KAIMANA VILLAGE were also strafed and damaged. One barge going from TOWERA to UTARON was strafed and damaged, one bomb dropped fell short. Barge started going in circles but was not seen to catch fire. 2 x 500 lb. bombs bracketed buildings and radar station on the point East of the mouth of the SEMINDARA RIVER SW BANO. Buildings and station were strafed.

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d. Time and location of:

Take Off: MOKMOR DRONE, BIAK, 0615/K
Attack: Shipping 0615 - 0830/K and 1005/K.
Radar station, Bako, 0830 - 0845/K.
Landing: MOKMOR DRONE, 1115/K, 1150/K and 1845/K.

e. Route: BIAK, UTARON, BABO, BIAK, 2nd flight;
BIAK, BABO, KOKAS, PAK PAK, UTARON,
BIAK, 1st flight.

2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

a. Capt. Magee led the 496th Squadron in the attack.

Capt. Magee	A/P 250
Lt. Lamb	424
Lt. Stapleton	160
Lt. Gilstrap	442

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. Details of the attack - The formation taking off in the dark did not form immediately and weather enroute kept the planes separated in two flights of two planes each. The first flight circled a front running SW NOKMOR to the North. The #2 plane became separated in the weather and Capt. Magee continued on alone searching ANAP ISLAND for the radar station. At KOKAS two barges were sighted but A/A fire covered the location. A lugger just off shore at TAGIRI was sunk with 3 hits of 75mm cannon fire. Two 20mm guns on the vessel concentrated on Capt. Magee as he made his approach. Lt. Lamb got a bearing after being lost in the weather and landed 1845/K.

Lt. Stapleton leading the second flight circled south of the stern in GREENVINE BAY and with his wingman attacked UTARON strafing a sugar Charlie, stores and personnel at KAINARA jetty. Houses and 2/10 barges at KAINARA were also strafed. The two planes circled over the bay and came in for a second run but intense, accurate A/A from positions along the straits and coast prevented pressing the attack. The formation turned left off shore and bombed and strafed a barge approaching UTARON from TOWERA. The barge was damaged. The radar station was located on the mainland on a point NW of BABO and on the East bank of the mouth of the SEMINDARA RIVER. The station was strafed but the bombs bracketed the installation.

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b. Interception. A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground.

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

c. Anti-aircraft fire.

- (1) Heavy A/A was received from batteries 800 ft. North of the South end of of UTARON strip and from a position on the point west of the North end of the strip. Medium and light fire was received from positions along the coast at KAIMARA VILLAGE and around the coast of KAIMARA BAY. 88mm fire was received from two guns mounted on vessel attached. One heavy A/A position mounted on a low hill at KOKAS fired at plane which kept just out of range.

d. Personnel casualties

- (1) Nil personnel of this Squadron injured.

e. Damage to our A/P's

- (1) A/P 442 was holed in three places.

4. CITATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendations of awards.

5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs returned</u>	<u>bombs salvaged</u>	<u>75mm</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
442	1	2	0	10	1500
260	1	2	0	10	800
424	0	0	0	0	0
160	2	0	1	4	1200
Totals	4	4	1	24	2500

6. SIGHTINGS

- a. 0940/K, 2 barges were sighted among islands in Sekar Bay.

- b. KARAKATOE IS. in KAMARAE BAY was occupied and appeared to be well used.

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- c. Strip at UTARON WAS in good condition.
 - d. Jetty at KAIMANA VILLAGE and shore facilities indicated large amount of use.
 - e. One sugar Charlie was stationary in KAIMANA BAY.
 - f. Radar station NY BABO had good buildings and well kept gardens.
7. Fil photos received.

For the Commanding Officer:

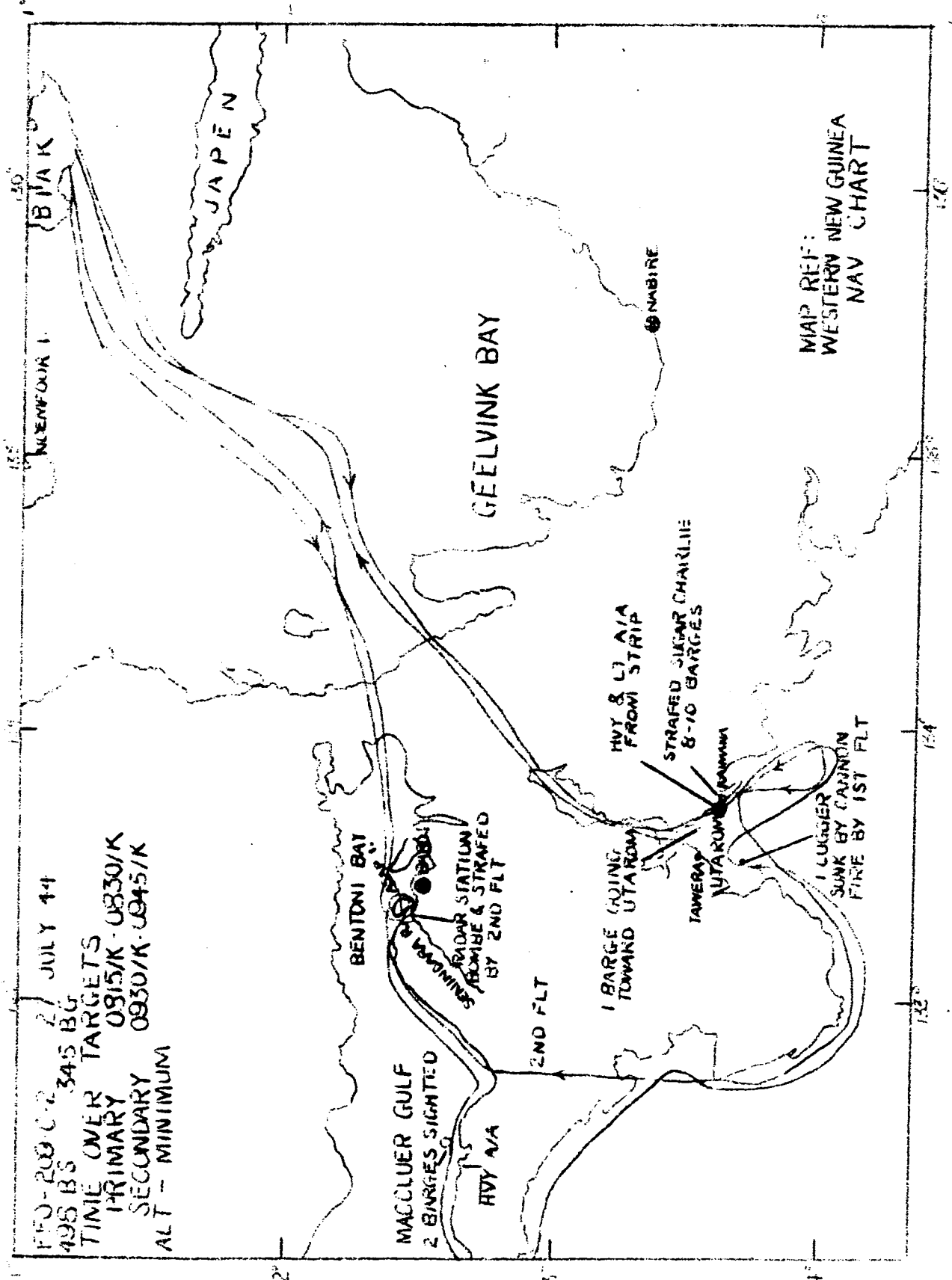
C.M. BOWEN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

1 Incl.

- 1. Route in and out chart.

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 495 BS 345 BG
 TIME OVER TARGETS
 PRIMARY 0915/K-0830/K
 SECONDARY 0930/K-0945/K
 ALT - MINIMUM

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAP
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAP
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #920

30 July, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission WFO 211-C-17, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 29 July, 1944. Objective: Shipping and barge sweep, CAPE TONGERAI to KAMARAU BAY (UTAROM). Secondary target; barge sweep CAPE MOEPI.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PFAF, Attention of A. C. of S, A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. GENERAL

a. Shipping was the primary objective of the search along coast between CAPE TONGERAI to KAMARAU BAY (UTAROM). The secondary objective was a barge sweep along coast off CAPE MOEPI. Four B25H's of the 498th Squadron were to execute the mission. Each plane was loaded with 10 x 100 lb. 4/5 sec. delay fuse demo bombs, 21 x 75mm and 4000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition. Attack was to be from minimum altitude.

b. Rendezvous

The Squadron formed enroute.

c. Attack

(1) Four airplanes reached target with nil sighting, continued to CAPE FATAGA where a barge and a large sail boat were bombed with 16 x 100 lb. 4/5 sec. delay demo bombs and strafed with 5 x 75mm and 5000 x .50 cal. ammunition. The vessels were hit and damaged but did not sink. One airplane made a forced water landing 10 miles NE of CAPE FATAGA at 1040/K. The plane sank immediately, three survivors were seen in life raft. The left engine was on fire, as plane started to crash. Catalina was contacted and message acknowledged. Two planes circled raft for thirty minutes before returning leaving third plane covering crew. This plane circled life-raft from 1040/K to 1300/K keeping

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contact with Catalinas. Cats or P-38's had not arrived when plane left. Three men were in life-raft 3 miles off shore at 08° 48' S 132° 00' E and were rowing NE. The survivors were picked up later by a Catalina.

d. Time and location of:

Take Off: MOHMER DRONE, BIAK, 0720/K.
Attack: SHIPPING, 1120/K.
Landing: MOHMER DRONE, BIAK, 2 A/P's 1220/K;
1 A/P 1420/K.

e. Route: BIAK, KAMRAU BAY, CAPE TONGKRAI, CAPE PATAGA, MAC CLUER GULF, BENTONI BAY, BIAK.

2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

a. Lt. Best led the 498th Squadron in the attack.

Lt. Best	A/P 458
Lt. Gilstrap	424
Lt. Frasier	160
Lt. Miller	407

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. Details of the Attack - Four A/P's in two plane flights made three passes at minimum altitude on barge and sail boat off CAPE PATAGA. Lt. Best led the first flight. The barge was bombed and strafed on first two passes. The third pass Lt. Best made a force water landing. Lt. Gilstrap had no bomb hits but vessels were damaged by strafing. Lt. Gilstrap circled three survivors in life-raft till 1300/K before returning to base. Lt. Frasier led the second flight which made three passes bombing and strafing the barge and sail boat. There were no bomb hits but vessels were damaged by strafing. This flight circled survivors in life-raft for 30 minutes before returning to base.

b. Interception, A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground:

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed lost in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

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c. Anti-aircraft fire

(1) Nil A/A fire.

d. Personnel casualties

(1) A/P 458, Lt. Robert D. Best, O-807962, pilot, slight shock.
A/P 458, Lt. Leif E. Espevik, O-745789, Bomb-Navigator, killed.
A/P 458, T/Sgt Robert J. Dow, 33555373, radio-gunner, slight lacerations and shock.
A/P 458, S/Sgt Andrew Delgado, 39123361, eng-gunner, killed.
A/P 458, S/Sgt Holloway B. Pittman, 34393352, Cannoneer-gunner, killed.
A/P 458, Pvt. Harold G. Neal, 18123772, aerial gunner, slight laceration and shock.

e. Damage to our A/P's

(1) A/P 458 destroyed. Left engine was on fire before crashing.

4. CITATIONS

a. Lt. Robert D. Best, Lt. Leif E. Espevik, T/Sgt Robert J. Dow, S/Sgt Andrew Delgado, S/Sgt Holloway B. Pittman and Pvt. Harold G. Neal will be recommended for awards.

5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs salvoed</u>	<u>75mm</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
458	--	--	--	--
424	6	4	0	3200
160	0	10	0	800
407	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1000</u>
Totals	16	14	5	5000

6. SIGHTINGS

a. Nil other sightings.

7. Nil photos developed.

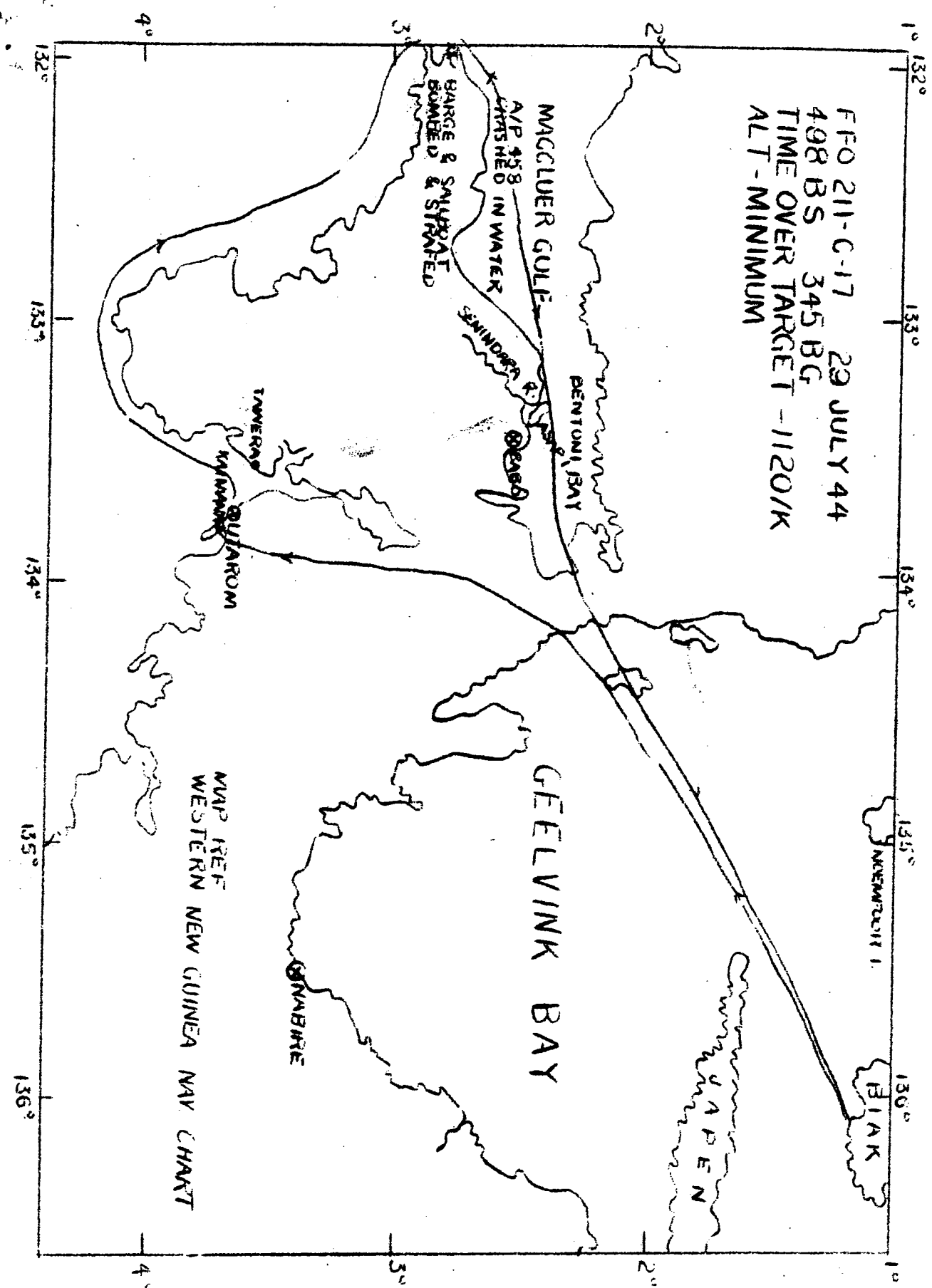
For the Commanding Officer:

R. KURCHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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1. Route in and out chart.

F-105 211-C-17 29 JULY 44
408 BS 345 BG
TIME OVER TARGET - 1120/K
ALT - MINIMUM



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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #920

3 August, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission PFO 214-C-7, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 1 August, 1944.
Objective: Armed reconnaissance, MACCLUER GULF, MISOOL ISLAND.
No secondary target.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FMAF, Attention of A. C. of S, A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. GENERAL

a. Shipping was the primary objective of the search along NORTH coast of MACCLUER GULF to MISOOL ISLAND. Three B-25H-5's and one B-25H-1 of the 498th Squadron were to execute the mission. Each plane was loaded with 3 x 500 lb. 4/5 second delay fuse demo. bombs, 21 x 75 mm and 4600 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition. Attack was to be made from minimum altitude.

b. Rendezvous

The Squadron formed over MOKMER DROME (BIAK ISLAND).

c. Attack

(1) Three planes reporting sank one 200 ton lugger in GEBOKEN ISLAND (KOBOK ISLAND) with six direct hits of 75 mm cannon fire. Bow was blown off the vessel and hits were scored amidship. One barge in cove NORTH side of CAPE was sunk with 75 mm cannon fire. One 100 ton lugger at SAILOLAP VILLAGE jetty on SALAWATI ISLAND was damaged in two strafing attacks. Another village was also strafed. BIRA VILLAGE was strafed in a single run. Two buildings were destroyed on WEST side of river at BIRA VILLAGE, one by cannon fire and one with 1 x 500 lb. 4/5 sec. delay fuse demo. bomb. One plane (A/P 332) hit coconut trees during second pass on the lugger at GEBOKEN ISLAND breaking wing and rudder and going directly into the sea. Nil survivors.

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d. Time and Location of:

Take Off: MOKMER DROME, BIAK, 0750/K.
Attack: BIRA VILLAGE, 0935/K.
Landing: KABOE ISLAND, 1020/K to 1050/K.
Landing: MOKMER DROME, BIAK, 1255/K.

e. ROUTE: BIAK, MACGLUER GULF, KABOE ISLAND, MAC-
GLUER GULF, BIAK.

2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

a. CAPT. MAGEE led the Squadron in the attack.

Capt. Magee	A/P 331
Lt. Cranford	453
Lt. Miller	332
Lt. Leon	442

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. Details of the attack - Four A/P's in two plane flights made one pass at minimum altitude on BIRA VILLAGE. Capt. Magee dropped 1 x 500 lb. 4/5 sec. delay fuse demo. bomb with a direct hit on a building. He also strafed and had 75 mm. canon hits on buildings. Lt. Cranford strafed with 75 mm and .50 cal. with no observed hits. Lt. Leon also strafed BIRA VILLAGE and lugger which sank. The A/P's then broke up into single plane flights. At CAPE WINSOP, Lt. Leon sank a barge with 75 mm and .50 cal. fire. At GEBOKEN ISLAND, Capt. Magee strafed a 200 ton camouflaged lugger anchored off shore, with direct 75 mm hits in bow and amidship, the bow was blown off. Lt. Cranford dropped 2 x 500 lb. 4/5 sec. delay fuse demo. bombs which fell short of lugger. Strafing he had 2 x 75 mm hits in bow. Lt. Cranford made two passes at lugger anchored to pier at SALLALOF VILLAGE. One bomb fell short, lugger was strafed with unobserved damage. Lt. Leon strafed a 200 ton lugger at GEBOKEN ISLAND, and strafed SALLALOG VILLAGE. In GEBOKEN ISLAND, Lt. Miller during his second pass on lugger hit tops of coconut trees breaking wing and rudder and going directly into the sea. Nil survivors.

b. Interception, A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground;

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed lost in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

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c. Anti-aircraft fire

(1) Nil A/A fire.

d. Personnel casualties

(1) A/P 332, Lt. J. Miller, O-748451,
pilot, killed.
A/P 332, Lt. B. C. Stricklin, O-681830,
Bomb-navigator, killed.
A/P 332, S/Sgt. J. G. Flintom, 34606673,
Radio-gunner, killed.
A/P 332, Sgt. H. W. Johnson, 38443844,
engineer-gunner, killed.
A/P 332, Sgt. J. P. Rogers, 6285604,
aerial-gunner, killed.
A/P 332, H. J. Szalanski, 33430131,
cannoneer-gunner, killed.

e. Damage to our A/P's

(1) A/P 332 destroyed. A/P hit coconut trees
breaking wing and rudder before crashing into
the sea.

4. CITATIONS

a. Lt. J. Miller, Lt. B.C. Stricklin, S/Sgt. J. G.
Flintom, Sgt. H.W. Johnson, Sgt. J. P. Rogers, and
Sgt. H. J. Szalanski will be recommended for an award.

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs returned</u>	<u>75 mm</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
332	--	--	--	--
331	3	0	21	500
453	3	0	21	1400
442	0	3	5	2300
Totals	6	3	47	4200

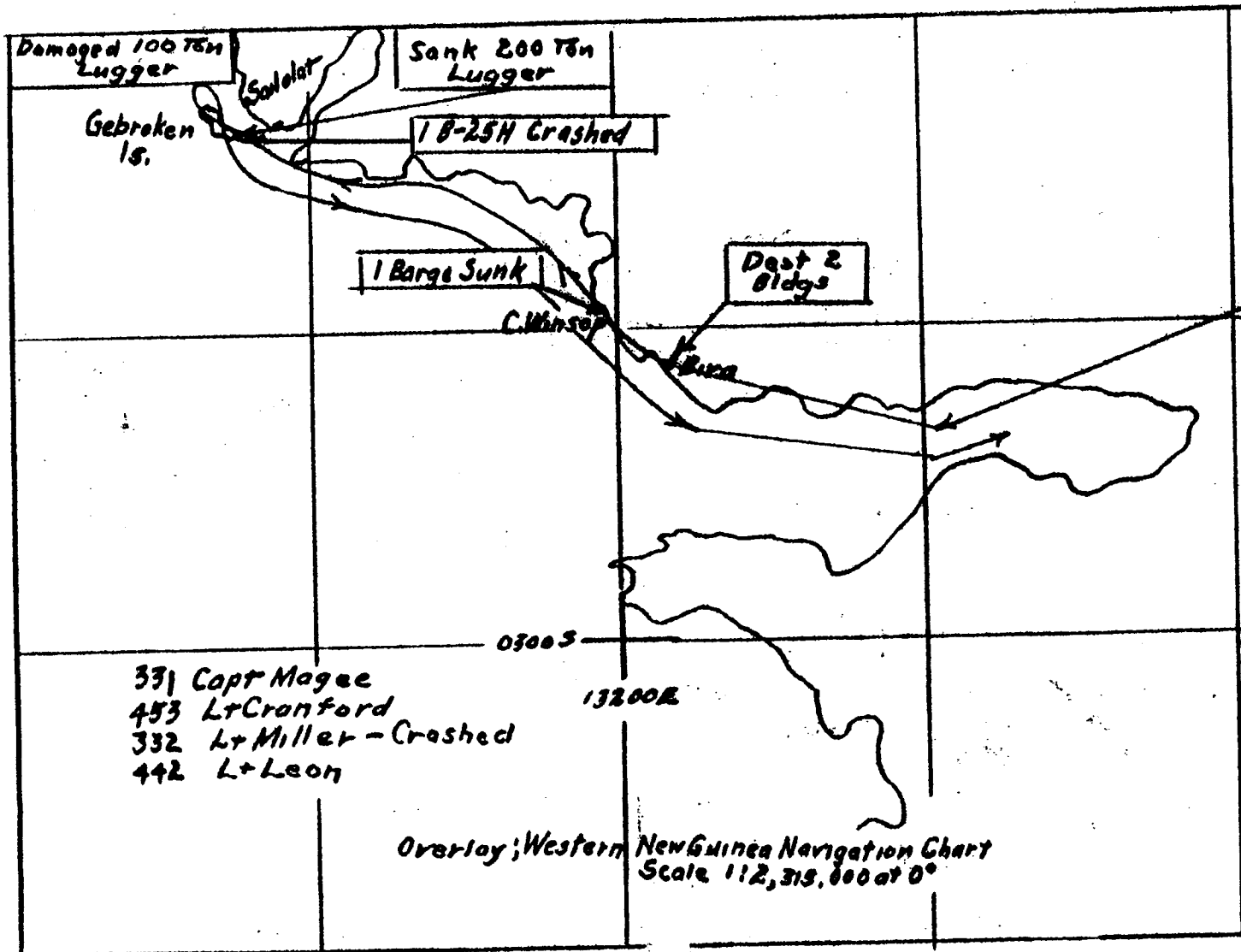
6. SIGHTINGS

a. At 0910, camouflaged barge, CAHE MINGARI, (SEBJAR
RIVER).

7. Nil photos developed.

For the Commanding Officer:

R. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer



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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
346TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #920

3 August, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission PPO 216-C-8, performed
by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 3 August, 1944.
Objective: Ground support, KORIM BAY, BIAK ISLAND.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. GENERAL

a. Ground support for a landing at KORIM BAY on the
NORTH side of BIAK ISLAND was the primary objective.
Three flights of three planes each were to take off
at fifteen minute intervals and attack in single
planes in trail formation, each flight being over
the target ten minutes. Each plane was loaded with
12 x 100 lb. 8/11 sec. delay fuse bombs, 21 x 75 mm
and 4600 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition.

b. Rendezvous

The flights formed enroute to the target.

c. Attack

(1) Three planes dropped 36 x 100 8/11 sec. delay
fuse bombs and used 37 x 75mm and 4200 x .50
cal. rounds of ammo in two minimum altitude
attacks along the limestone cliffs on the EAST
side of KORIM BAY between CAPE SHERISEANI and
the SOUTH end of the Bay. Three planes dropped
30 x 100 lb. bombs and used 43 x 75mm and 4200
x .50 cal. rounds of ammo in one pass along the
coast between JOEDI VILLAGE and the SOUTH end
of KORIM BAY and along the trail parallel to
the coast and one fourth mile inland between
the same points. Three planes dropped 36 x
100 lb. bombs and used 38 x 75mm and 6000 x .50
cal. rounds of ammo between the jetty and the
WEST side of the Lagoon on the SOUTH bank of
the KORIM RIVER and along the SOUTH side of
KORIM BAY.

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d. Time and location of:

Take Off: MOKMER DRONE, BIAK. 1st Flight 0702/K
2nd Flight 0715/K
3rd Flight 0730/K
Attack: KORIM BAY - 1st Flight 0715/K to 0725/K
2nd Flight 0730/K to 0740/K
3rd Flight 0745/K to 0757/K
Landing: MOKMER DRONE, BIAK. 1st Flight 0745/K
2nd Flight 0800/K
3rd Flight 0825/K

e. Route: Direct to target and return.

2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

a. Each flight operated separately.

Lt. Boden	A/P 160	Lt. Leon	A/P 454	Lt. Girdler	A/P 331
Lt. Cooper	407	Lt. Fable	434	Lt. Smith	442
Lt. McKinney	436	Lt. Frazier	453	Lt. McAdams	425

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. Details of the Attack - The first flight attacked in single snip elements making two runs from minimum altitude along the EAST side of KORIM BAY beginning at CAH SNERIZBARI.

The second flight made the same type of attack as the first bombing and strafing the coast from JOBDI VILLAGE to the SOUTH end of KORIM BAY on the first run and bombing and strafing a trail one-fourth mile inland between the same points.

The third flight also attacked in single plane elements bombing and strafing the EAST bank of the KORIM RIVER from KORIM BAY past KORIM VILLAGE and bombing and shelling a cave on the WEST edge of a lagoon 2 1/2 miles SOUTH of the river's mouth. The SOUTH shore of KORIM BAY was bombed and strafed on the withdrawal. Lt. McAdam contacted the naval force and notified them that the attack was completed and received acknowledgement. Two red flares were also fired.

b. Interception, A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground:

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed lost in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

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c. Anti-aircraft fire

(1) Nil A/A fire.

d. Personnel casualties

(1) Nil casualties.

e. Damage to our A/P's

(1) Nil damage to our planes.

4. CITATIONS

a. Nil citations being recommended for crews participating.

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs returned</u>	<u>75 mm.</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
160	12	0	4	700
407	12	0	14	1700
436	12	0	21	1200
331	12	0	14	1700
442	12	0	13	3300
425	12	0	21	300
454	12	0	14	1900
434	12	0	12	1500
453	6	6	65	2500
	<u>102</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>15300</u>

6. SIGHTINGS

a. Nil additional sightings.

7. Nil photos developed.

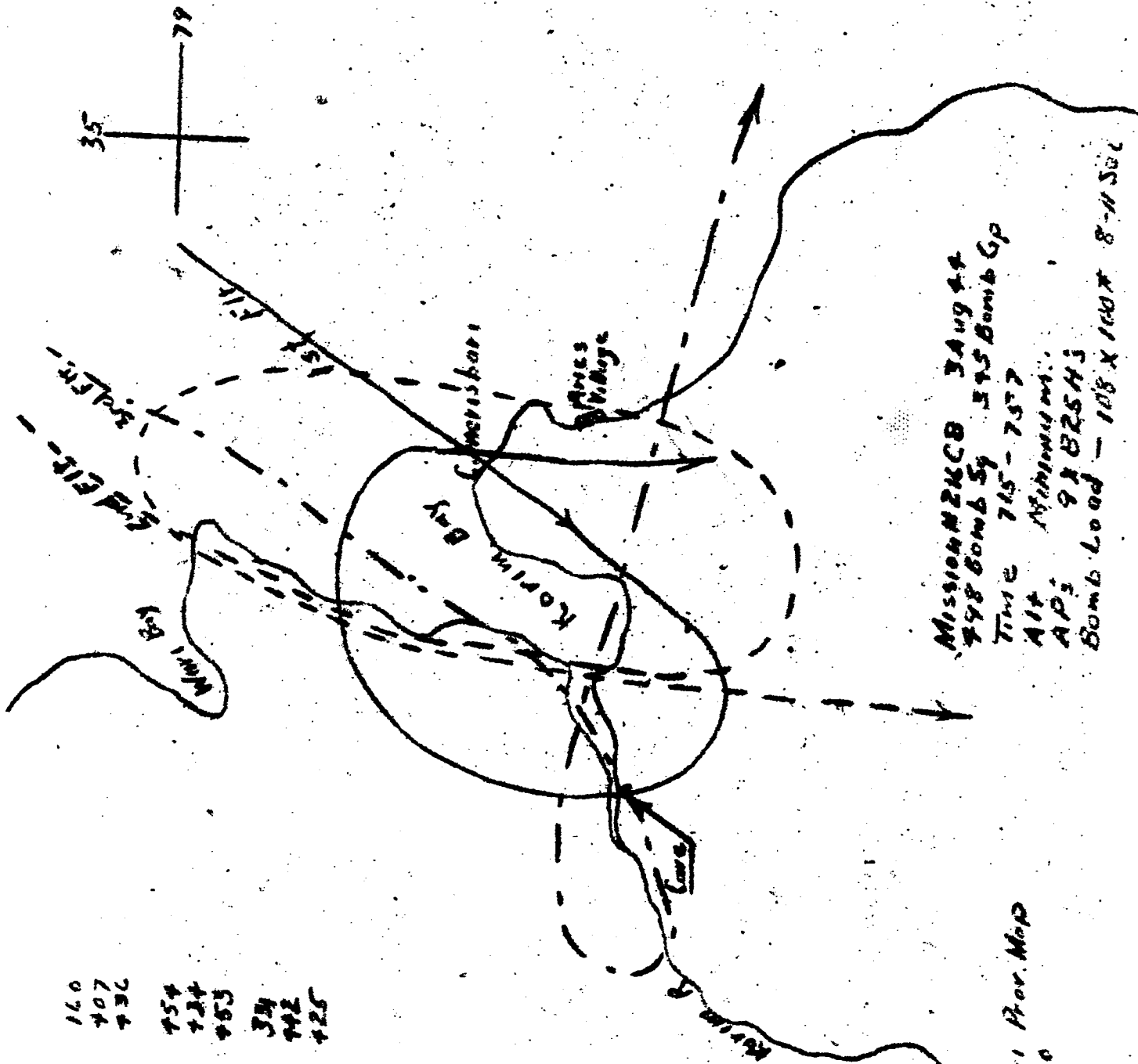
For the Commanding Officer :

C. M. BOWEN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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1. Route in and out chart.

- 1 Flr { 1 Lt Boden 140
 2 Lt Cooper 407
 3 Lt McKinney 436
 - 2 Flr { 4 Lt Leach 454
 5 Lt Fobole 424
 6 Lt Frazier 453
 - 3 Flr { 7 Lt Girdler 324
 8 Lt Smith 442
 9 Lt Mc Adams 425



Mission M2KCB 3 Aug 44
 498 Bomb Sq 395 Bomb Gp
 Time 715 - 737
 Alt Minimum
 AP: 91 BR543
 Bomb Load - 108 X 140 X 8-H 360

Overlay: C. Macfarlane Prov. Map
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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #920

12 August, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission WFO 824-A-5, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 11 August, 1944.
Objective: TEMINABORAN VILLAGE, NW NEW GUINEA.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S, A-2, APO #925.

1. GENERAL

a. Enemy personnel in TEMINABORAN VILLAGE was the objective of a bombing and strafing attack executed by six B25-H's. Each A/P carried 3 x 500 lb. 4/5 sec. delay fuse bombs, 21 x 75mm and 4600 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition.

b. Rendezvous

The Squadron formed enroute to the target.

c. Attack

(1) Six planes reaching target made four attacks in two plane elements dropping 17 x 500 lb. 4/5 sec. delay fuse bombs and expending 87 x 75 mm and 18000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammo in strafing. Direct bomb hits destroyed structures in the center of the village in which Japs were reported hiding. Bomb hits were also made on the supply areas adjacent to the mission and between the mission and waterfall. Two bombs hits destroyed the native structure across the river from the village which was reported to house 60 of the enemy. All structures were strafed thoroughly and cannon hits in the center of the village added to the destruction.

d. Time and location of:

Take off: MOKMER A/D, BIAK, 1055/K.

Attack: TEMINABORAN VILLAGE, 1300/K to 1320/K.

Landing: MOKMER A/D, 1525/K.

e. Route: BIAK, MACCLUER GULF, direct to target and return.

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

2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

- a. The 498th Squadron led by Lt. FRAZIER, was the only Squadron on the mission. The flights were as follows:

Lt. Frazier	A/P 453	Lt. Neadan	A/P 425
Lt. Gilstrap	451	Lt. McKinney	436
Lt. Granford	454	Lt. Heblett	331

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

- a. Details of the attack - The six planes formed into three flights of two planes on the approach to the target. The first attack was made from WEST to EAST. Structures known to house Japanese were attacked on the first run to take advantage of surprise and prevent the escape of the enemy in the forest. Each of the four passes was made from a different direction in order to cover every section of the village. All huts were strafed thoroughly and the huts containing enemy were bombed. A small fire was started in the dump nearest the mission. After the attack, Lt. Heblett circled the target and pictures were taken of the village.
- b. Interception. A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground:
- (1) Nil interception.
 - (2) Nil Allied planes observed destroyed in the air.
 - (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
 - (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.
- c. Anti-aircraft fire
- (1) Light M/G fire of slight intensity was reported by one crew.
- d. Personnel casualties
- (1) Nil personnel of this Squadron injured.

4. CITATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendations of awards.

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5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE

A/R	bombs dropped	bombs returned	75 mm	.50 cal.
453	2	1	16	2830
451	3	0	8	2400
434	2	0	12	3540
425	3	0	21	1200
436	3	0	~~21~~	~~4000~~
331	3	0	~~21~~	~~4000~~
	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>15,100</u>
Totals	17	1		

6. SIGHTINGS

a. Trails were well used. Six individuals were seen to leap into the river during the attack.

7. Nil photos were received in time for the report.

for the Commanding Officer;

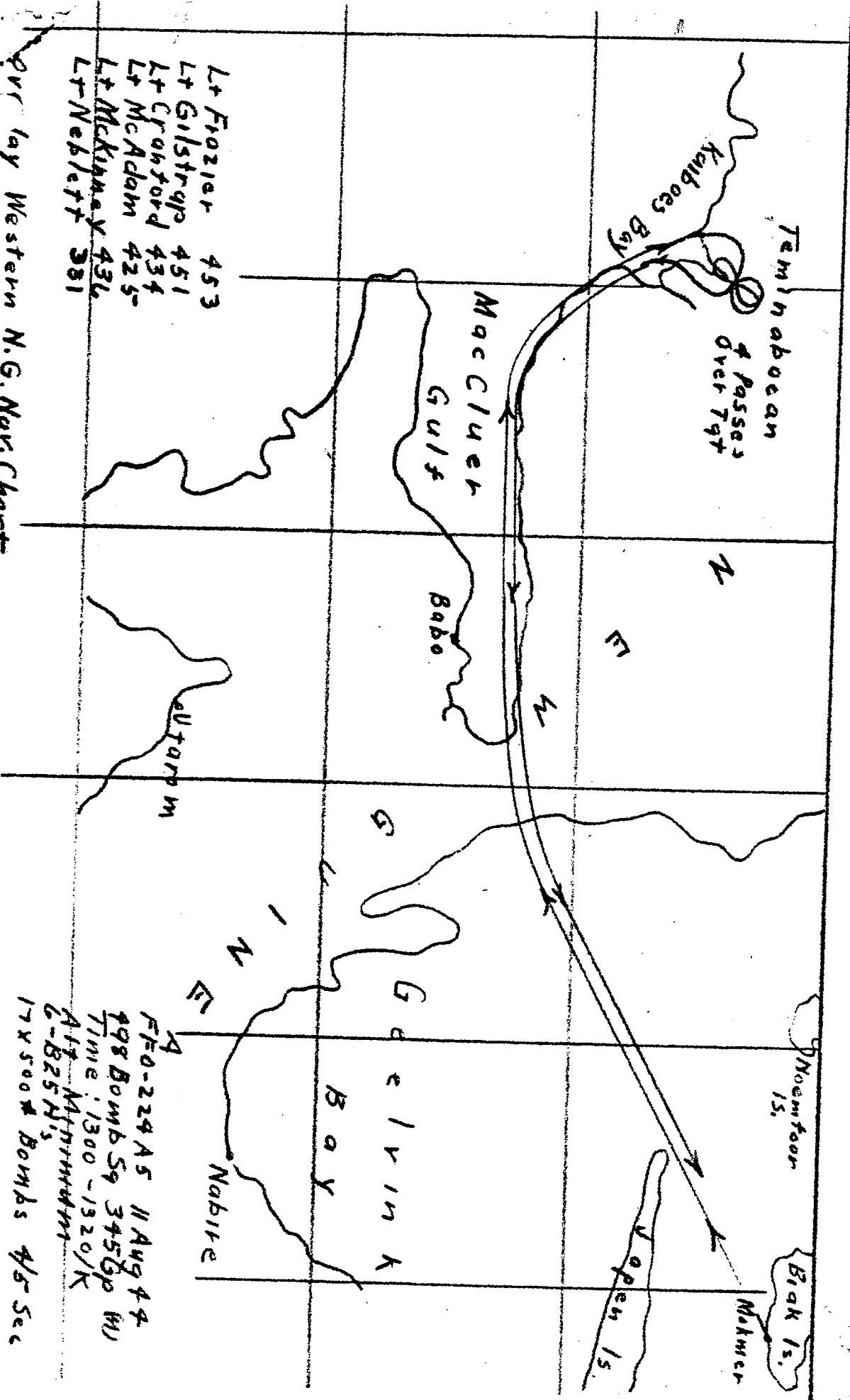
C.M. BOWEN,
Capt, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

1 incl.

1 Route in and out, ~~about~~

Lt Frazier 453
 Lt Gilstrap 451
 Lt Crawford 434
 Lt McAdam 425
 Lt McKinnay 436
 Lt Nebeloff 381

per lay Western N.G. Nav. Chart
 Scale 1:2,315,000



A
 F=0-22445 11 Aug 44
 498 Bombs 59 3450p (H)
 Time: 1300-1320/K
 Alt Minimum
 6-825H's
 17x500 Bombs 4/5 Sec

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #920

14 August, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission FFO 826-A-13, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 13 August, 1944.
Objective: BABO A/D (#2 Strip).

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S., A-2, APO #925.

1. GENERAL

a. The primary object was to bomb BABO A/D, #2 strip, and take photos of BABO A/D. The 498th Squadron employing 6 B26-H's and 2 B25-D's. All B26-H's carried 2 x 1000 lb. 1/10 sec. delay fuse demo bombs, 21 x 75 mm and 4600 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition. The B25-D's carried 3 x 100 lb. 1/10 sec. delay fuse demo bombs and 4600 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition.

b. Rendezvous

The Squadron formed enroute to the target.

c. Attack

(1) Eight planes reaching the target made an attack in two elements of four planes in a diamond formation, dropping 18 x 1000 lb., 1/10 sec. delay fuse demo bombs on the East half of #2 strip. Bombing was excellent with all bombs trained along the strip and along the East edge of the woods on the North side of the strip.

d. Time and location of:

Take Off: MOKMER A/D, BIAK, 1350/K.
Attack: BABO A/D, 1455/K.
Landing: MOKMER A/D, BIAK, 1610/K.

e. Route: BIAK, direct to target and return.

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

2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

- a. The 498th Squadron led by Lt. Wright was the only squadron on the mission.

Lt. Wright	A/P	383	Lt. Frazier	A/P	428
Lt. Smith, P.P		454	Lt. Gilstrap		451
Lt. Cooper		407	Lt. Tuffie		453
Lt. McKinney		408	Lt. Leon		442

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

- a. Details of the attack - The eight planes formed in two flights of four planes on the approach to the target. The attack on runway #2 was made from East to West. Bombs were dropped from an altitude of 6000' to 6500', and all bombs trained along East half of strip #2 and along edge of woods on the North side of the strip. Lt. Wright and Lt. Frazier broke away to the left, making a photo run from North to South at an altitude of 5000'.
- b. Interception. A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground:
- (1) Nil interception.
 - (2) Nil Allied planes observed destroyed in the air.
 - (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
 - (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.
- c. Anti-aircraft fire
- (1) Medium caliber, slight intensity, inaccurate. Reference - Target Map #2 BABO, positions 8w and 7w.
- d. Personnel casualties
- (1) Nil personnel of this squadron were injured.
- e. Damage to our A/P's
- (1) Nil A/P's of this squadron were damaged.

4. CITATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendations of awards.

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5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE.

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs returned</u>	<u>75mm.</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
383	3	0	0	0
454	2	0	0	0
407	2	0	0	0
409	2	0	0	0
426	3	0	0	0
451	2	0	0	0
453	2	0	0	0
442	2	0	0	0
	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	18	0	0	0

6. SIGHTINGS

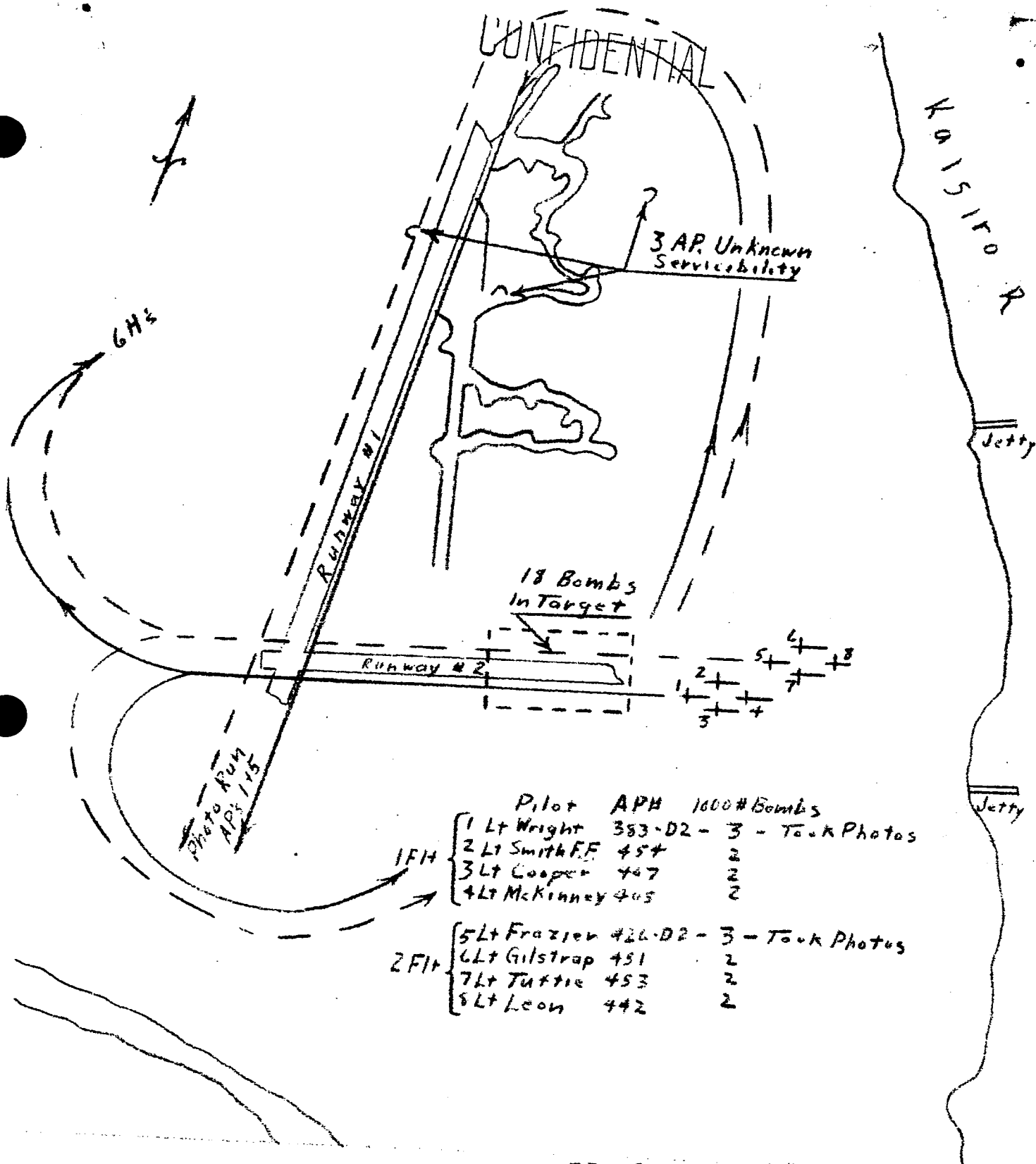
- a. Three A/P's of undetermined serviceability were sighted in dispersal area on East side of North end of #1 Strip.
 7. Photos were taken and show bombs bursting on East end of #2 Strip, and in the woods along North side of #2 Strip.
- For the Commanding Officer:

R. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Intelligence Officer.

2 Incl.

- 1 Route in and out chart.
- 2 Bombing Chart.

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	Pilot	APH	1000# Bombs	
1 FH	1 Lt Wright	383-D2	3	- Took Photos
	2 Lt Smith FF	454	2	
	3 Lt Cooper	447	2	
	4 Lt McKinney	445	2	
2 FH	5 Lt Frazier	426-D2	3	- Took Photos
	6 Lt Gilstrap	451	2	
	7 Lt Tuttle	453	2	
	8 Lt Leon	442	2	

Overlay: Aerial Photo Babo A/D
V Bomb Command 56 A
Scale 1:12,000

FFO-226 A13 13 Aug 44
418 Bomb Sq (H) 345 Bomb Gp
Time 1455/K
Alt 6165001
6-B25 Hst 2 B25 D2's
3X1000# Bombs 1/2 Sec Delay

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #920

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249-A
55 Sep 44

6 September, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission WFO 849-A performed by the 498th Squadron, 5 September, 1944.
Objective: A/D on North bank of LAMO RIVER, Western HALMAHERAS, (DJAILOLO VILLAGE).

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAP, Attention of A. C. of S. A-2, APO #925.

1. GENERAL

a. Enemy personnel and stores 1600 feet North East of center of strip was the objective of a bombing and strafing attack executed by 4 B25 G-1's. Each A/P carried 11 x 100 lb. 8/15 sec. delay fuse bombs, para-demo, and 3700 x .50 cal. and 3000 x .30 cal. rounds of ammunition.

b. Rendezvous

The Squadron formed with the other three Squadrons of the 345th Group over MOKMER DROME.

c. Attack

(1) Four planes reaching target dropped 36 x 100 lb 8/15 sec. delay fuse para-demo bombs in personnel area, 1600 feet NE of center of strip starting two small fires, one of which was still burning on the second pass. Personnel area NE of strip and stores and personnel area on banks of LAMO RIVER at West end of strip were strafed on the first run. One plane made two runs over target when bombs failed to release. This plane strafed on both runs. Three planes strafed a mixed village of European and native structures approximately three miles South of the strip on second run. Results of strafing attack were not observed excepting buildings in village were raked with machine gun fire.

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

d. Time and location of:

Take Off: MOKMER A/D, BIAK, 0733/I.

Attack: A/D on North bank of LAMO RIVER, WEST-ERN HALMAHERAS, 1107/I to 1116/I.

Landing: MOKMER A/D, 1445/I.

e. Route: BIAK, KROE BAY (HALMAHERAS), direct to target and return.

2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

a. The 498th Squadron led by Lt. McAdam in the attack.

Lt. McAdam	A/P 852
Lt. McKinney	856
Lt. Coppatell	816
Lt. Lamb	812

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

- a. Details of the attack - The attack was made with four A/P's abreast on the approach to the target. The first attack was made from East to West dropping bombs in personnel area 1600 feet NE of center of strip starting two small fires. A/P 812 could only release three bombs on the first run, a second run was made over same target and bombs failed to release so the remaining 8 bombs were salvaged at sea. Three A/P's strafed a mixed village of European and native structures approximately three miles south of strip on second run. All A/P's strafed on both runs. Results of strafing attacks were not observed.

b. Interception. A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground:

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

c. Anti-aircraft fire

- (1) Nil A/A fire was reported by the crews.

d. Personnel casualties

- (1) Nil personnel of this Squadron injured.

4. CITATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendations of awards.

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

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs returned</u>	<u>.30 cal.</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
852	11	0	100	1500
856	0	11	-0	700
816	11	0	-	1900
812	<u>0</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>1900</u>
Totals	22	22	500	6000

6. SIGHTINGS

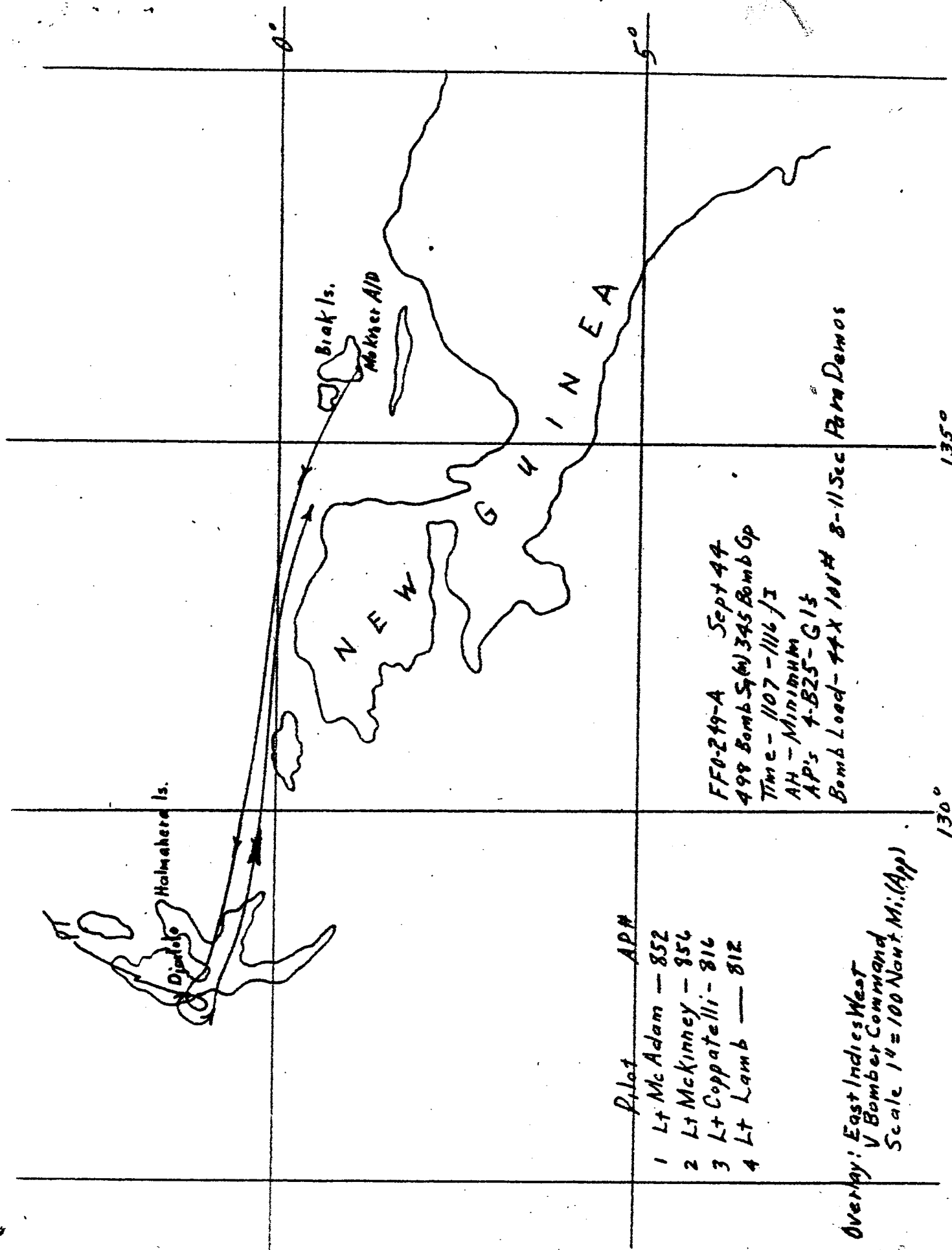
a. Roads in area showed some use but no activity was visible. Strip was overgrown with grass.

7. Photos were taken. Prints were not delivered to Squadron.

R. KEUCHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Intelligence Officer

1 Encl.

1. Route in and out chart.



Pilot AP#

- 1 Lt McAdam - 852
- 2 Lt McKinney - 856
- 3 Lt Coppatelli - 816
- 4 Lt Lamb - 812

Overlay: East Indies West
V Bomber Command
Scale 1" = 100 Naut. Mi. (App)

FFO-249-A Sept 44
498 Bomb Sq (W) 345 Bomb Gp
Time - 1107 - 1116 / I
AH - Minimum
AP's 4-B25-G13
Bomb Load - 44X 101# 8-11 Sec Para Demos

1 Lt McAdams	852
2 Lt McKinney	856
3 Lt Campbell	816
4 Lt Lamb	812

22 Bombs in Target
2 Small Fires
Started in Target

1 AP Made End Target Run
4 AP's

FFO 2494 5 Sept 44
948 Bomb Sq (by 345 Bomb Grp)
Time 1107-1116/I
Alt. Minimum

3
+
+
+2
+x

Overlay: Aerial Photo Goemsing to C. Taracha (27 Aug 44)
Scale 1:7500

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252-A-1
8 Sep 44 OK
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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #920

9 September, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission FPO 252-A-1, performed by the 498th Squadron, 8 September, 1944.
Objective: Personnel area, 4 X, 1 1/2 mile SE Galela strip #1. (Halmaheras)

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S., A-2, APO #925.

1. GENERAL

a. Enemy personnel and stores in area 4 X, 6000 ft. South East of South end of runway #1 was the objective of bombing and strafing attack executed by 5 B25G-1's. Each A/P carried 12 x 100 lb. 8/11 sec. delay fuse demo bombs and 5700 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition.

b. Rendezvous

The Squadron formed with the other three squadrons of the 345th Group over MOKMER DRONE.

c. Attack

(1) Five planes reaching target dropped 24 x 100 lb. 8/11 sec. delay fuse demo bombs in target covering area with smoke and dust with nil fires visible. 6800 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition were used in strafing the North dispersal area and the North end of strip #1 and the personnel area.

d. Time and location of:

Take Off: MOKMER A/D, BIAK, 0730/I.
Attack: GALELA A/D, 1055/I to 1100/I.
Landing: MOKMER A/D, 1410/I.

e. Route: BIAK, GALELA BAY, direct to targets and return.

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2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

- a. The 498th Squadron led by Capt. Wright was in the number two position in the attack.

Capt. Wright	A/P 817	Lt. Tuftie	A/P 859
Lt. Garrison	874	Lt. Chalifoux	816
Lt. Jensen	889		

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

- a. Details of the attack - The attack was made with five A/P's abreast on the approach to the target. One attack was made over target from NW to SE, strafing North dispersal area and North end of strip #1. 24 bombs were dropped in personnel area 4 X, covering target with smoke and dust. The remaining 36 bombs were salvaged. All A/P's strafed target 4 X.

- b. Interception. A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground.

- (1) Nil interception
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

- c. Anti-aircraft fire

- (1) M/G and medium A/A, slight to intense, inaccurate. Three bursts of medium A/A were seen over target. Bursts were at same level but ahead of planes. M/G fire was received from positions on South side of Tarakani Mt. 20 bursts of medium A/A tracked planes over Galela Village. Bursts were on same level as planes but to right of the formation. Positions of guns were not observed.

- d. Personnel casualties

- (1) Nil personnel of the Squadron injured.

- e. Damage to our A/P's

- (1) Nil A/P's of this Squadron were damaged.

4. CITATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendations of awards.

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

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5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs salvaged</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
817	12	0	1400
874	0	12	1300
880	0	12	1700
859	0	12	1200
816	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1200</u>
Totals	24	36	6800

6. SIGHTINGS

- (1) One apparently serviceable, tarp covered, Lilly or Betty was seen on the East central side of strip #1.
- (2) Two twin engine bombers one apparently serviceable and one unserviceable were seen 1000 feet East of south end of #1 strip.
- (3) Control tower was in good condition.
- (4) One, 70 ft., 2 mast sail boat in good condition at Cape Salmoelli.

7. K-21 photos were taken. Two twin engine serviceable Lillys and one single engine fighter in dispersal area of runway #1.

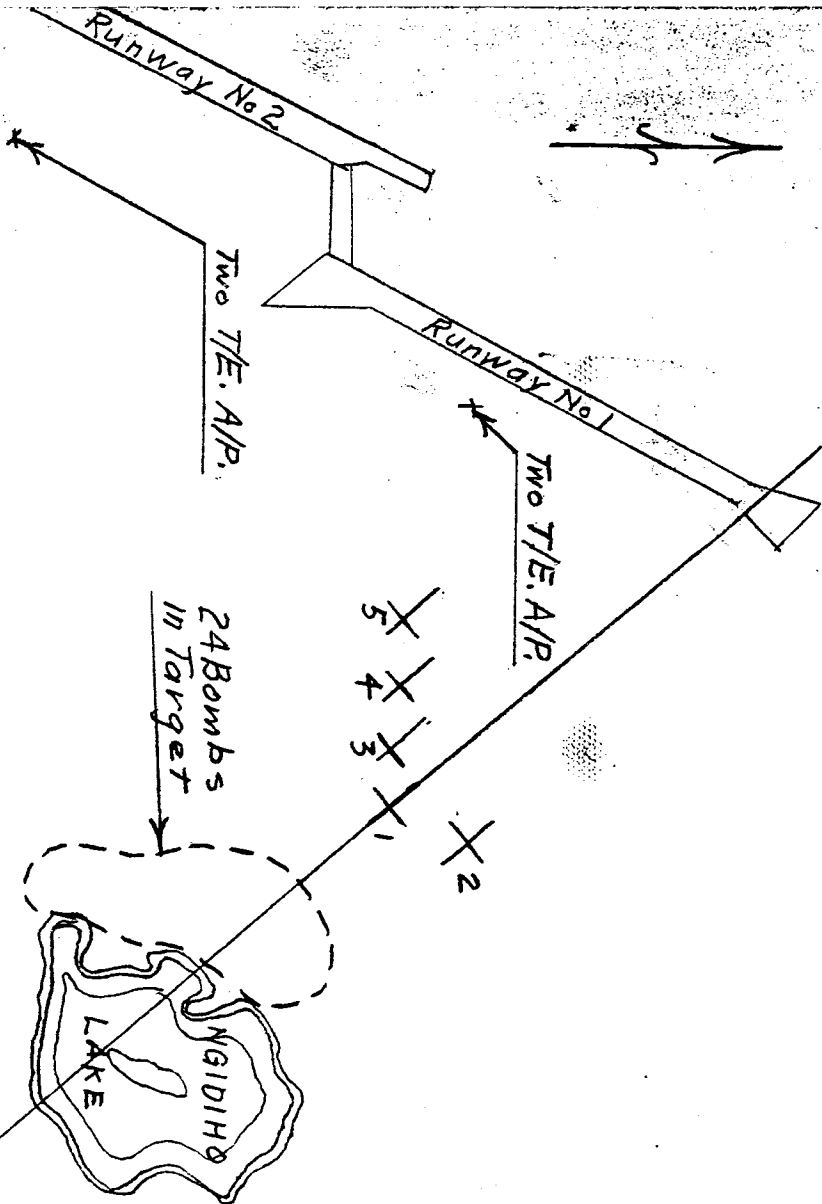
For the Commanding Officer:

R. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

2 Incl.

1. Route in and out chart.
2. Bombing chart.

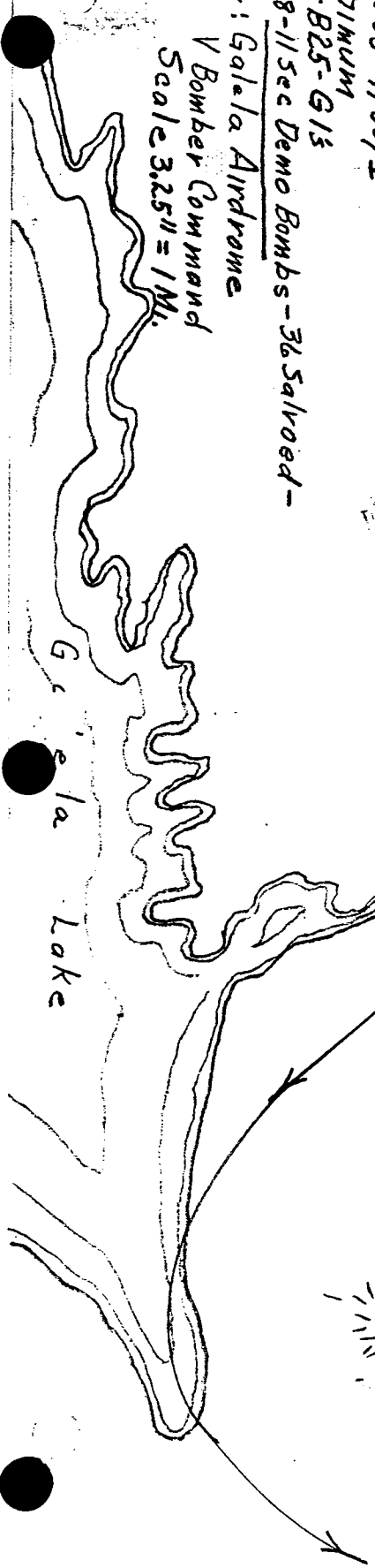
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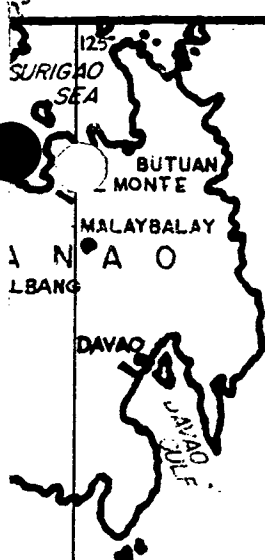


FF0-252-A-1 8 Sept 44
 498 Bomb Sq (M) 345 Bomb Grp
 Time - 1055-1100/I
 Alt Minimum
 AP3-5-B25-G13
 60x100 38-115cc Demo Bombs - 36 Salvaged -
 Overlay: Galela Airframe
 V Bomber Command
 Scale 3.25" = 1 Mi.

Pilot AP# Bombs
 1 Capt Wright - 817-12 in target
 2 Lt Garrison - 874-Salvaged
 3 Lt Jensen - 880- " 12
 4 Lt Tuttle - 859- " 12
 5 Lt Chalifoux - 816-12 in target
 Took Photos - #1, 3 & 4.
 Little Tarakani Mt

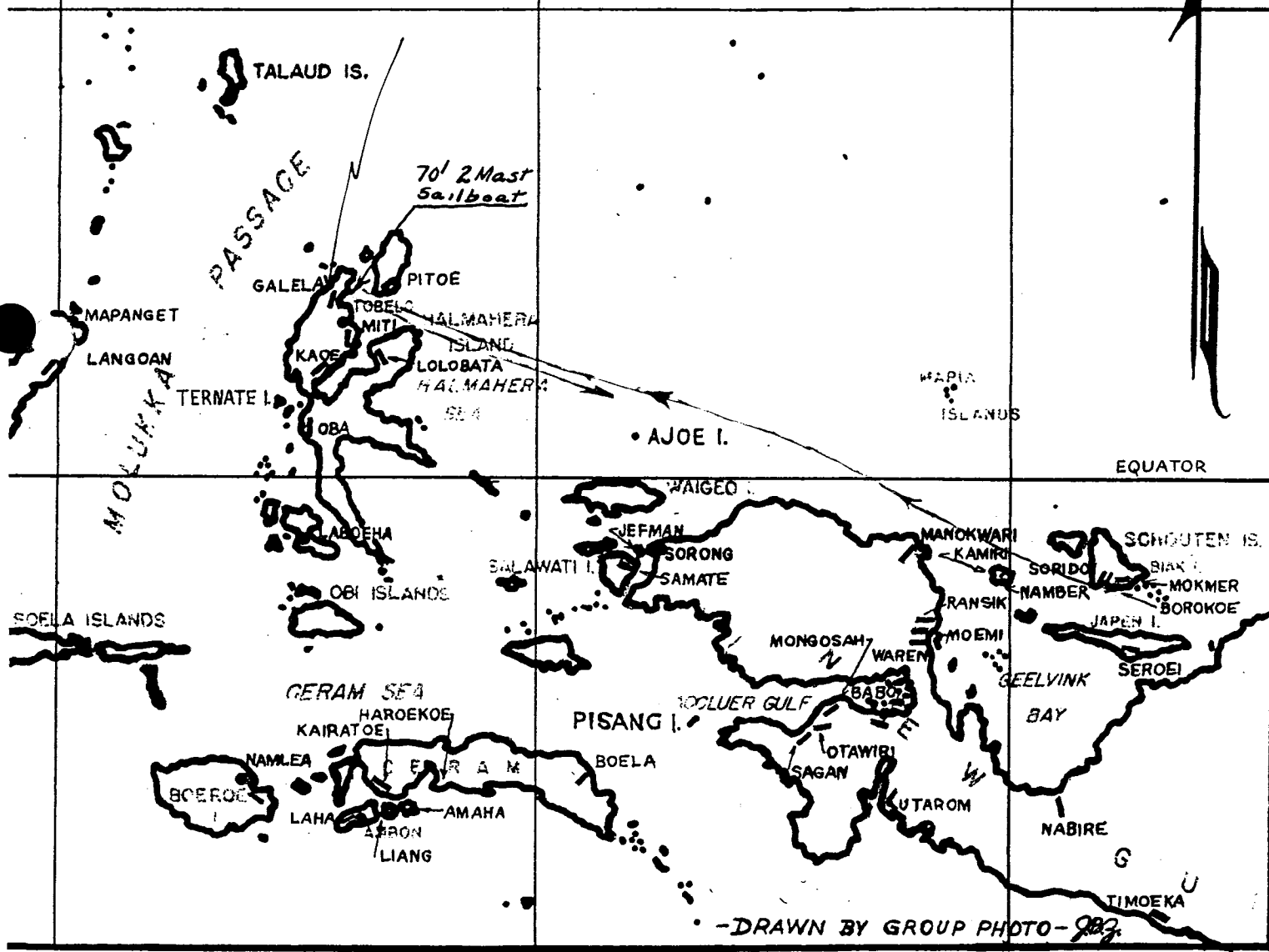
Tarakani Mt.
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ROUTE TO AND FROM TARGET

FFO: 252-A-1 DATE: 8 Sept 44
345TH BOMB GROUP
498 BOMB SQUADRON
TIME OVER TARGET: 1055-1100/I
ALTITUDE: *Minimum*



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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #920

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254-A
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GMB/jv

11 September, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission FFO 254-A-2, performed
by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 10 September, 1944
Objective: NAMLEA TOWNSHIP, BOEROE ISLAND, NEI.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention A.C. of S, A-2,
APO #925.

1. GENERAL

a. NAMLEA TOWNSHIP was the primary objective of a
minimum altitude bombing and strafing attack
against this base. Six B25 G-1's of the 498th
Squadron employed on the mission were loaded
with 18 x 100 lb. 8/11 sec. delay fuse bombs,
3700 x .50 cal and 3000 x .30 rounds of ammunition.

b. Reinforcements

The four squadrons of the 345th Group participating
in the mission formed over BIAK ISLAND.

c. Attack

Five planes of six reaching target reported dropping
40 x 100 lb. 8/11 sec. delay fuse bombs on target
with 18 bombs falling short across the E end of
NAMLEA A/D. Small fires were started but target
was covered with dense smoke, dust and debris ob-
scuring the results. Targets from CAPE KARBAU
to the coast W of NAMLEA TOWNSHIP was strafed
thoroughly. Bombing was excellent. One plane was
lost over the target with nil survivors. Plane
crashed at the E edge of the ridge surrounding the
township.

d. Time and location of:

Take off: MOKMER A/D, BIAK ISLAND, 1030/I.
Attack: NAMLEA, BOEROE ISLAND, 1407/I.
Landing: MOKMER A/D, BIAK ISLAND, 1740/I.

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

a. Route: BIAK, MACCLUER GULF to target and return direct.

2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

a. Capt. Wright led the 498th Squadron which was fourth over the target.

Capt. Wright	A/P 817	Lt. McAdam	765
Lt. Gilstrap	816	Lt. Garrison	856
Lt. Coppotelli	859	Lt. Lamb	880

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION.

a. Details of the attack - The six planes attacked from NE to SW in two flights of three planes each. Capt. Wright released his bombs across the East end of NAMLEA STRIP and dispersal area. Lt. Gilstrap in #2 position released his bombs across the western edge of the TOWNSHIP. Lt. Coppotelli in #3 position dropped 8 bombs across the East side of the township and salvaged 4 due to electrical trouble. The A/D and TOWNSHIP were strafed.

Lt. McAdam dropped ten bombs across the center of the township and returned two due to the limited size of the target. Lt. Lamb flying in #3 position dropped ten bombs across the East side of the township and returned two due to shortness of target. The target and A/D were strafed.

Both crews of the second flight observed Lt. Garrison, A/P 856 in #2 position, receive A/A fire during the attack. The plane caught fire beneath the pilot and as the fire spread to the nose, pieces flew from the front of the plane. The plane pulled out of formation after being hit and climbed to 500 ft. altitude. It stalled at this altitude and crashed and exploded North of the TOWNSHIP, between the strip and the ledge surrounding the township. There were nil survivors.

b. Interception. A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground:

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes of other units observed lost in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

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

c. Anti-aircraft fire

- (1) Heavy-medium, intense and accurate. Heavy A/A was reported from position on hill N of NAMLEA. Medium A/A was of barrage type coming from coast position SE of A/D and positions not pinpointed around the edge of NAMLEA TOWNSHIP. M/G fire was received from the turret of an apparently serviceable plane in the revetment at the SE end of the drome.

d. Personnel casualties

- (1) Personnel lost over target.

2nd Lt.	Garrison, Walter B., Jr.	Pilot	0-750569
2nd Lt.	Green, Milton	Bombardier	0-747006
2nd Lt.	Friese, Donald	Co-pilot	0-782515
Sgt.	Healy, John J.	Gunner	11054478
S/Sgt.	Sawyer, Paul	Radio-gun.	11046563
Sgt.	Shubley, Harry C.	Eng.-gunner	20117668

e. Damage to our A/P's

- (1) A/P #856 was lost - nil other damage.

4. CITATIONS

There are no recommendations for an award at this time.

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>Bombs dropped</u>	<u>Bombs returned</u>	<u>Bombs salvaged</u>	<u>.50 cal</u>
817	12	--	--	500
816	12	--	--	1200
859	8	--	4	--
765	10	2	--	500
880	10	2	--	500
Totals	52	4	4	2700

6. SIGHTINGS

- a. Crashed A/P was observed to be on fire under pilot's seat at the beginning of the run. Fire spread to nose with pieces coming off front of plane. A/P left formation, pulled up to 500 ft. and crashed. A parachute was observed on the ground at 02 deg. 02' S 132 deg. 20' E. Sightings was made at 1155/I, 1000 ft. altitude.

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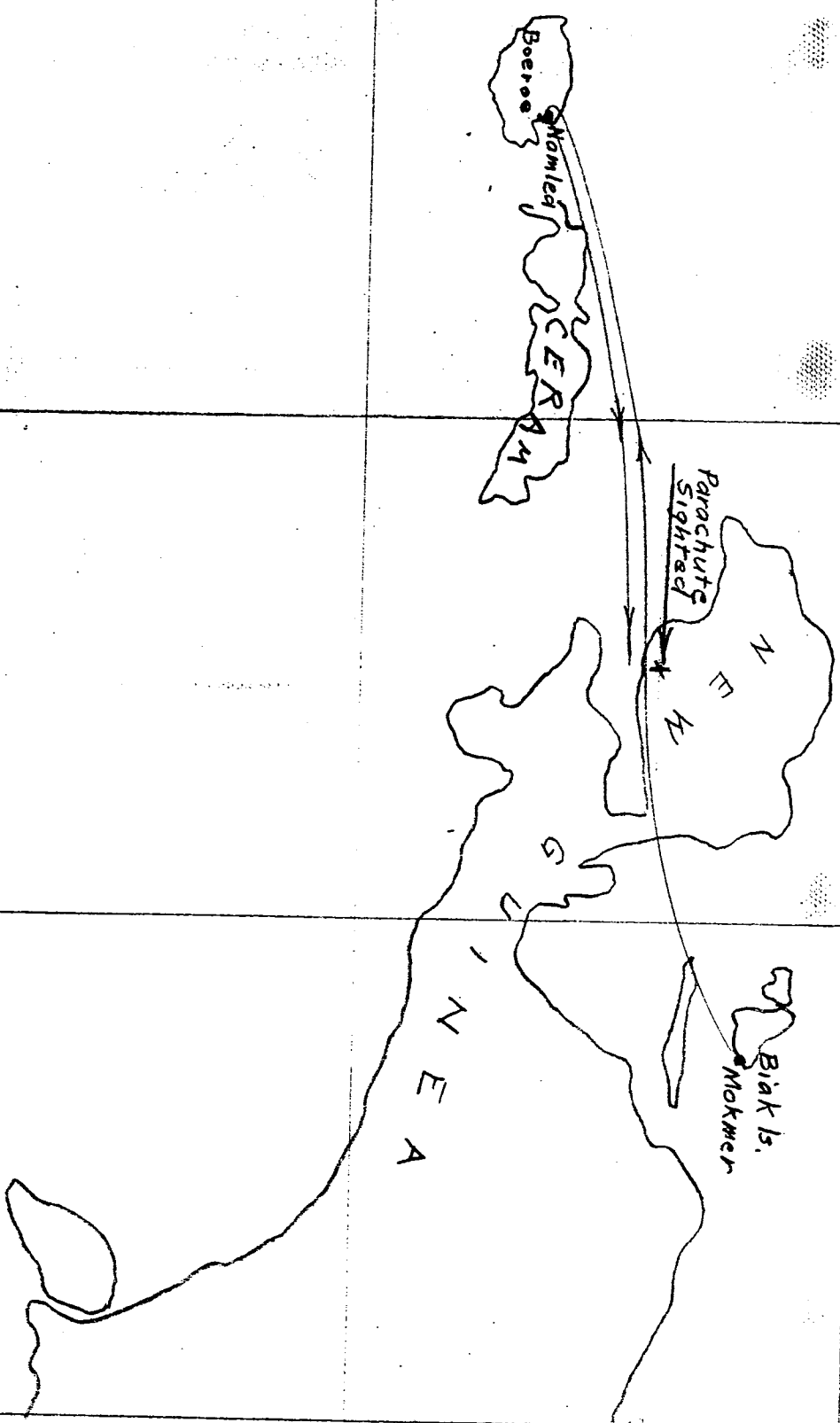
7. Photos received disclose no additional information.

2 Incl.
1 Route in and out chart
2 Bombing chart.

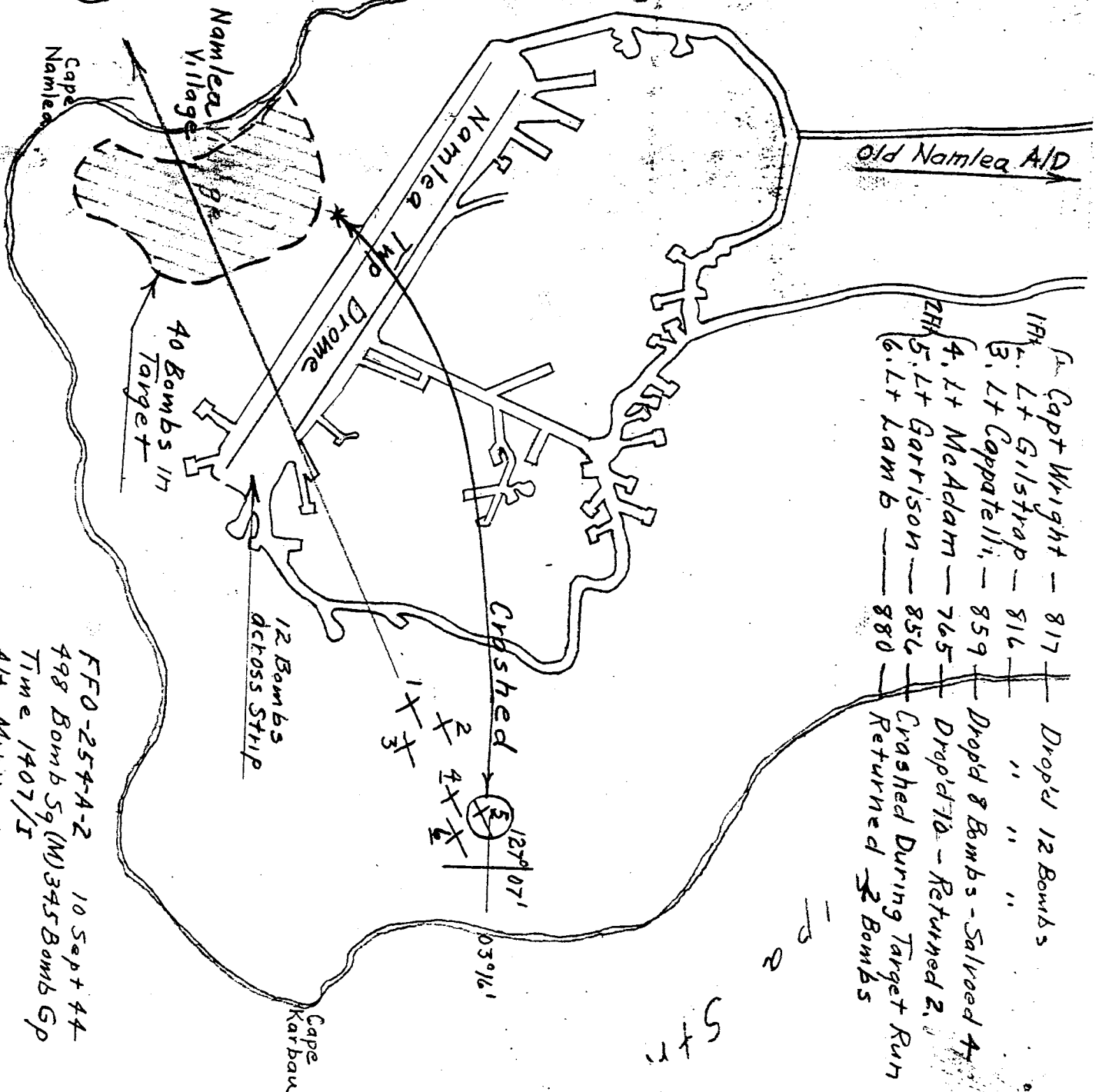
C. H. BOWEN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

Overlay: East Indies West
 V Bomber Command-A2
 Scale 1"=100mi. (flat)

FFO-254A2 105 apt 44
 498 Bomb Sq(M) 345 Bomb Gp
 Time 1407/I
 Alt. Minimum



Overlay: Namlea (Boerwels)
 U.S.A.A.F. Special Map
 Scale 1:20,000



1. Capt Wright - 817	Dropped 12 Bombs
2. Lt Gilstrap - 816	" "
3. Lt Cappatelli - 859	" "
4. Lt McAdam - 765	Dropped 8 Bombs - Salvaged 4
5. Lt Garrison - 856	Dropped 10 - Returned 2.
6. Lt Lamb - 880	Crashed During Target Run
	Returned 2 Bombs

FFO-254-A-2 10 Sep 44
 498 Bomb Sq (M) 345 Bomb GP
 Time 1407/I
 A14, M141m4m,
 APs - 6 B25 G13
 Bombload 72X100# 8-11

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
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498
256-A
12 Sep 44

13 September, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission PFO 256-A-3, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 12 September, 1944.
Objective: Personnel area 2 X and A/A positions
GALELA, HALMAHERA.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention A.C. of S, A-2,
APO #925.

1. GENERAL

a. The personnel area along the North shore of GALELA LAKE and A/A positions protecting the target were objectives of a minimum altitude bombing and strafing attack. Six B25G-1's of the 498th Squadron employed on the mission were loaded with 12 x 100 lb. 8/11 sec. delay fuse demo bombs, 3700 x .50 cal. and 3000 x .30 cal. rounds of ammo.

b. Rendezvous

The four Squadrons of the 345th Group participating in the attack formed over BIAK ISLAND.

c. Attack

Five planes reaching target dropped 32 x 100 lb. 8/11 sec. delay fuse bombs in target 2X demolishing one large structure with other results unobserved. 4 bombs were dropped on heavy A/A position 3500 ft. Southeast of South end of #2 strip and 8 were dropped among structures 3500 ft. East of center of #1 strip with unobserved results. 4 bombs fell short in GALELA LAKE. Target 2X, A/A positions were strafed with 3800 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition. One plane returned from 60 miles West of Asia Island at 1031/I due to a broken windshield.

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d. Time and location of:

Take Off: MOKMER A/D, BIAK, 0805/I.
Attack: GALELA, HALMAHERA, 1130/I.
Landing: MOKMER A/D, 1502/I.

e. Route: BIAK, GALELA and return direct.

2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

a. Capt. Fair led the 498th Squadron which was third over the target.

Capt. Fair	A/P 816	Lt. Cranford	A/P 812
Lt. McKinney	859	Lt. Smith	765
Lt. Jensen	880	Lt. Cooper	817

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. Details of the attack - The five planes reaching the target attacked from SW to NE in two flights of three and two planes each in line abreast formation. Capt. Fair released eight bombs in the target and returned four due to a lack of a satisfactory target. Lt. McKinney in #2 position released twelve bombs along the Eastern edge of the target. Lt. Jensen in #3 position dropped six bombs in the center of the target destroying one large shack and salvoed six bombs. Other results of the bombing were unobserved. The entire target was strafed.

The second flight was to silence A/A protecting the target. Lt. Cranford crossed to the right of the first flight when his electrical system went out making his guns useless and leaving him unprotected against A/A positions. He dropped twelve bombs across the East end of the target. Lt. Cooper remained in position and strafed and bombed an A/A position 3500 feet SE of the South end of #2 strip and dropped the 8 remaining bombs among structures 3500 ft. East of center of #1 strip. Targets East of the strips were strafed.

b. Interception - A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground:

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed lost in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

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c. Anti-aircraft fire

- (1) A/A was of light and medium caliber, slight to moderate intensity, inaccurate and bursting at 200 ft. altitude.
- (2) A light barrage of medium A/A, black bursts, extending in an East - West line 2000 ft. North of the West end of GALELA was thrown up as planes approached. Burst were to left of line of flight 200 ft.

d. Personnel casualties

- (1) Nil personnel of this squadron injured.

e. Damage to our A/P's

- (1) Nil A/P's of this squadron damaged.

4. CITATIONS

Nil personnel to be recommended for an award.

5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs salvaged</u>	<u>bombs returned</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
816	8	0	4	1200
859	10	2	0	1300
830	6	6	0	800
812	12	0	0	----
817	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>
Totals	48	8	4	3800

6. SIGHTINGS

- a. Nil sightings.

7. Photos show only a limited activity at the target.

For the Commanding Officer:

C.M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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0150N

RUNWAY NO 2

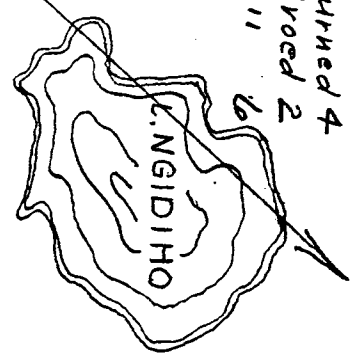
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Pilot	AP#	Bombs	Returned
1 Capt Fair	816	8	4
2 Lt McKinney	859	10	2
3 Lt Jensen	880	6	
4 Lt Cranford	812	12	
5 Lt Cooper	817	12	

All APs Took Photos

8 Bombs

Little
Tarakahi Mt



FFO-256A3 12 Sep 44
498 Bomb Sq (M) 345 Bomb Gr.
Time 1130/I
A/T. Minimum
5-B25-G/3
60X100# 8-11sec Bombs

4 Bombs

5
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4 Bombs
in Water

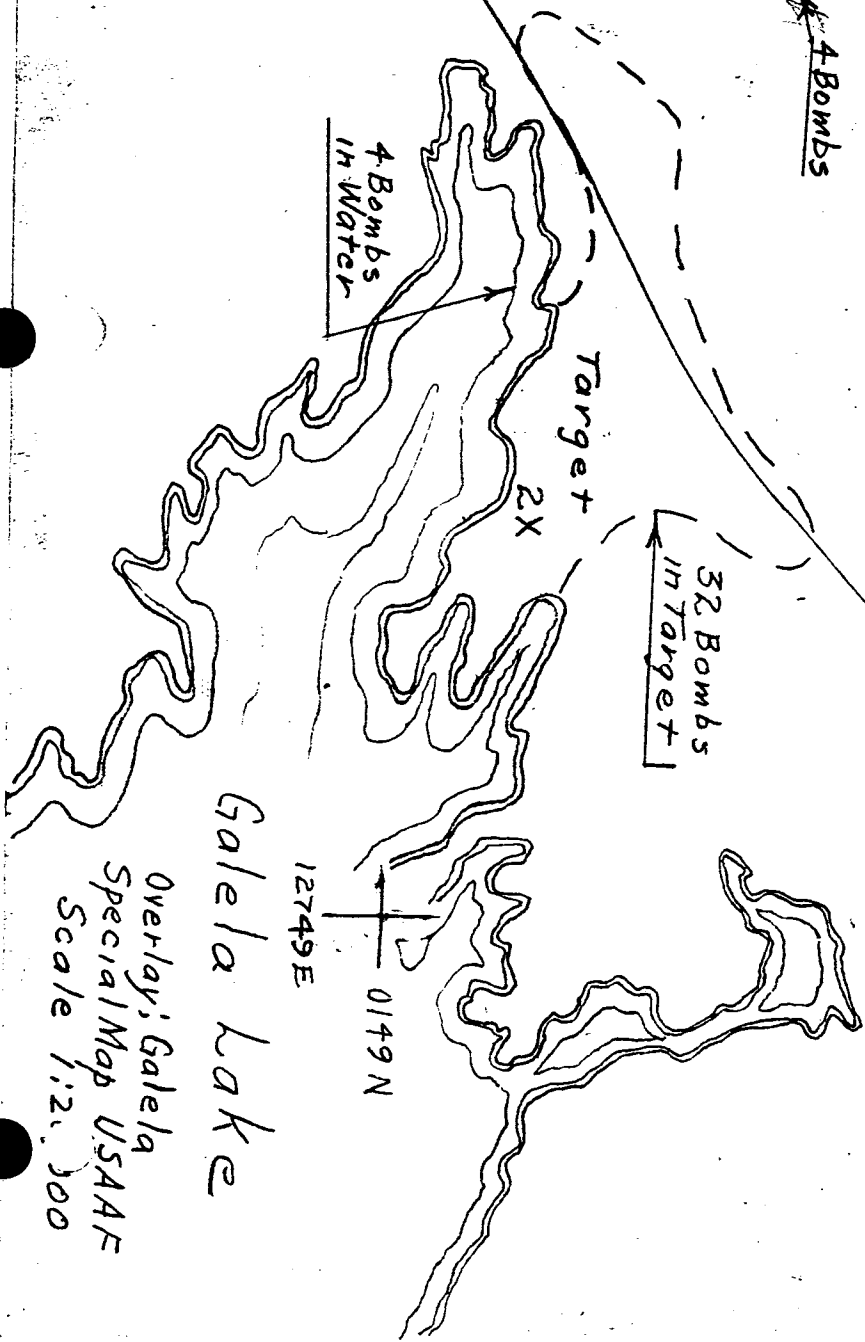
Target
2X

32 Bombs
in Target

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0149N

Galela Lake

Overlay, Galela
Special Map USAAF
Scale 1:2,000



Overlay: East Indies West
 Bomber Command
 Scale 1"=100 Naut. M.

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FFO-256 A3 12 Sept 44
 498 Bomb Sq 345 Bomb Gp,
 Time 1130/I
 Alt. Minimum

Alt. Minimum

0°

50°

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498
260-A-4
16 Sep 44
OK
RAM

17 September, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission WFO 260-A-4, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 16 September, 1944.
Objective: GORONTALO, NE CELEBES.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S, A-2, APO #925.

1. GENERAL

a. Warehouses at the mouth of the LONGALO RIVER (west bank), a small ship building industry one-half mile from the river's mouth (east bank) and warehouses on the East bank of the river extending from the bay one-half mile upstream were targets of a minimum altitude bombing and strafing attack. Six B25 G-1's of the 498th Squadron employed on the mission were loaded with 4 x 500 lb. 8/11 sec. delay fuse bombs, 3700 x .50 cal. and 3000 x .30 cal. rounds of ammunition.

b. Rendezvous

The three Squadrons of the 345th Group participating in the attack formed over MIDDLEBURG ISLAND with one Squadron of P-38's.

c. Attack

(1) Four planes reaching target dropped 5 x 500 lb. 8/11 sec. delay fuse bombs in ship building target on East side of river causing one explosion and starting a fire. Bombs hit buildings but number destroyed is not assessable. Five bombs were dropped in warehouses on West bank of river at river's mouth. One large fire with red flames and with black smoke to 6000 feet was started in warehouse 500 ft. from North end of installations. The next to last warehouse at river's mouth (West bank) was destroyed. Other bombs fell in warehouses and fires were spreading through entire length of installations as planes left target.

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One bomb fell short of target 700 feet North of row of warehouses destroying one building. Two other bombs skipped out of warehouses into the river. Bombing was excellent. Installations on both sides of river were strafed. A man on a wagon and a team of mules at North end of warehouses 1800 ft. from river's mouth (West bank) were killed by strafing. Two A/P's returned before reaching target due to mechanical trouble. One turned back at 0930/I, 20 miles East of HALMAHERA, other at 0945/I halfway between HALMAHERA and East EKEEBES. Planes landed at MIDDLEBURG before returning to base.

d. Time and location of:

Take Off: MIDDLEBURGH, 0730/I.

Attack: GORONTALO, NE CELEBES, 1115/I - 1120/I.

Landing: MIDDLEBURG, 1445/I.

A/P's staging out of MIDDLEBURG took off from BIAK, 0415/I, landed at MIDDLEBURG 0530/I. Took off from MIDDLEBURG on return at 1625/I and landed at BIAK 1800/I.

e. Route: BIAK, MIDDLEBURG, GORONTALO and return by same route.

2. FORMATION-Planes and pilots participating.

a. Capt. Brigham led the 498th Squadron which was first over the target.

Capt. Brigham	A/P 704	Lt. McAdam	A/P 852
Lt. McKinney	880	Lt. Lamb	812

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. Details of the attack - Lt. Barney of the 500th Squadron, A/P 237, in # 2 position of the 1st flight and Lt. Cooper A/P 804 in #3 position of the first flight were forced by mechanical trouble to return to MIDDLEBURG before reaching target. Planes turned around at 0930/I and 0945/I from 20 miles East and 20 miles West of South HALMAHERA respectively. Lt. McKinney moved from the second to the first flight for the attack.

The four planes reaching the target attacked in two flights of two planes from North to South with the first flight going down the West bank and the second flight going down the East bank of the LONGALO RIVER.

Capt. Brigham released four bombs in the cluster of warehouses next to the river at the South end of the

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target. Two of the bombs burst in the warehouses and two others skipped into the river before exploding. Lt. McKinney flying in #2 position released one bomb short demolishing a building 700 ft. North of target. Two bombs fell in center of target and one exploded on corner of last warehouse in target. Both planes strafed targets on the West bank of the river. One fire was started in warehouses 1500 ft. from river's mouth and spread rapidly sending up red flames and with black smoke to 6000 ft. A fire started in the Southernmost warehouses spread North along the installations.

Lt. McAdam released four bombs in the ship building industry on the East bank of the river. Lt. Lamb released one on the target and later salvaged three due to electrical or cockpit trouble. Both planes strafed installations on the East bank of the river. One explosion and one fire were started in the ship building industry.

b. Interception. A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground:

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

c. Anti-aircraft fire.

4 bursts med. A/A at NOENI VILLAGE (MANOKWARI) enroute from BIAK to MIDDLEBURG. Altitude of A/P's 4500 ft. Fire short and ahead. 3 tracers observed.

d. Personnel casualties

- (1) Nil personnel of this Squadron injured.

e. Damage to our A/P's

- (1) Nil damage to airplanes of this Squadron.

4. CITATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendations of awards.

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5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs salvoed</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
880	4	--	1900
812	1	3	1800
852	4	--	1000
704	<u>4</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>1500</u>
Totals	13	3	6200

6. SIGETINGS

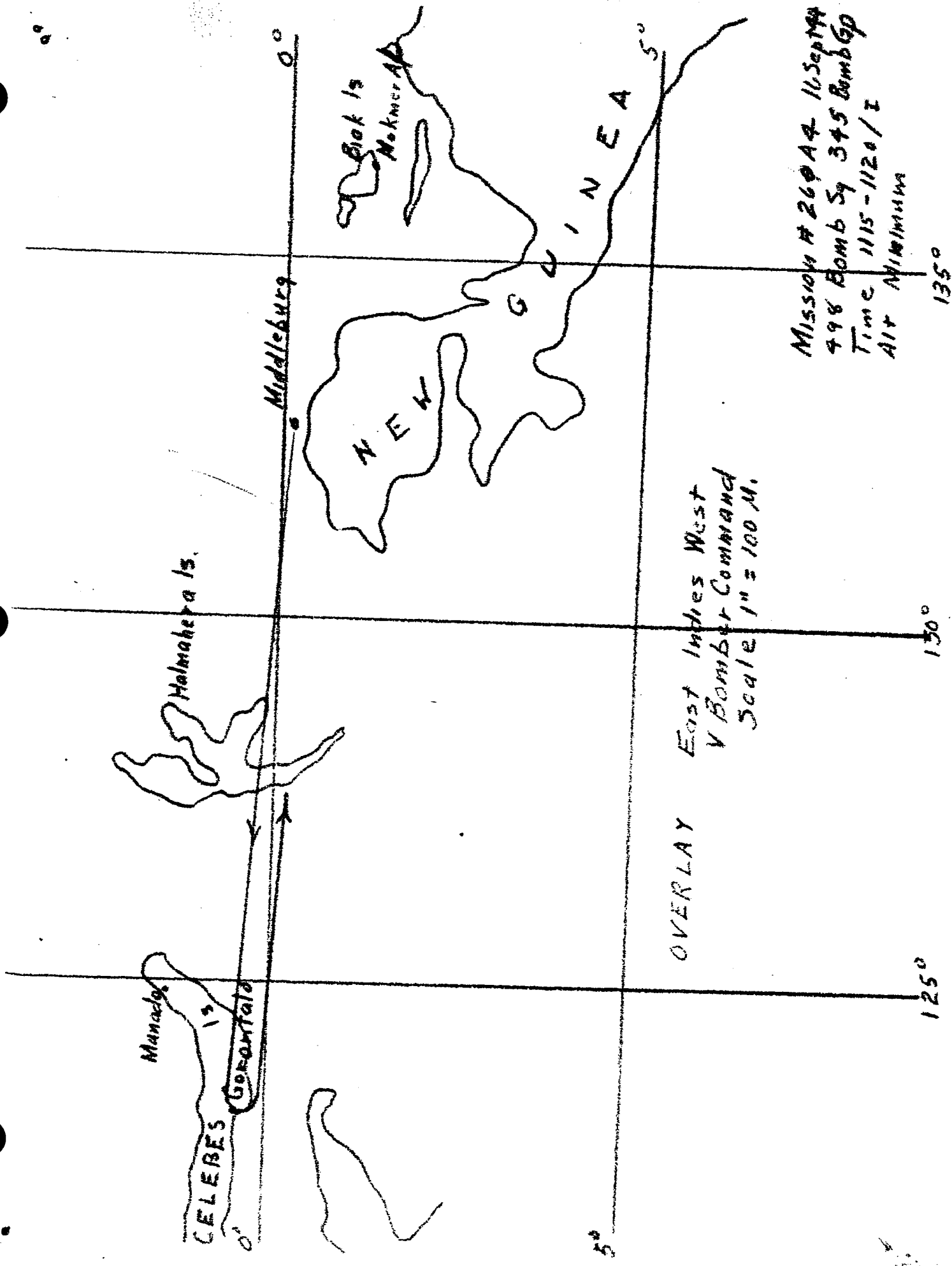
a. Approximately 15 Sugar Charlies reported on East side of river below ship building industry. Target estimated largely destroyed by attack of three Squadrons. One large Jap flag on pole among warehouses on West bank of river. One smaller flag on opposite side of the river.

1303/I, 1000 ft., 1 u/i boat at WAISIPANG VILLAGE. Two u/i boats in bay south of BOEROEAPIN VILLAGE and one opposite side of island. Reference all on KAJOA ISLAND, SW HALMAHERA. Boats not native.

7. Photos show bomb bursts in ship building industry with one fire started but other damage is not assessable. Two fires were started in the center of the warehouse target with one bomb burst on the Southern warehouse. Extent of final damage not shown.

2 Incl.
1 Route in and Out chart.
2 Bombing chart.

C. M. BOWEN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.



Overlay Aerial Mosaic
Gorontalo NE Celebes

Bldgs
Destroyed
Fires
Started

5 Bombs
in Target

X 2 Bombs
X in Water

1 Bomb

2 Bombs
in Water

3 Bombs
in Target

Bldgs Destroyed

1 Capt Brigham 704 Bombs Drop'd
2 Lt McKinney 880 +
3 Lt McAdam 852 +
4 Lt Lamb 812 - Drop'd 1 Salvo 3
All Took Photos

FFO-260A4 16 Sept 44
498 Bomb Sq 395 Bomb Gp
Time 1115-1120/I
Alt Minimum
4 B25 G1's
Bombs 16X500

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #980

GME/fo

19 September, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission FPO 262-A-4, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 18 September, 1944.
Objective: Grounded airplanes at Langoan.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention A.C. of S, A-2, APO #925.

1. GENERAL

a. Grounded airplanes at Langoan, Celebes was the objective of a minimum altitude bombing and strafing attack. Five B25G-1's of the 498th Squadron employed on the mission were loaded with 72 x 23 lb. parafrag bombs, 3700 x .50 cal. and 3000 x .30 cal. rounds of ammo.

b. Rendezvous

The four squadrons of the 345th Group participating in the attack formed over BIAK ISLAND.

c. Attack

Five planes reaching target dropped 360 x 23 lb. parafrags across the NE dispersal area of LANGOAN A/D. Bombs trained through revetments containing 4 camouflaged planes. Results not observed but target was well covered. Dispersal area and Kakas village strafed thoroughly. Bombing was excellent. Nil fires seen at target. One A/P damaged by two 20mm hits; one in right flap, one in tail and 4 M/G holes through rear fuselage. Nil personnel injured.

d. Time and location of

Take Off: MOKMER A/D, BIAK, 0620/I.
Attack: LANGOAN, CELEBES, 1040/I.
Landing: MOKMER A/D, BIAK, 1720/I.

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

1. Route: BIAK, direct to target with A/P's landing at MIDDLEBURG on return to fuel up.
2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.
 - a. Lt. Leon led the 498th Squadron which was fourth over the target.

Lt. Leon	374	Lt. Cranford	858
Lt. Jensen	880	Lt. Johnson	852
Lt. Coppotelli	765		
3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION
 - a. Details of the attack - The five planes reaching the target attacked from SW to NE in two flights of three and two planes respectively. The first flight went across the left side of the target with each of the three planes releasing 72 parafrags in train through the dispersal area. Bombing was excellent. The target and KAKAS VILLAGE were strafed thoroughly.

The second flight composed of Lt. Cranford and Lt. Johnson trained 72 parafrags per plane through the right side of the dispersal area. Bombing was excellent and the revetments were covered well. Planes in the target and KAKAS VILLAGE were strafed thoroughly. One 20mm shell burst in right flap and one burst in tail of A/P 852. Rear fuselage of this A/P holed by M/G.
 - b. Interception - A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground:
 - (1) Nil interception.
 - (2) Nil Allied planes observed lost in the air.
 - (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
 - (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.
 - c. Anti-aircraft fire
 - (1) A/A received was M/G and 20mm fire. It was of slight intensity and accurate. Fire came from position at West center of strip.
 - d. Personnel casualties
 - (1) Nil personnel of this squadron injured.
 - e. Damage to our A/P's
 - (1) A/P 852 received hits from two 20mm shells;

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One in right flap and one burst in tail.
Rear fuselage of this A/P was also holed
by M/G fire.

4. CITATIONS

Nil personnel to be recommended for an award.

5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
852	72	1000
880	72	600
874	72	800
816	72	1400
765	<u>72</u>	<u>1000</u>
Totals	360	4800

6. SIGHTINGS

a. One u/i enemy fighter seen at 8000' heading
towards LANGOAN twenty minutes after leaving
target. Engaged by P-38's.

b. Runway unserviceable.

7. Photos show bombs training through target. Target
well covered.

For the Commanding Officer:

C.M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

2 Incls.

1. Bombing chart.
2. Route in and out chart.

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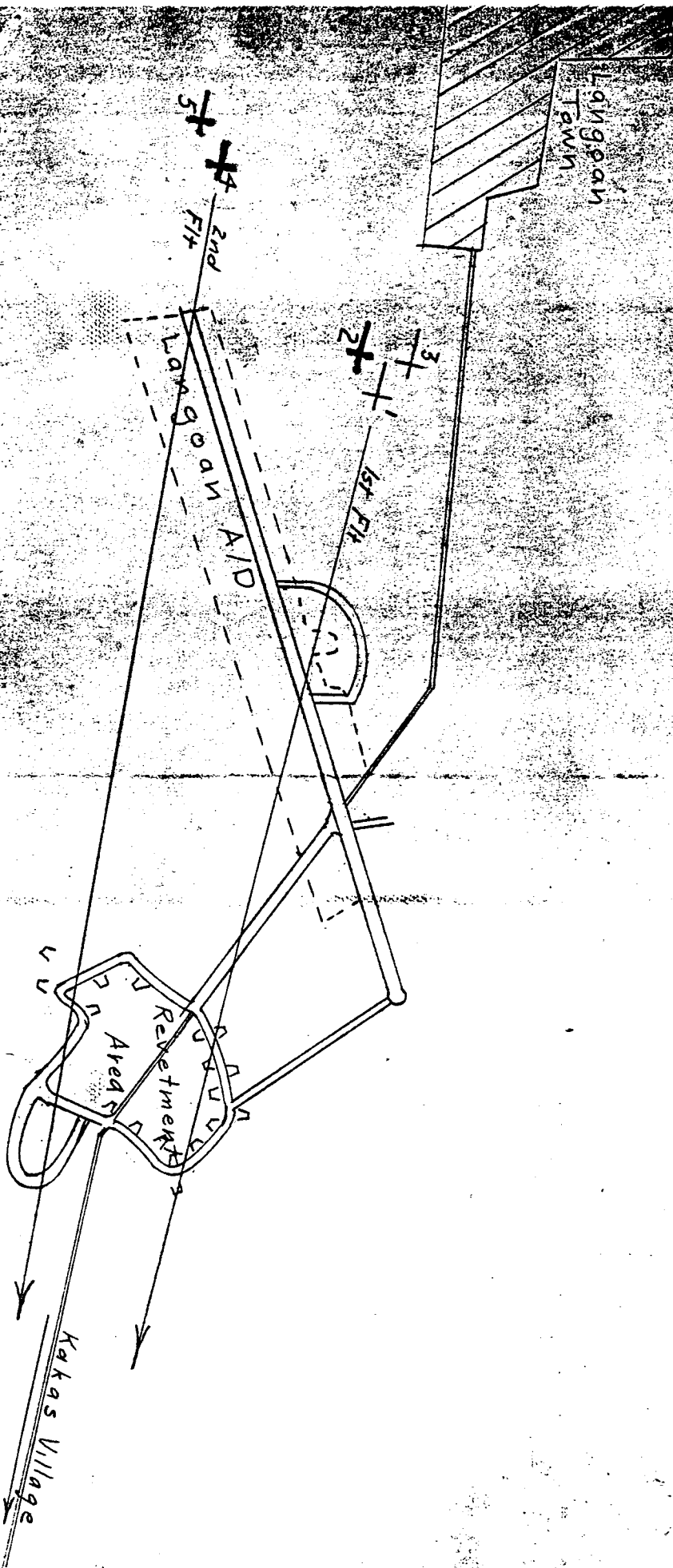
C O N F I D E N T I A L

Overlay - Langoan (Eastern Celebes)
 Aerial Mosaic V Bomber Command
 Scale 4" = 1 Mi.

1st FH	1 Leach	874
	2 Jensen	880-P
	3 Coppotelli	765
2nd FH	4 Crawford	81GP
	5 Johnson	852P

All Bombs Trained
 other targets
 P-Track Photos

FFO-262 A4 18 Sept 44
 498 Bomb Sq (M) 345 Bomb Gp
 Time 1040 I
 Alt Minimum
 5 B25 G15.
 360X 23# Parafangs



Overlay: East Indies West
 V. Bomber Command
 Scale 1" = 100 Mi.

FFO-26244 18 Sept 44
 498 Bomb Sq (M) 345 Bomb Gp
 Time 1040/I
 Alt Minimum



125°

130°

135°

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #920

CMB/fc

20 September, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission PFO 263-A-2, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 19 September, 1944.
Objective: Personnel, SIDATE A/D, CELEBES.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PFAF, Attention of A.C. of S, A-2, APO #925.

1. GENERAL

a. Personnel at SIDATE A/D, CELEBES was the objective of a minimum altitude bombing and strafing attack. Five B25G-1's of the 498th Squadron employed on the mission were loaded with 12 x 100 lb. 8/11 sec. delay fuse bombs, 3700 x .50 cal. and 3000 x .30 cal. rounds of ammo.

b. Rendezvous

The four Squadrons of the 345th Group participating in the attack formed over BIAK ISLAND.

c. Attack

Five planes reaching target dropped 38 x 100 lb. 8/11 sec. delay fuse bombs in personnel area South of SIDATE strip. Twelve bombs fell in coconut grove 1000 ft. West of strip and twelve were salvaged in water NE of target. One shack was destroyed and approximately 6 small fires with grey smoke were started South of center of strip. Fires were of short duration and only local in nature. Bombing was excellent. Targets were strafed.

d. Time and location of:

Take Off: MOKMER A/D, BIAK, 0615/I.
Attack: SIDATE A/D, CELEBES, 1105/I.
Landing: MIDDLEBURG, 1415/I.
Take Off: MIDDLEBURG, 1530/I.
Landing: MOKMER A/D, BIAK, 1720/I.

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B. Route: BIAK, direct to target landing at MIDDLEBURG on return to refuel before proceeding to base.

2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

a. Lt. Morris led the 498th Squadron which was third over the target.

Lt. Morris	814	Lt. Tuftie	816
Lt. Lamb	812	Lt. Chalifoux	765
Lt. McKinney	817		

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. Details of the attack - The five planes reaching the target attacked from West to East, parallel to the runway and turning left across the East end of the strip. The two flights attacked in line abreast formation from minimum altitude. Lt. Morris dropped 12 bombs in the target 500 ft. South and parallel to the strip. Lt. Lamb in #2 position dropped 12 bombs through the dispersal area beginning 500 ft. short of center of strip. Bombing was excellent for the two planes with all bombs in the target. Lt. McKinney in #3 position dropped 12 bombs beginning 700 ft. short of the target. All planes strafed the target.

Lt. Tuftie dropped twelve bombs through the target beginning 1200 ft. South of the center of the strip. Bombing was excellent. Lt. Chalifoux salvoed 12 bombs in water NE of strip due to personnel error. Both planes strafed the length of the target. Bombing was excellent for the Squadron with 36 bombs in the target, 12 short and 12 salvoed.

b. Interception - A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground:

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed lost in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

c. Anti-aircraft fire

- (1) A/A was of medium caliber, slight intensity and inaccurate. 3 bursts of medium A/A 100 yards to rear and right of planes.

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d. Personnel casualties

(1) Nil personnel of this Squadron injured.

e. Damage to our A/P's

(1) Nil damage to our airplanes.

4. CITATIONS

Nil personnel to be recommended for an award.

5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs salvaged</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
814	12	0	1000
812	12	0	900
817	12	0	1500
816	12	0	1000
765	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>400</u>
Totals	48	12	4800

6. SIGHTINGS

a. 6 fires seen at AMOERANG BAY one with smoke 6500 feet as result of heavy attack.

b. Smoke seen at KEMA BAY but source could not be determined due to distance.

c. Target was devoid of activity.

7. Photos show bombs bursting in coconut trees in target. With exception of one camouflaged SSF there are nil specific targets present. Very slight activity.

For the Commanding Officer:

C.M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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1. Bombing chart
2. Route in and out chart.

12 Bombs

12 Bomb

12 Bomb
Scribble

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Bombs Drop

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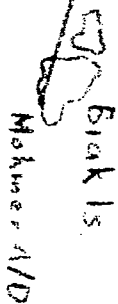
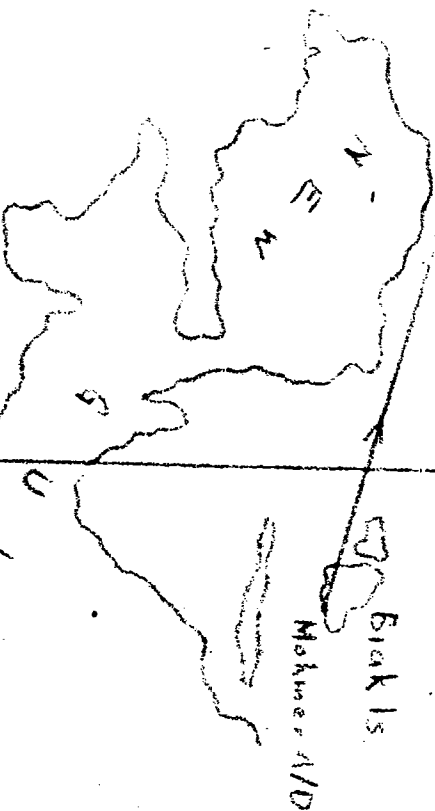
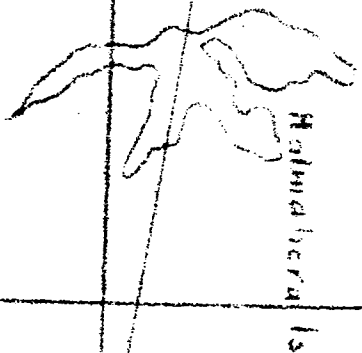
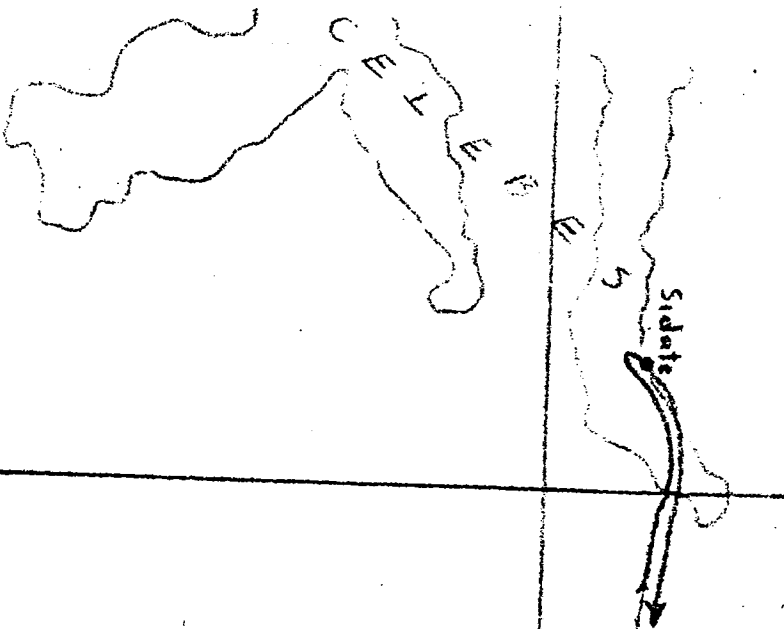
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1. Lt Morris 814 1/2
2. Lt Lamb 812-P 1/2
3. Lt McKenney 817-P 1/2
4. Lt Tyfrie 816-P 1/2
5. Lt Chalifoux 765 Solroad 1/2
P-Took Photos

12 Bombs

Overlay: Sielata (Northern Celabes)
Aerial/Mosaic Y Bomber Comm
Scale 42" = 1 Mi.

FF0-2L3A2 19 Sept 44
498 Bomb Sq (W) 345 Bomb Grp
Time 1105/I
Alt - Minimum
AP: 5 B25G13
60x100# Bombs



Moknes A/D

Overlaid East Indies Map
 1/8 inch Scale
 Scale 1" = 100 Mi

FFO-26342 1/5 Sept 44
 408 Bomb Sq (M) 345 Bomb Grp
 Time 1105 / I
 Alt. Minimum

125°

130°

135°

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CME/fo

24 September, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission PPO 267-A-2, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 23 September, 1944.
Objective: Personnel, Sidate A/D.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PRAP, Attention A.C. of S, A-2, APO #925.

1. **GENERAL**

a. Personnel at Sidate A/D, Calabas was the objective of a minimum altitude bombing and strafing attack. Five B25G-1's of the 498th Squadron employed on the mission were loaded with 12 x 100 lb. para demo bombs, 3700 x .50 cal. and 3000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammo.

b. Rendezvous

The four Squadrons of the 345th Group participating in the attack formed over BIAK ISLAND.

c. Attack

(1) Five planes reaching target dropped 60 x 100 lb. para demo bombs in target starting several small brush fires in personnel area 4000 ft. south of center of strip. One large fire with smoke to 2000 ft. was started 500 ft. south of East flight strip. One truck was set on fire 500 ft. west of taxiway on south edge of runway. One u/i airplane was set on fire in dispersal area 2000 ft. south of center of strip. Black smoke from burning plane rose to 1000 ft. One medium sized fire of unknown origin was started in coconut grove 500 ft. south of center of strip. A/A positions immediately south of dispersal area were bombed and strafed with unobserved results. Two A/P's were holed causing only slight damage. One u/s plane west end of strip strafed.

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

d. Time and location of:

Take Off: MOKMER A/D, BIAK, 0550/I.
Attack : SIDATE, CELEBES, 1106/I.
Landing : MOKMER A/D, BIAK, 1700/I.

e. Route: BIAK, direct to target with A/P's
Refueling at SANSAPOR on return.

2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

a. Capt. Wright led the 498th Squadron which was
first over the target.

Capt. Wright	A/P 817	Lt. Cranford	A/P 812
Lt. Coppotelli	814	Lt. Smith	880
Lt. Frazier	765		

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. Details of the attack - The five planes attacked from SE to NW in two flights of three and two planes each. The number two man in each flight was assigned the task of silencing 2 A/A batteries south of the dispersal area while the other planes attacked a personnel area 4000 ft. south of the center of the strip. The first flight hit the assigned targets with numbers one and three A/P's bombing and strafing the assigned personnel area starting several small fires of local nature. Lt. Coppotelli in number two position dropped eight bombs on the A/A positions and the remaining four in the dispersal area destroying one parked u/i plane and starting a fire of unknown origin 500 ft. south of center of strip. A/A positions and dispersal areas were strafed. One truck was set on fire on south edge of strip 500 ft. west of taxiway. Bombing for the flight was excellent. A/P 817 received two holes in the right vertical stabilizer and A/P 765 was also holed.

Lt. Cranford of the second flight released two bombs on some huts 4000 ft. short of the target, dropped six across the NE corner of the assigned area, and the remaining four fell immediately west of the road leading from the strip to the target. The target was strafed. Lt. Smith in number two position was blocked from his target by a sharp hill and turned right to cross the East flight gap. Ten bombs were dropped in string 200 ft. west of the road leading from the East dispersal area. Two bombs were dropped on a dump 500 ft. south of the East flight gap starting a fire with smoke to 2000 ft. The strip

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covered on the run was strafed. Bombing was good for the flight and excellent for the Squadron.

b. Interception

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed lost in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) One u/i enemy A/P destroyed on the ground by this Squadron.

c. Anti-aircraft fire

- (1) A/A was of light and medium caliber, of slight intensity and partly accurate, holing 2 A/P's. Fire observed from coast 2000 ft. East of strip.

d. Personnel casualties

- (1) Nil personnel of this Squadron injured.

e. Damage to our A/P's

- (1) A/P's 817 and 765 were holed by M/G fire.

4. CITATIONS

Nil personnel to be recommended for an award.

5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
765	12	----
880	12	2000
814	12	1200
812	12	1200
817	12	500
Totals	60	4900

6. SIGHTINGS

- a. Smoke at Amoerang to 500 ft.
- b. 3 large trucks off road at Ranoketang.
- c. 2 barges N Sorong, minimum altitude, 1300/I.

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7. Photos show only a limited amount of activity with a few small fires. Camera in A/P destroying A/P turned on too late.

For the Commanding Officer:

C.M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

2 Incls.

1. Bombing chart.
2. Route in and out chart.

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All Bombs
Dropped

FFO-267A2 23 Sept 44
490 Bomb Sq (W) 345 Bomb GP
Time - 1006/I
Alt - Minimum

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Hand-drawn map of Sidate (Northern Celebes) showing bomber command area and aerial mosaic scale.

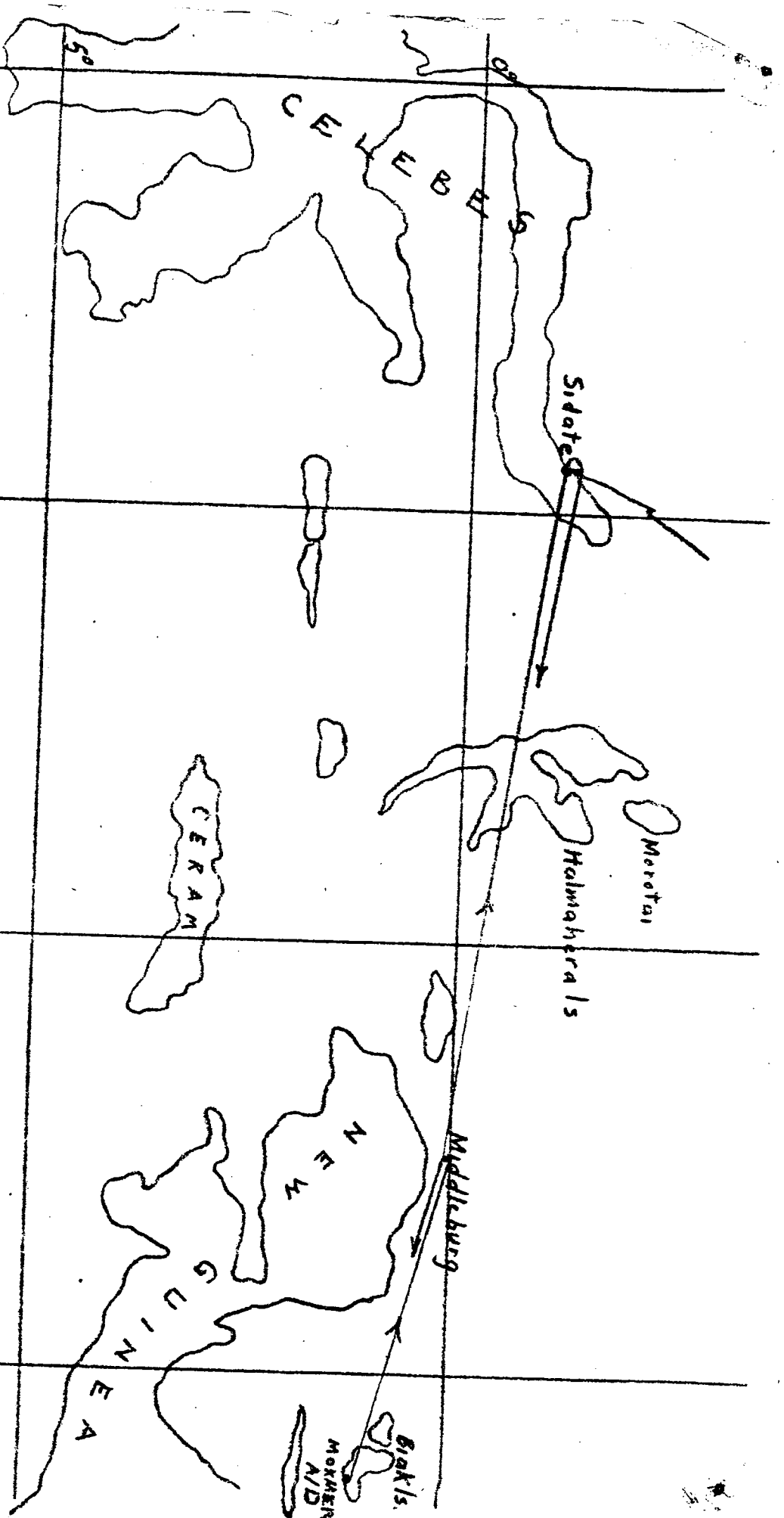
30 Bombs
in Target

6 Scattered
Fires in Target

2 Bombs

Overlay: Sidate (Northern Celebes)
Bomber Command
(Aerial Mosaic)
Scale 4.5" = 1 MI.

Overlay: East Indies West
V Bomber Command
Scale 1" = 100 Mi.



FFO-267 AZ 23 Sept 44
498 Bomb Sq (M) 345 Bomb Gp
Time - 0550 - 1700/I TGT - 1000/I
Alt - Minimum

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #920

CMB/jv

3 October, 1944

SUBJECT: Narratige report on mission PFO 275-A-2, performed by the 498th Squadron, 1 October, 1944.
Objective: Shipping Industry - BOLOANGOEKI, CELEBES.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FPAF, Attention of A. G. of S., A-2, APO #925.

1. GENERAL

a. The shipping industry at BOLOANGOEKI, CELEBES was the objective of a minimum altitude bombing and strafing attack. Six B25 G-1's of the 498th Squadron employed on the mission were loaded with 4 x 500 lb. incendiary bombs, 3700 x .50 cal. and 3000 x .30 cal. rounds of ammunition.

b. Reconnoisseurs

The four squadrons of the 345th Group participating in the attack formed over BIAK ISLAND.

c. Attack

(1) Six planes reaching target dropped 24 x 500 lb. incendiary bombs starting one small fire in Easternmost of four warehouses. Bombs were trained through warehouses and across cluster of buildings on tip of land on West edge of target. Bombing was excellent with three bombs falling in water and on edge of beach at South edge of target. Buildings and personnel area back of storehouses were strafed. Nil damage to personnel or planes.

d. Time and location of:

Take off: MOKMER A/D, BIAK, 0545/I.
Attack: BOLOANGOEKI, CELEBES, 1055/I - 1105/I.
Landing: MOKMER A/D, BIAK, 1540/I.

e. Route: BIAK direct to target with planes refueling at SANSAPOR on return.

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2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

- a. Lt. Nutting led the 498th Squadron which was fourth over the target.

Lt. Nutting	A/P 816	Lt. Morris	A/P 814
Lt. Coppotelli	812	Lt. Cranford	817
Lt. McKinney	852	Lt. Col. Coltharp	880

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

- a. Details of the attack - The six planes attacked from SE to NW in three flights of two planes each. The number one man in each flight was assigned to hit the buildings on the tip of the target and the number two man of each flight was assigned to hit the warehouses and ship building facilities down the center and near the hills on the target.

Lt. Nutting dropped his four bombs among buildings on the tip of the assigned target with nil observation of results. Lt. Coppotelli, #2 man of the first flight released his bombs on warehouses down the center of target causing one small fire in Easternmost of four warehouses. Bombing for this flight was excellent. Lt. McKinney #1 man of second flight attacked objectives on tip of target but three of his bombs fell short and in the water. Lt. Cranford, #2 man of second flight released his bombs on warehouses down center of target with nil observation of results. Bombing for this flight was good. Lt. Morris, #1 man in third flight attacked building at tip of target with nil observation of results. Lt. Col. Coltharp put all four bombs among warehouses down center of the target but damage could not be ascertained. Bombing for this flight and entire Squadron was excellent. All planes strafed the designated targets. Pamphlets were dropped over target area.

- b. Interception. A/P's destroyed in the air and on the ground.

- (1) Nil interception
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

- c. Anti-aircraft fire

- (1) Nil Anti-aircraft fire.

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d. Personnel casualties

(1) Nil personnel of this Squadron injured.

e. Damage to our A/P's

(1) Nil A/P's of this Squadron were damaged.

4. CITATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendation of awards.

5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs salvaged</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
852	4	0	1400
812	4	0	500
814	4	0	500
816	4	0	500
817	4	0	500
889	4	0	700
Totals	24	0	4100

6. SIGHTINGS

- (1) Two camouflaged Sugar Charlies in Bay East of target. One Sugar Charles was located 1 1/2 miles inland on North side of Bay and one was in cove directly SE of target.
- (2) Eight scattered vehicles were moving down valley on road East of target.
- (3) Twenty-four tin-roofed buildings were in valley 10 miles East of target. Buildings were in U shape with large building in center.

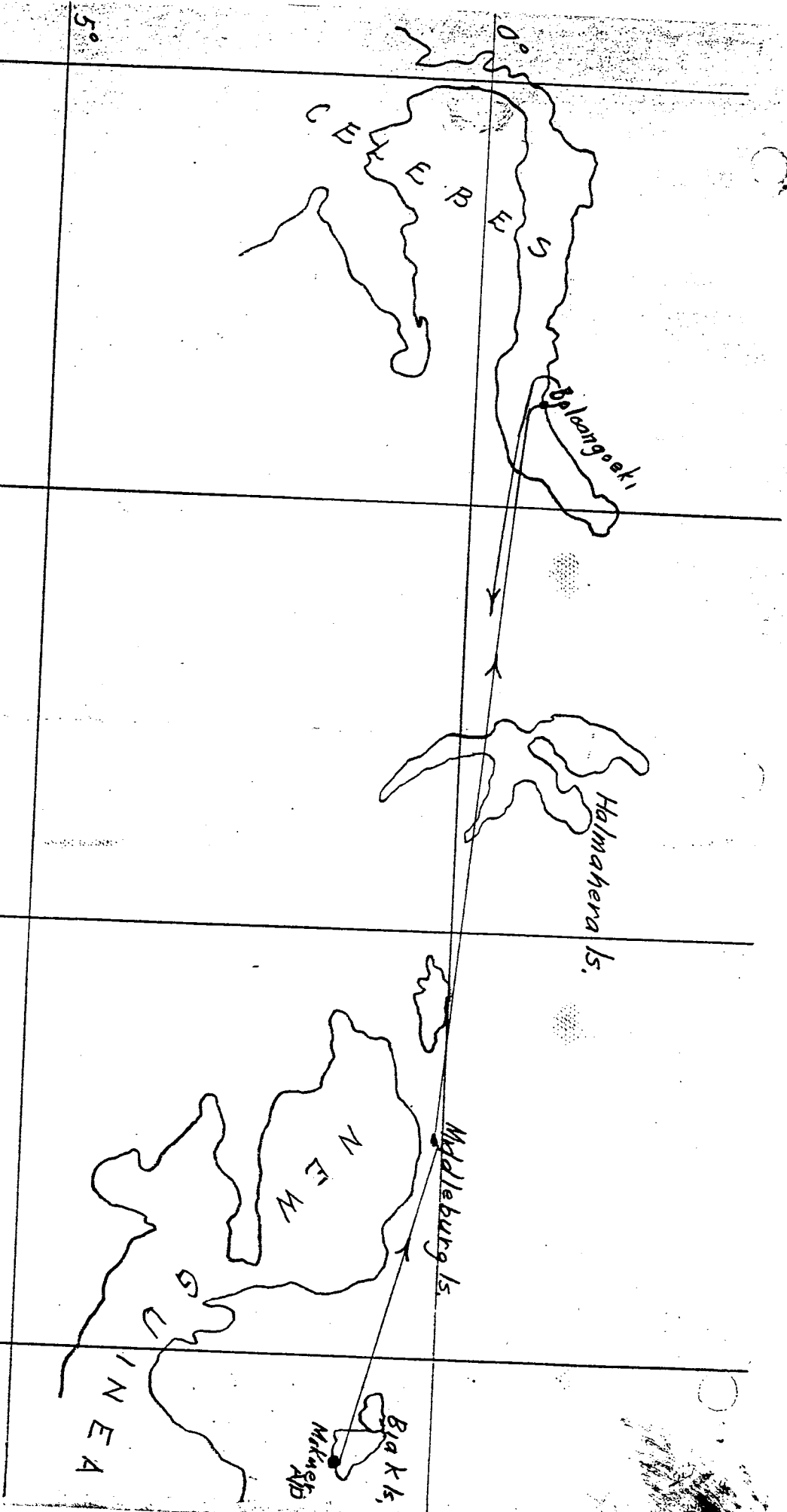
7. Photos bear out damage as reported.

For the Commanding Officer:

C. M. BOWEN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

2 Incl.

1. Route in and out chart.
2. Bombing chart.



Overlay: East Indies West
V Bomber Command
Scale 1"=100 Mi.

FFO-275A2 1 Oct 44
498 Bomb Sq (M) 345 Bomb GP
Time 0450-1540/I

125°

130°

135°

5°

0°



1 Bomb
Fire in Storehouse
3 Bombs in Water
3 Ships Under Construction
20 Bombs in Target

Sugar Charlie

1st Flt { 1 Lt Nutting - 852
 2 Lt Coppotelli - 812
2nd Flt { 3 Lt McKinney - 814
 4 Lt Cranford - 817
3rd Flt { 5 Lt Morris - 816
 6 Col. Coltharp - 880
All Took Photos

Sugar Charlie

FFO-275A2 1 Oct 44
498 Bomb Sq (M) 345 Gp
Time 1055/I
Alt - Minimum
6 B25G1's
24 X 500# Incend. Bombs

OVERLAY: Aerial Mosaic
Boloangoeki to Laimpangi Bay
LGP5, LPPG - 8 Sept 44
Scale 1:15,000

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
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4 October, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission PFO 277-A-2, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 3 October, 1944.
Objective: Barge Sweep to SOKLA ISLAND.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PFAF, Attention of A.C. of S., A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. GENERAL

a. Primary objective was a barge sweep around SOKLA ISLAND. There was no secondary objective. There were to be six B25G-1's. All planes carried 12 x 100 lb. para demo, 4/5 sec. delay fuse bombs. The attack was made from minimum altitude.

b. Rendezvous

There was no rendezvous. BARGE SWEEP WAS MADE INDEPENDENTLY IN FLIGHTS OF TWO AIR PLANES.

c. Attack

(1) Only four planes of this Squadron reached the target. Two planes turned back East of WAIGEO ISLAND due to engine trouble. Two planes dropped 4 x 100 lb. para demo, 4/5 sec. delay fuse bombs on a small cargo barge (15 tons) off KARO ISLAND destroying the barge. Four planes dropped 44 x 100 lb. para demo 4/5 sec. delay fuse bombs on a square stern lugger flying a Jap flag (60 tons) in VESUVIUS BAY. The bombs bracketed the lugger with one possible hit. Both the barge and lugger were strafed. The lugger was beached on a reef and .50 cal. were seen entering the hull.

d. Time and location of:

Take off: MOKMER DRONE, 0245/I.
Attack: SOKLA ISLAND, 0630 - 0745/I.
Landing: MOKMER DRONE, 1200/I.

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- e. Route: BIAK, direct to target with A/P's re-fueling at SANSAPOR on return.

2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

Lt. Neblett	A/P 852	Lt. Jensen	A/P 880	Lt. Leon	812
Lt. Johnson	817	Lt. Cooper	704	Lt. Chalifoux	816

The 498th Squadron was the only Squadron on this sweep.

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. Details of the attack - Two planes of the first flight, Lt. Neblett 852 and Lt Johnson 817, turned back East of WAIGEO ISLAND due to engine trouble. The second flight, Lt. Jensen 880 and Lt. Cooper 704, dropped 4 x 100 lb. para demo 4/5 sec. delay fuse bombs in three passes at minimum altitude on a small cargo barge (15 tons) off KORO ISLAND destroying the barge. This flight continued its sweep around TALIBOR ISLAND. In VESUVIUS BAY this flight made one pass minimum altitude dropping 20 bombs bracketing a square sterned lugger (60 T) flying a Jap flag with one possible hit. The lugger was strafed and .50 cal. were seen entering the hull. The lugger was beached on reef. The third flight, Lt. Leon 812 and Lt. Chalifoux 816, made three passes dropping 24 x 100 lb. para demo 4/5 sec. delay fuse bombs bracketing the same lugger. The lugger was also strafed by this flight. The lugger was left damaged but not destroyed. The third flight due to shortage of fuel only continued its sweep around MANGOLE ISLAND.

b. Interception

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed lost in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

c. Anti-aircraft fire

- (1) Nil A/A fire.

d. Personnel casualties

- (1) Nil personnel of this Squadron injured.

e. Damage to our A/P's

- (1) Nil A/P's of this Squadron damaged.

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4. CITATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendations of awards.

5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs returned</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
852	0	12	----
817	0	12	----
880	12	0	2000
704	12	0	1575
812	12	0	900
816	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>900</u>
Totals	48	24	5375

6. SIGHTINGS

a. Nil sightings.

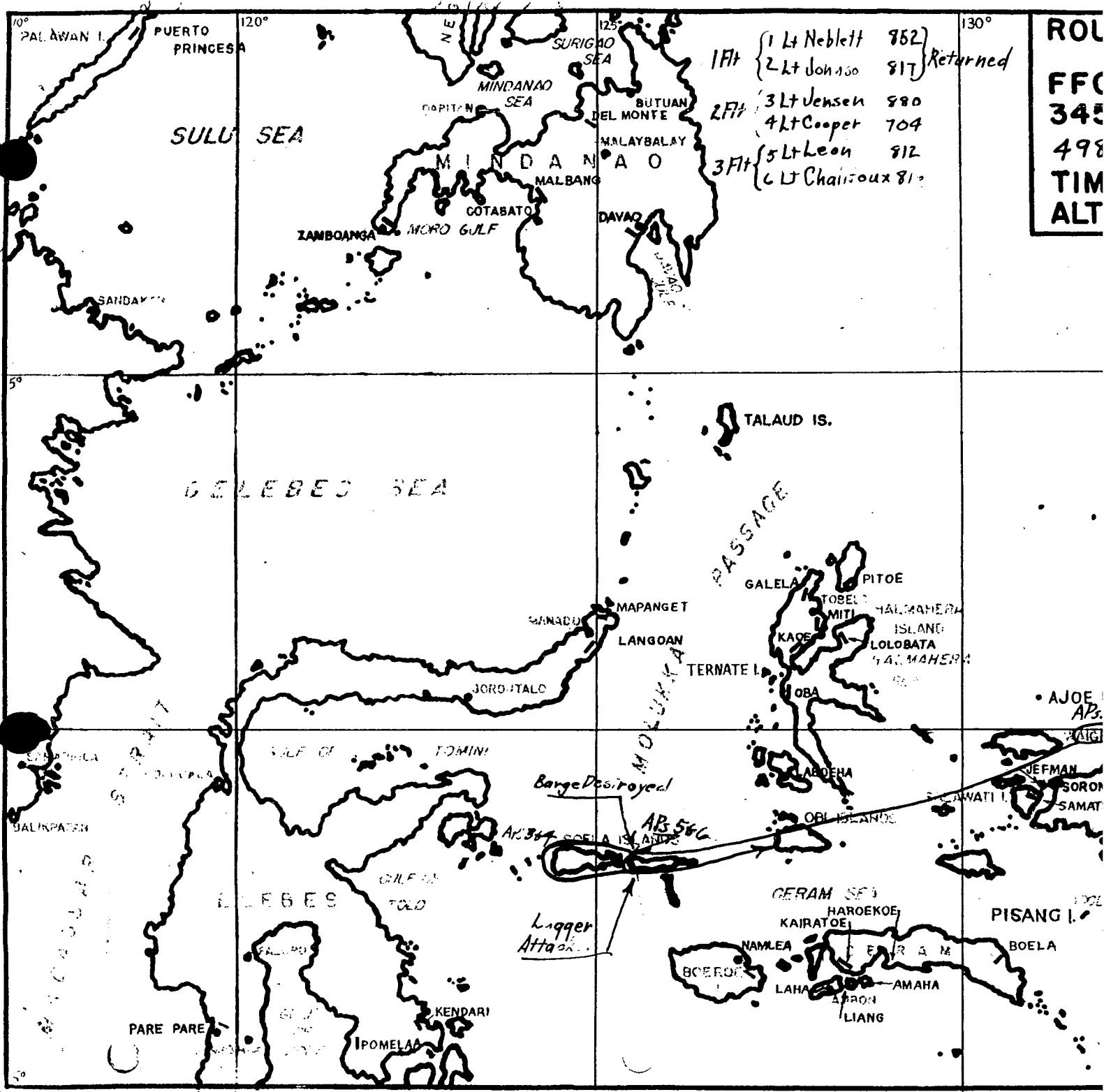
7. The photos show the lugger beached on reef in possible serviceable condition. Two bombs falling near lugger which might score hits.

For the Commanding Officer:

R. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

1 Incl.

1. Route in and out chart.



1 Ft	{ 1 Lt Neblett 952 2 Lt Johnson 817 }	Returned
2 Ft	{ 3 Lt Jensen 880 4 Lt Cooper 704 }	
3 Ft	{ 5 Lt Leon 812 6 Lt Chaisoux 812 }	

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
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6 October, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission PFO 278-A-2, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 4 October, 1944.
Objective: A/A and grounded planes at SIDATE A/D.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAR, Attention of A. C. of S., A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. **GENERAL**

a. A/A and grounded planes at SIDATE A/D, CELEBES, was the objective of a minimum altitude bombing and strafing attack. Six B25 G-1's of the 498th Squadron employed on the mission were loaded with 12 x 100 lb. 8/15 sec. delay fuse para bombs, 3700 x .50 cal. and 3000 x .30 cal. rounds of ammunition.

b. Rendezvous

The two squadrons of the 345th Group participating in the attack formed over BIAK ISLAND.

c. Attack

(1) Report cover damage of six planes reaching target. 66 x 100 lb. 8/15 sec. delay fuse para demo bombs were dropped on the target starting three small fires in South part of dispersal area and one fire 2000 feet South of East end of strip. Dispersal area was strafed. Two A/P's bombed and strafed A/A batteries South of strip with unobserved results. Bombing was excellent. One A/P developed engine trouble over target and landed at MOROTAI ISLAND.

d. Time and location of:

Take off: MOKMER DROME, 0615/I.
Attack: SIDATE DROME, 1045/I to 1051/I
Landing: MOKMER DROME, 1740/I.

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- e. Route: BIAK, direct to target with A/P's re-fueling at SANSAPOR on return.

2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

Lt. Morris led the 498th Squadron which was last over the target.

Lt. Morris	A/P 880	Lt. Nutting	A/P 704
Lt. Gilstrap	814	Lt. McKinney	815
Lt. Cranford	817	Lt. Frazier	852

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

- a. Details of the attack - The six planes attacked from East to West in two flights of three planes each. The number three man in each flight was assigned the task of silencing the A/A batteries south of the dispersal area while the other planes attacked the dispersal area south of the strip. The first flight hit the assigned target starting several small fires of local nature in the dispersal area and one fire 2000 feet south of East end of strip. Lt. Cranford, A/P 817, in number three position dropped 12 bombs through A/A positions. A/A positions and dispersal area were strafed. A/P 817 developed a bad oil leak over the target and proceeded to MOROTAI ISLAND where it made an emergency landing. There were nil casualties and the crew returned to base in a C-47 the following day. Lt. Gilstrap salvaged six bombs in water off West end of strip. The second flight hit the assigned target starting several small fires of local nature in dispersal area. Lt. Frazier in number three position dropped his bombs through A/A positions. A/A positions and dispersal areas were strafed. The first flight received no A/A, but the second received A/A fire from known gun positions.

b. Interception

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed lost in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

c. Anti-aircraft fire

- (1) A/A was of light and medium caliber, of moderate intensity, partly accurate, white burst at same altitude coming from known positions on hill South of strip. Some M/G fire was coming from North side of East end of runway.

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d. Personnel casualties

(1) Nil personnel of this squadron injured.

e. Damage to our A/P's

(1) Nil damage to A/P's of this squadron due to enemy action.

4. CITATIONS

Nil personnel to be recommended for an award.

5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs salvaged</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
880	12	--	1500
814	6	16	500
817	12	--	--
704	12	--	1200
815	12	--	1000
852	<u>12</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>800</u>
Totals	66	6	5000

6. SIGHTINGS

a. One serviceable lugger on reef in AMOERANG BAY.

7. Photos show bombs bursting through dispersal area.
Small fires are of undetermined origin.

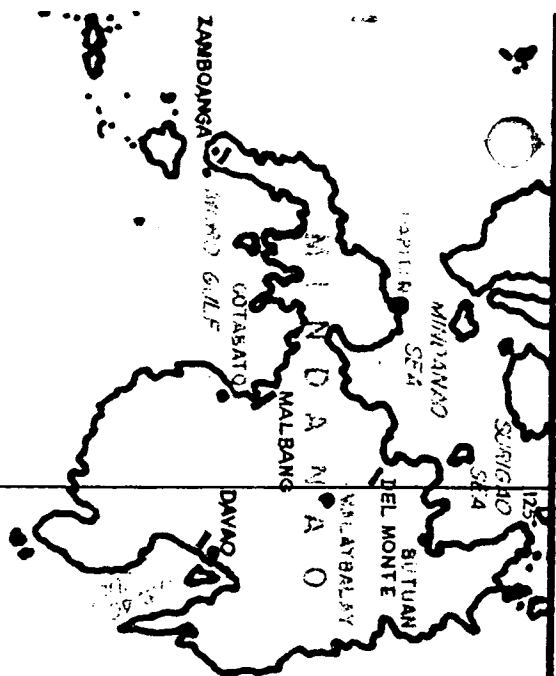
For the Commanding Officer:

R. KUECHLER,
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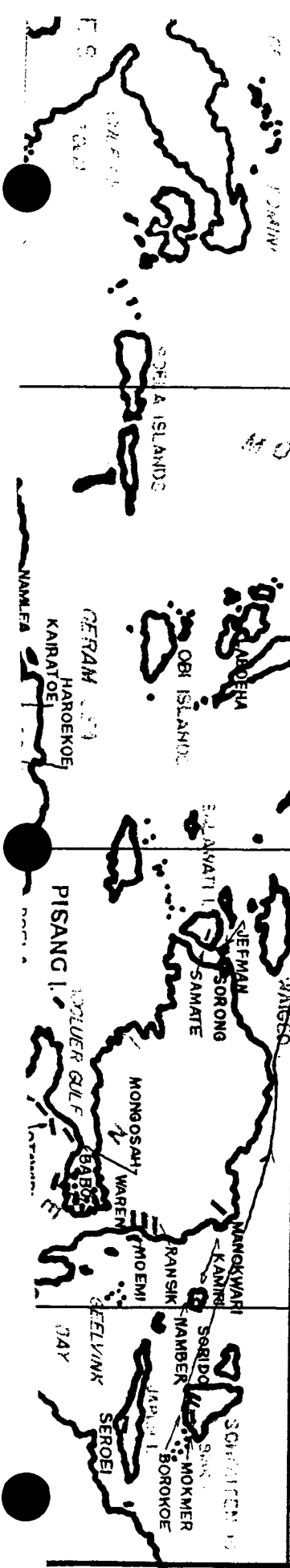
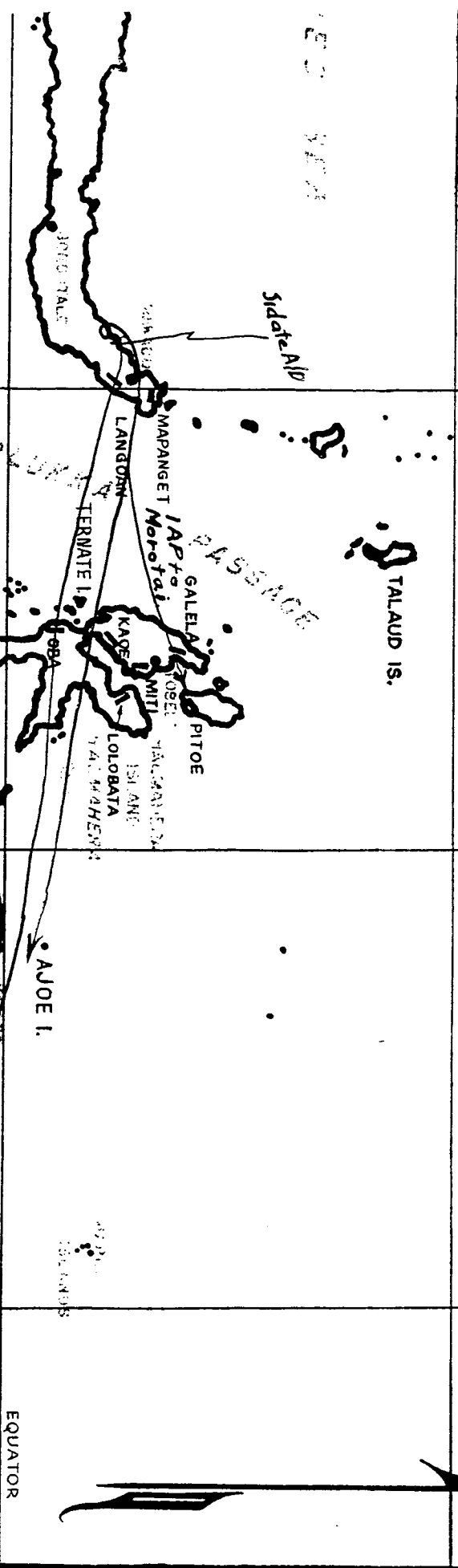
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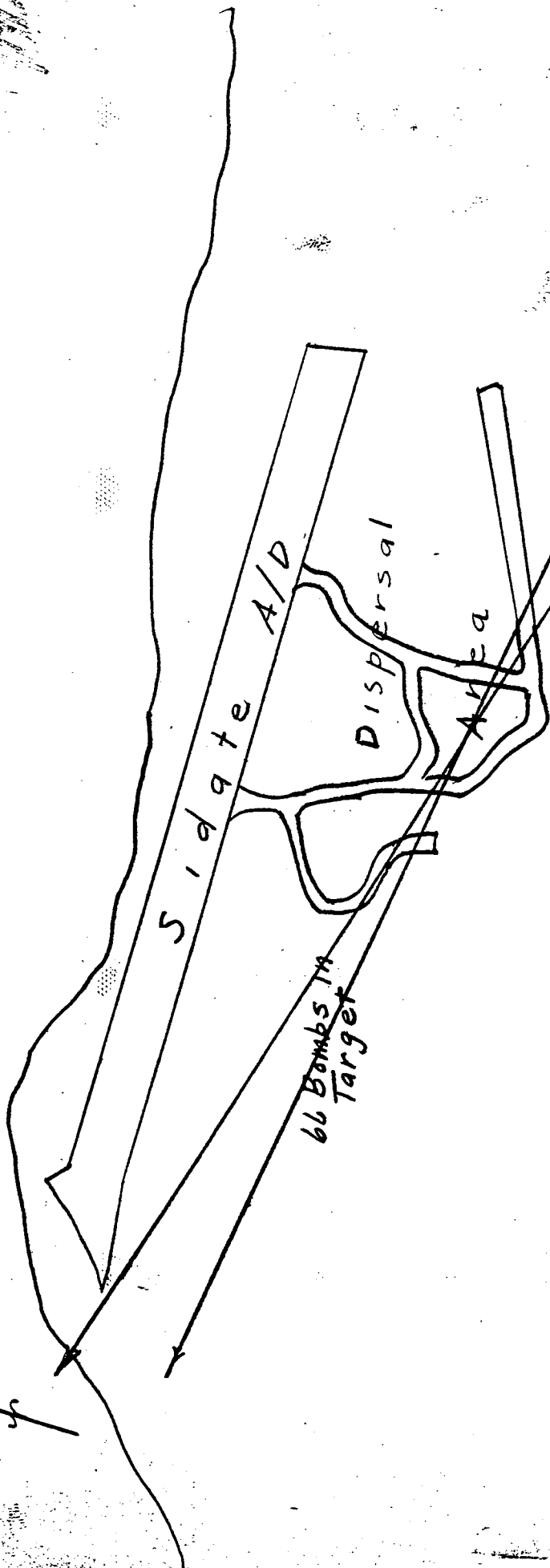
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ROUTE TO AND FROM TARGET
FFO: 27843 DATE: 4 Oct 44
345TH BOMB GROUP
498 BOMB SQUADRON
TIME OVER TARGET: 1045/I
ALTITUDE: Min



6 Bombs Salvoed



1 Flt { 1 Lt Morris - 880
2 Lt Gilstrap - 814 - Salvoed 6 Bombs
3 Lt Cranford - 817 - Landed Morotai

2 Flt { 4 Lt Nutting - 704
5 Lt McKinney - 815
6 Lt Frazier - 854
All APs Had Cameras

Overlay: Aerial Mosaic VBomber
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Scale 4.5" = 1 Mi.

2nd Flt
1st Flt

4 1 5
1 2 6
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FFO 278 AZ 40ct44
498 Bomb Sq (M) 345 B.Gp.
Time 1045-1051/I
Alt. Minimum
APs 6B25G13
Bombs - 72x100# Para Demos

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7 October, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission PPO 280-A-1, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 6 October, 1944.
Objective: ANAHAI, CRRAN.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FPAF, Attention of A.C. of S., A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. GENERAL

a. Personnel at the SE corner of number 2 strip at ANAHAI (CRRAN) was the objective of a minimum altitude bombing and strafing attack. Six B25G-1's of the 498th Squadron used on the mission were loaded with 12 x 100 lb. 8/15 sec. delay fuse para demo bombs, 3700 x .50 cal. and 3000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition.

b. Rendezvous

The two Squadrons of the 345th Group participating in the attack formed over BIAK ISLAND.

c. Attack

(1) Six A/P's dropped 48 x 100 lb. 8/15 sec. delay fuse parademo bombs through the personnel area at the SE corner of #2 strip with 12 of the bombs training 500 ft. along the south side of the strip west of the target. 24 bombs were trained through the medium A/A position at the East end of #2 strip. The target was covered with smoke and dust from the bombing but damage was unobserved otherwise. Bombing was excellent. The target and A/A positions were strafed with 3300 x .50 cal. rounds of ammo. One inline SSP in among the trees in dispersal area at SW end #2 strip was damaged and possibly destroyed by strafing. 2 A/P's were holed by M/G fire.

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

1. Time and location of:

Take Off: MOKMER A/D, BIAK, 0900/I.
Attack: ANANAI, CERRAN, 1200/I.
Landing: MOKMER A/D, BIAK, 1455/I.

c. Route: BIAK direct to target and return.

2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

Lt. Neblett led the 498th Squadron which was second over the target.

Lt. Neblett	A/P 161	Lt. Johnson	A/P 816
Lt. Stapleton	812	Lt. Chalifoux	880
Lt. Leem	852	Lt. Gilstrap	814

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. Details of the attack - The six planes attacked from East to West in two flights of three A/P's each. The number two man in each flight was to attack A/A positions at the East end of #2 strip. Lt. Neblett and Lt. Leem trained their bombs through the target with six bombs extending beyond the wooded area and along the south side of the East end of #2 strip. Lt. Neblett strafed and damaged an inline SSF at the SE corner of #2 strip. The target and the area between the coast and the strips were strafed. Lt. Stapleton bombed and strafed the assigned A/A position and continued strafing along the North side of both strips. Bombing was excellent for the flight.

Lt. Johnson and Lt. Gilstrap trained their bombs through the target and strafed the coast from the East end of #2 strip halfway along #1 strip. Both planes were holed by M/G fire. Lt. Chalifoux bombed and strafed the medium A/A battery at the East end of #2 strip and continued strafing along the North side of the strip.

b. Interception

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed lost in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) One enemy inline SSF damaged and possibly destroyed by strafing.

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c. Anti-aircraft fire

- (1) A/A was light, medium and heavy caliber; moderate intensity; accurate to inaccurate; bursting 500 ft.

2 known medium and heavy A/A positions firing. M/G fire from positions on slope East #2 strip. Medium position at East end of #2 strip was reported at edge of woods rather than in center of flight gap.

d. Personnel casualties

- (1) Nil personnel of this squadron injured.

e. Damage to our A/P's

- (1) A/P's 816 and 814 were holed by M/G fire.

4. CITATIONS

Nil personnel to be recommended for an award.

5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
814	12	800
880	12	1200
812	12	1200
816	12	800
161	12	2500
852	12	2000
<u>Totals</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>8300</u>

6. SIGHTINGS

- a. One apparently serviceable camouflaged SSF was in revetment 500 ft. south of medium A/A position in center of loop #2 strip.

- b. One T/E w/i plane was on the South side of the center of #1 strip. Serviceability not definite.

7. Photos show bombs bursting through target but nil structures or stores are visible. A/P's visible in photographs are unserviceable.

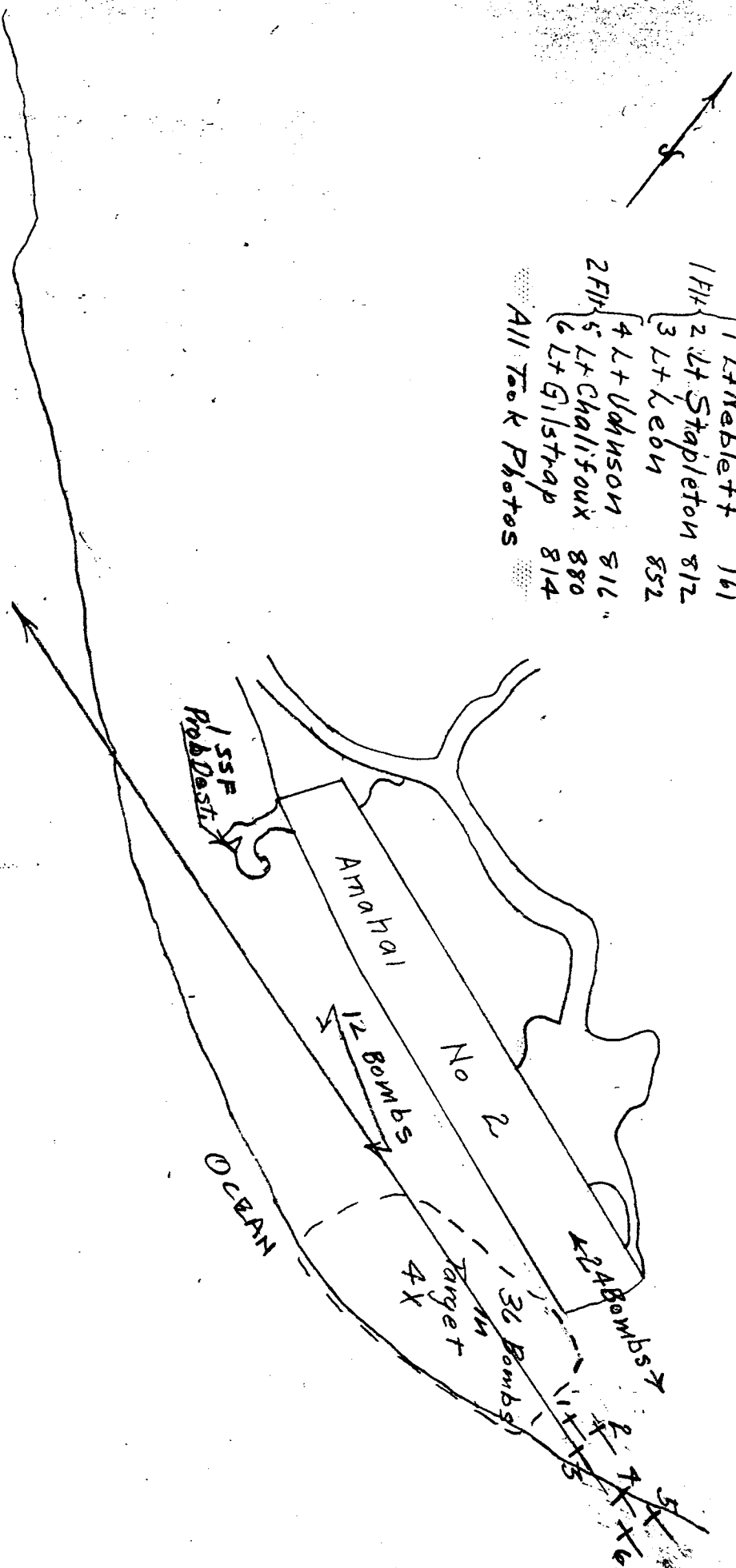
For the Commanding Officer:

C.M. BOWEN,
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Intelligence Officer.

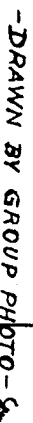
1 Lt Neblett 161
 1 Flt 2 Lt Stapleton 812
 3 Lt Leon 852
 4 Lt Johnson 816
 2 Flt 5 Lt Chaffoux 880
 6 Lt Gilstrap 814
 All Took Photos

Overlay: Aerial Mosaic
 Amahai A/D
 V Bomb Command
 Scale 1:9300

FFO-280A1 6 Oct 44
 498 Bomb Sq (M) 345 Bomb Grp
 Time 1200 LT
 Alt 17,000'
 APs 2 B25Gs
 48 X 100# Para Demos



FFO: 280A1 DATE: 6 Oct 44
345TH BOMB GROUP
~~491~~ BOMB SQUADRON
TIME OVER TARGET: 1200/I
ALTITUDE: *Min*



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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
A.P.O. #920

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8 October, 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission PFO 281-A-4, performed
by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 7 October, 1944.
Objective: Warehouses and buildings TOMPANSO VILLAGE.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. GENERAL

a. Warehouses and buildings along highway at the
NE corner of TOMPANSO VILLAGE (CELEBES) was the
objective of a minimum altitude bombing and
strafing attack. Six B25 G-1's of the 498th
Squadron used on the mission were loaded with
12 x 100 lb. 8/15 sec. delay fuse para demo
bombs, 3700 x .50 cal. and 3000 x .30 cal. rounds
of ammunition.

b. Rendezvous

The two Squadrons of the 345th Group participating
in the attack formed over BIAK ISLAND.

c. Attack

(1) Five A/P's dropped 52 x 100 lb. 8/15 sec.
delay fuse para demo bombs on buildings
and warehouses in TOMPANSO VILLAGE starting
six fires with smoke rising to 300 feet.
Direct hits were scored on six or eight
buildings. A/P's bombed and strafed ware-
houses in KAWANGKOAN VILLAGE were identified
by some of the crews as the buildings shown
in the target photo given as TOMPANSO VIL-
LAGE. Two A/P's were holed by M/G fire.

d. Time and location of:

Take off: MOKMER A/D, BIAK, 0630/I.

Attack: TOMPANSO VILLAGE, 1040/I.

Landing: MOKMER A/D, BIAK, 1630/I.

A/P's refueled at SANSAPOR on return
from target.

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- e. Route: BIAK direct to target and return.
2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.
- Lt. Morris led the 498th Squadron which was first over the target.

Lt. Morris	A/P 816	Lt. Cranford	A/P 880
Lt. Coppotelli	852	Lt. Frazier	812
Lt. McKinney	815	Lt. Cooper	811

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

- a. Details of the attack - The six A/P's made two passes from West to East in two flights of three planes each. Lt. Morris on the second pass trained his bombs through warehouses on left side of road of KAWANGKOAN VILLAGE which his crew identified as target shown in the target photos given as TOMPANSO VILLAGE. Two small fires were started. Lt. Coppotelli and Lt. McKinney dropped their bombs through the target in TOMPANSO VILLAGE destroying 2 to 4 buildings and starting fires. Both villages were strafed by all A/P's of this flight. Lt. Coppotelli's A/P was holed by M/G fire.

Lt. Cranford and Lt. Cooper trained their bombs through target starting 2 to 4 fires. Lt. Cooper's A/P was holed by M/G fire. Lt. Frazier dropped 4 bombs on TOMPANSO VILLAGE starting one fairly large fire with smoke rising 300 feet. Eight bombs were salvaged on land west of KAKAS. Bombs would have trained through residential section if dropped. All A/P's of this flight strafed both villages.

A/P's 852, 880, and 812 remained at SANSAPOR.

b. Interception

- (1) Nil interception
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed lost in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

c. Anti-aircraft fire

- (1) A/A was light. M/G fire, slight intensity; accurate to inaccurate.

Tracers were seen coming from positions along the road on the approach to the target.

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d. Personnel casualties

(1) Nil personnel of this Squadron injured.

e. Damage to our A/P's

(1) A/P's 852 and 811 were holed by M/G fire.

4. CITATIONS

Nil personnel to be recommended for an award.

5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs salvoed</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
816	12	--	1000
852	12	--	--*
815	12	--	500
880	12	--	--*
812	4	-8	*
811	<u>12</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>1000</u>
TOTALS	64	8	2500

* Three A/P's remained at SANSAPORA and are not included in ammo count.

6. SIGHTINGS

a. Nil sightings.

7. Photos show target in KAWANGKOAN VILLAGE and not TOMPANSO VILLAGE.

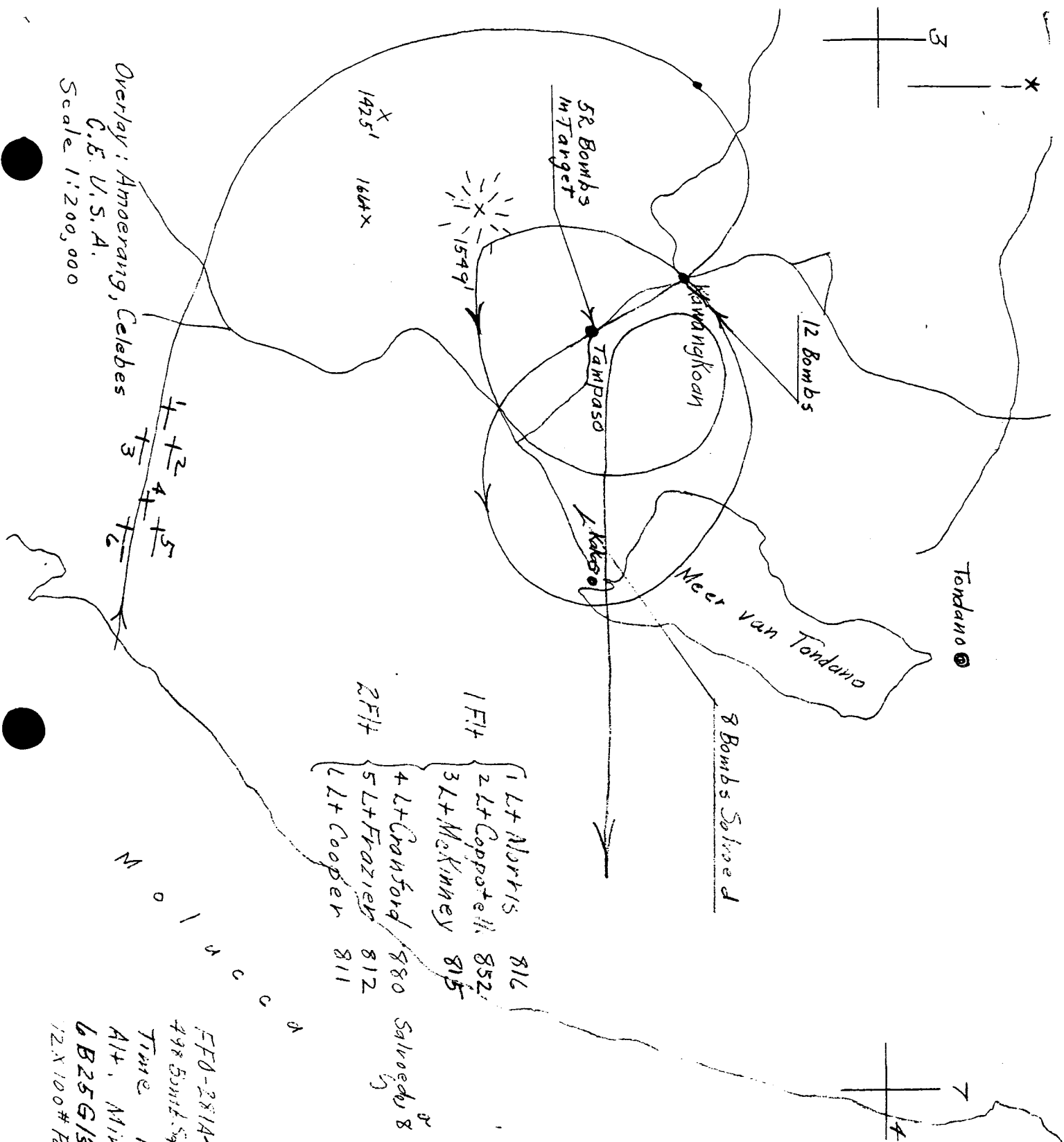
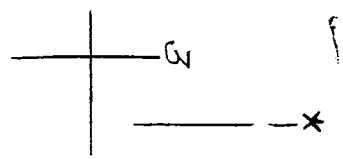
For the Commanding Officer:

R. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Intelligence Officer.

2 Incl.

1. Route in and out chart.
2. Bombing chart.

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Scale 1:200,000

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1 F1t { 1 Lt Norris 816
2 Lt Coppote II, 852
3 Lt McKinney 815
4 Lt Crawford 880
5 Lt Frazier 812
1 Lt Cooper 811
8 Salvaged

FFD-28144 70444
498 Bombs (1) 345 GP
Time 1040 J
Alt. Min.
LB25G/5.
12X100# Para Demos.

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498th Bombardment Squadron (M) AAF
345th Bombardment group (M) AAF
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
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9 November, 1944.

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, mission to ALICANTE AIRDROME, Negro Is.
(10°50'N-123°00'E). Date 3 November, 1944.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FRAF, APO 925. Attention of:
A.C. of S., A-2.

1. GENERAL

a. On 2 November, 1944, six B-25's took-off from MOKMER Airdrome, Biak Island and proceeded to Morotai Island from which missions were to be staged. On the morning of 3 November, 1944, six (6) B-25's (4 B-25J -2-B25G-1) of this squadron, in conjunction with three (3) other squadrons of the 345th Bomb Group took-off to attack ALICANTE and FABRICA AIRDROMES. This squadron was ordered to strafe ALICANTE AIRDROME and bomb and strafe FABRICA AIRDROME. Because of interception, FABRICA AIRDROME was not attacked. Two A/P turned back at 123°05' E-8°N at 1100/I, A/P# 192 because of engine trouble and A/P# 034 escorted the plane in difficulty back to base.

b.

RENDEZVOUS

1. The Group Rendezvous was accomplished over PITOE AIRDROME, Morotai Island.
2. The Fighter Rendezvous was accomplished on course to the target.

c. ATTACK

The approach to ALICANTE was made from the S flying over Guimaras Straits. The four (4) planes attacked in a line abreast formation at minimum altitude, strafing during the complete run over the target. One (1) serviceable Tony was definitely destroyed by strafing as it was set afire and seen burning. Other results due to strafing were unobserved. Approximately 20-30 planes were destroyed by previous raids. Serviceable planes were seen along the strip. No bombs were dropped on ALICANTE as Squadron was ordered only to strafe ALICANTE and to bomb and strafe FABRICA AIR DROME. The actual ammunition expended on the target was 5800 X .50 cal.

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d. AIRPLANES DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AERIAL COMBAT.

1. Nil E/A destroyed or damaged in the air by this Squadron.
2. One (1) Tony was seen destroyed by P-38.

e. AIRPLANES DESTROYED OR DAMAGED ON THE GROUND.

1. One (1) Tony was definitely destroyed by strafing.

f. DAMAGE TO OWN PLANES.

1. Top turret ~~and~~ in A/P No. 765 was holed.

g. TIME AND LOCATION OF:

1. T.O. - PITOE STRIP, Morotai Is. 0745/I
 Fighter Rendezvous - On course 0800/I
 T.O.T. - ALICANTE A/D, Negros Is. 1215/I
 Landed - PITOE STRIP, Morotai Is. 1630/I

h. ROUTE

1. Out: PITOE-SIEBUGUEY BAY-SIPALAY-GUINARAS STRAITS-Target.

In : TARGET AROUND N TIP OF NEGROS TANON STRAIT
 ILLIGAN BAY across MINDANAO into ILLAN BAY
 following coast of MINDANAO to BORONG then
 direct to base.

2. FORMATION, PILOTS AND PLANES PARTICIPATING

- a. Group. The Group formation enroute consisted of the 501st, 498th, 499th and 500th in that order.

- b. Squadron. This Squadron was led by 1st Lt. W.W. MORRIS consisted of the following:

FIRST FLIGHT	SECOND FLIGHT
1st Lt. W.W. MORRIS, A/P 005	1st Lt. J. LEON A/P 034
Maj. G.A. DOOKITTLE, A/P 104	2nd Lt. F.F. SMITH, A/P 192
1st Lt. I.R. MCKINNEY, A/P 000	1st Lt. W.W. CHALIFOUX, A/P 76

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3. DETAILS OF MISSION.

a. Lt. MORRIS assembled the Squadron shortly after take-off and took up the number two position in the Group Formation. The trip to ALICANTE A/D was without incident. As the Group was approaching the target, Lt. MORRIS maneuvered the four planes astern of the leading Squadron into a line abreast formation., Lt. MORRIS strafed along the W side of runway. Major DOOLITTLE flying in No. 2 position and Lt. GHALIPOUX on his right wing strafed the E dispersal area with unobserved results. Lt. McKINNEY flying on Lt. MORRIS's left wing, destroyed by strafing one parked serviceable Tony on the W side of runway.

b. DETAILS OF INTERCEPTION.

1. As the formation pulled off the target, three Tonys came in to attack from five and six o'clock high. A short burst from the tail gunners and the Jap pilots broke away.

c. DETAILS OF DAMAGE TO OWN PLANES.

1. Top turret in A/P No.765 was holed.

d. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES.

1. There were no injuries to personnel of this squadron.

4. CITATIONS

a. This mission provided no suitable action for the recommendation of any awards.

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE

a. 6 x 100 lb 8/15 sec. delay fuze bombs salvoed.
b. 5800 x .50 cal. ammo expended.

6. SIGHTINGS

a. One(1) Sugar-Charlie seen tied to jetty SW of ALICANTE.

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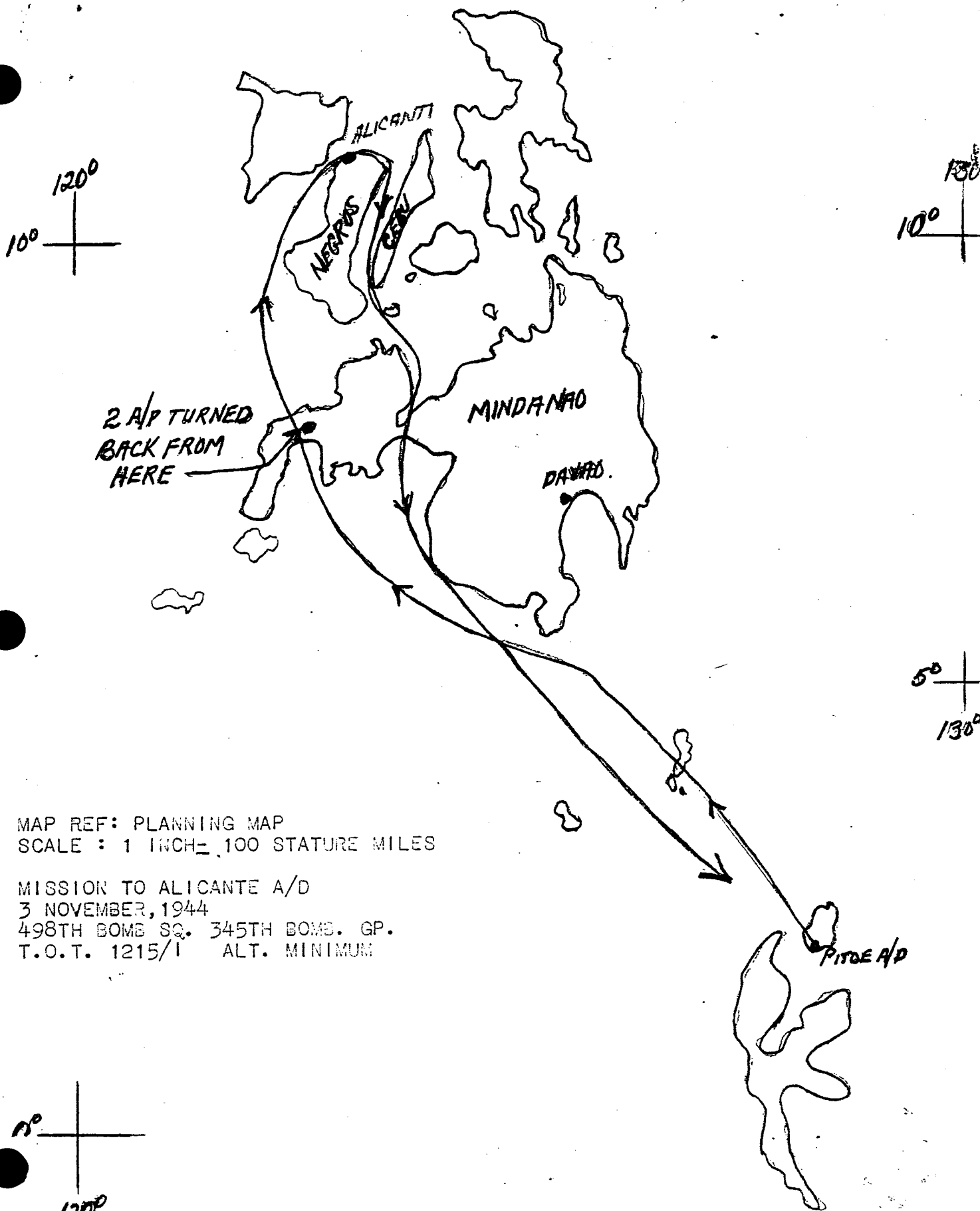
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7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION

A. No cameras have been installed in the B-25-J's for no provisions were made for cameras. Modifications will be made in the near future.

For The Squadron Commander:

Frederick J. Fay
1st. Lt., Air Corps
Acting Intelligence Officer



MAP REF: PLANNING MAP
 SCALE : 1 INCH = 100 STATURE MILES

MISSION TO ALICANTE A/D
 3 NOVEMBER, 1944
 498TH BOMB SQ. 345TH BOMB. GP.
 T.O.T. 1215/1 ALT. MINIMUM

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498th Bombardment Squadron(M) AAF
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498
FFO 309
4 NOV 44

10 November, 1944.

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, mission to LIBBY AIRDROME, Mindanao.
Date 4 November, 1944. FFO.309-

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PEARL, APO 925. Attention of:
A.C. of S., A-2.

1. GENERAL

a. On the morning of 4 November, 1944, six B-25's of squadron in conjunction with the three other squadrons of the 345th B.G. took off from PITOE A/D to attack LIBBY and DALIAO A/D's. The 500th and 498th were ordered to bomb and strafe LIBBY A/D and the 501st and 499th to attack DALIAO A/D.

b

RENDEZVOUS

1. The Group rendezvous was accomplished over Pitoe A/D, Morotai Island.
2. There was no fighter cover.

c

ATTACK

The run over the target was made from a NW to SE direction at minimum altitude. Twenty-one 100 pound 8/15 sec. delay fuse bombs were dropped among the fourteen warehouses on NW end of the strip, scoring some direct hits and setting some on fire. One plane dropped three bombs among the dispersed stores at the N end of the strip and three more bombs on some buildings in the center of dispersal area on W side of strip. A small building 1/2 mile SW of S end of strip was bombed.

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d. INTERCEPTION AND DETAILS OF AERIAL COMBAT

1. Nil interception occurred.
2. Nil E/A destroyed or damaged in the air.
3. Nil friendly A/P's damaged or destroyed as a result of aerial combat.

e. TIME AND LOCATION OF:

1. T.O.	PITOE STRIP,	0700/I
T.O.T.	LIBBY A/D	0933/I
Landed	PITOE STRIP	1132/I

f. ROUTE

1. Out: PITOE-TAULAUD IS.-TARGET.

In : TARGET-TAULAUD IS.-PITOE.

2. FORMATION, PILOTS AND PLANES PARTICIPATING

a. The Group Formation enroute consisted of the 500th, 501st, 498th and 499th squadrons in that order.

b. This squadron lead by 1st Lt. W.W.Morris consisted of the following:

FIRST FLIGHT	SECOND FLIGHT
1st Lt. W.W.Morris, A/P 005	1st Lt. J.Leon A/P 034
Major G.A.Doolittle A/P 104	1st Lt. W.W.Shalifoux 836
1st Lt. F.F.Smith A/P 292	1st Lt. J.L.Fabale A/P 880

3. DETAIL OF MISSION

a. Lt. Morris following the 500th and 501st squadrons turned inland at MALALA BAY and flew N. While still several miles away from the target, the six planes maneuvered into a line abreast formation and attacked in that manner at minimum altitude. Lt. Morris passed over the center of the concentration of fourteen warehouses dropping six bombs, setting one afire. Major Doolittle flying No. 2 position dropped his six bombs among the warehouses, setting two small warehouses afire.

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Lt. Smith flying on Lt. Morris's left wing dropped three bombs in dispersed stores on N end of strip. His other three bombs were dropped among nine buildings in dispersal area. Results were unobserved. Lt. Leon dropped six bombs and Lt. Fabale three bombs on the warehouses, scoring hits. The other three bombs of Lt. Fabale were dropped on a building 1/2 mile SW of S end of strip. Lt. Chalifoux flying on Lt. Leon's right wing could not release his bombs due to mechanical trouble. Bombs were returned to base.

b. DETAILS OF DAMAGE TO OWN PLANES.

1. There was no damage to A/P's of this squadron.

c. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES.

1. There were no injuries to personnel of this sqdn.

4. CITATIONS

- a. This mission provides no suitable action for the recommendation of any awards.

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE

- a. 30 X 100 lb. 8/15 sec. delay fuse bombs dropped.
b. 9600 X .50 cal. ammo expended.

6. SIGHTINGS

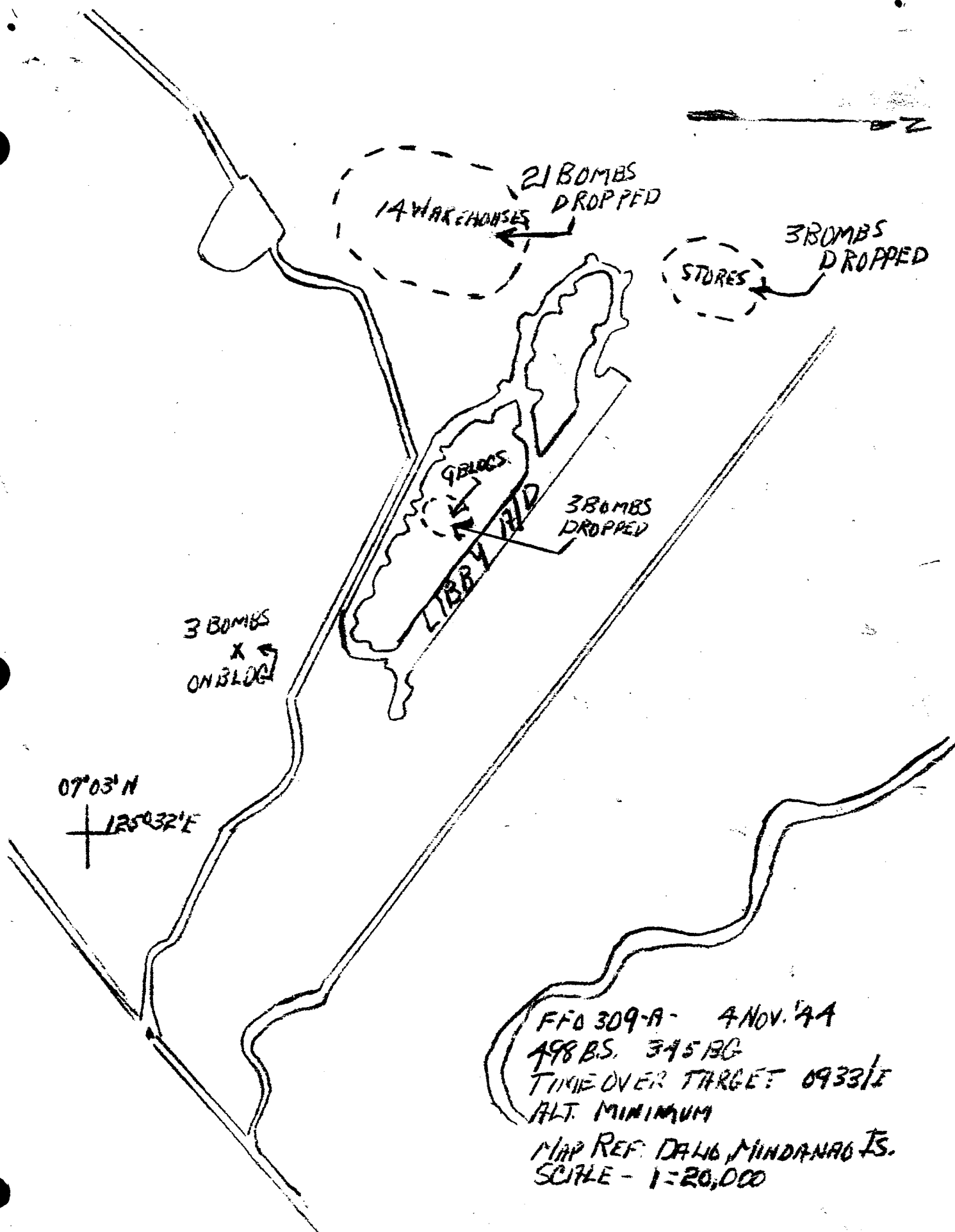
- a. Small fires and smoke was seen over DALIAO A/D.

7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION

- a. No cameras have been installed in the B-25-J's for no provisions were made for cameras. Modifications will be made in the near future.

For the Squadron Commander:

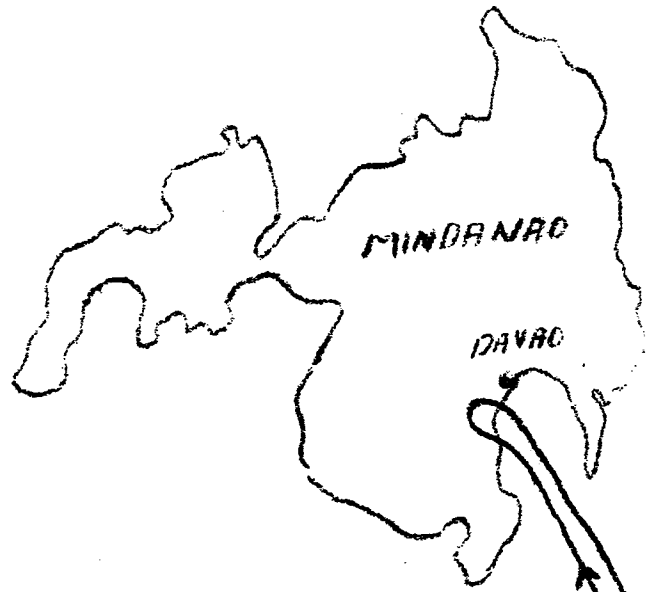
FREDERICK J. FAY,
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Acting Intelligence Off.



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498 BS. 345 BG
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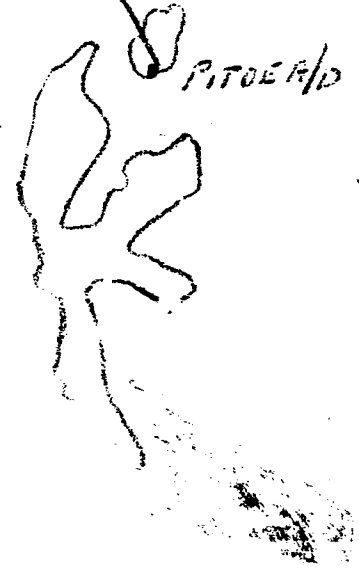
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MAP REF. PLANNING MAP
SCALE 1 INCH = 100 STATUTE MILES
MISSION TO LIBBY A/D
A NOV. '44
498 B.S. 345 B.G.
T.O.T. 0933 1/2 ALT. MINIMUM

120°
10°



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345th Bombardment Group(M) AAF
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498-
335-D
30 NOV 44

2 December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, mission to DALAIO AIRDRONE and PADADA AIRDRONE, Mindanao. Date 30 November, 1944. FFO 335-D-2

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, APO 925. Attention of:
A.C. of S., A-2.

1. GENERAL

a. On the morning of 30 November, 1944, six(6) airplanes (B-25's) of the 498th Bomb Squadron took-off from MOKMER DRONE, Biak Island, in conjunction with the three other squadrons of this group, to attack the dispersal areas at DALAIO and PADADA A/D's. However, only four(4) A/P's of this squadron reached the target, for A/P# 106 developed engine trouble and A/P# 031 escorted the troubled-plane back. Both A/P's turned back from 135 15' E - 08' S. The squadron was ordered to drop its bombs and strafe the dispersal area at DALAIO A/D and then proceed to the dispersal area at PADADA A/D to strafe. The group flew directly to the target and had to land at PITOE A/D, Morotai Island to refuel before returning to base.

b. RENDEZVOUS

1. The Group rendezvous was accomplished over MOKMER A/D, Biak Island.
2. There was no fighter escort.

c. ATTACK

Four(B-25's each loaded with 72 X 23 lb parafrags reached the target. The approach to DALAIO A/D was made flying N over DAVAO GULF and turning inland at TALOMO RIVER in order to make the run over DALAIO A/D from a N to S direction. The attack was made in two ship elements and bombs were dropped in dispersal area on W side of strip. Results of

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this bombing and strafing was unobserved. After leaving DALAIO A/D, Lt. Neblett, who was leading both the Group and Squadron, turned out over DAVAO GULF and flew S over the water until several miles away from PADADA A/D, where he turned inland. The Squadron was still in two ship elements and attacked PADADA A/D in that manner at minimum altitude flying from a NW to a SE direction. A twin-engine enemy bomber (believed a SALLY) which had just landed and was at the N end of the strip was strafed. Tracers were seen entering the plane, and as the squadron was leaving the area, the enemy bomber was seen ablaze. Three (3) crew members from that enemy bomber dashed out of the A/P as the squadron approached and were attempting to reach the woods on the W side of the strip for protection. They were strafed and believed killed. Three (3) SSP at the NE end of the dispersal area on the E side of PADADA A/D were strafed.

d. INTERCEPTION

Nil interception encountered.

e. TIME AND LOCATION OF:

Take-off	MOKMER A/D, Biak Is.	0523/I
Time over target	DALAIO A/D, Mindanao	1030/I
" " "	PADADA A/D, "	1045/I
Landed	PITOE A/D, Moratai	1243/I
Take-off	PITOE A/D "	1453/I
Landed	MOKMER A/D Biak Is.	1735/I

2. FORMATION, PILOTS AND PLANES PARTICIPATING

a. The Group Formation enroute consisted of the 498th, 499th, 500th and 501st in that order.

b. This Squadron, led by 1st Lt. W. H. Neblett, consisted of the following:

FIRST FLIGHT		SECOND FLIGHT	
1st Lt. W. E. Neblett	A/P 165	2nd Lt. R. W. Tuftie	A/P 034
1st Lt. T. O. Gilstrap	" 106	Capt. C. H. Hagen	" 104
1st Lt. H. N. Stapleton	" 045	1st Lt. F. P. Smith	" 031

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3. DETAILS OF MISSION

As Lt. Neblett, who led the Group, flew directly to the target after the group was formed over MOKMER A/D. Since two A/P's turned back, the four remaining planes manuvred into two ship elements just prior to making their attack at DALAIO. Lt. Neblett dropped all his bombs in the dispersal area at DALAIO A/D and strafed. Lt. Stapleton's bombs would not release due to rack malfunction. He did strafe the dispersal area. Lt. Tuftie dropped 48 parafrags in target and Capt. Hagen toggled 19 bombs among the revetments. The remainder of their bombs would not drop due to rack malfunction. Damage was unobserved of the bombing and strafing. The flights then continued on to PADADA A/D. Lt. Neblett, Lt. Tuftie and Capt. Hagen strafed the dispersal area on the E side of the strip. Lt. Stapleton, flying on Lt. Neblett's right wing, pulled out and strafed the twin-engine enemy bomber that had just landed and was at the N end of the strip. Tracers were seen entering the enemy bomber and later it was seen burning. Three crew members were seen dashing from the bomber as our squadron approached. They were strafed and believed killed.

b. DETAILS OF DAMAGE TO OWN PLANES

There was no damage to A/P's of this Squadron.

c. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

There were no injuries to personnel of this Squadron.

4. CITATIONS

This mission provides no suitable action for the recommendation of any awards.

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE

- a. 139 x 23 lb parafrags bombs dropped.
 - 84 x 23 " " " salvoed with rack.
 - 125 x 23 " " " returned-rack malfunction.
 - 144 x 23 " " " " A/P's did not reach target.
- b. 10,800 x .50 cal. ammo. expended.

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6. SIGHTINGS

One camouflaged truck was seen at the tower at PADADA A/D.

7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION

Photos do not show any valuable information.

For The Squadron Commander:

Frederick J. Fay
Capt., Air Corps
Acting Intelligence officer

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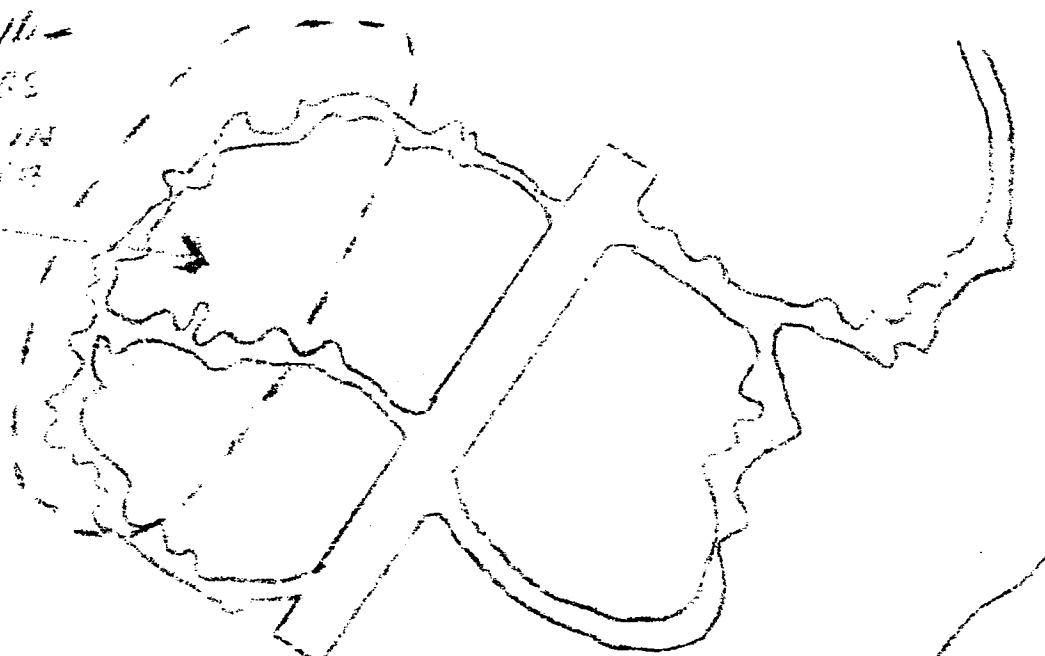
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PANA-PANES
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LT. STANLEY - 045 +
LT. THOMAS 034 +
CHIEF. HADEN 104
TOWN TACTICS +

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T.O.T. 1030/I FIVE MINIMUM
MAP REF - DALIAC - SPECIAL MAP
SCALE 1:20,000

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DAVAO GULF

TWIN-ENGINE
E/B DESTROYED

3 CREW MEMBERS
KILLED.

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LT. NEBLETT A/P*165
LT. STAPLETON " 045
LT. TUFTIE " 034
CAPT. HAGAN " 104
TOOK- PHOTOS +

FFO-335-D-2
A98 B.S.
T.C.T. 1045/E

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345 B.G.
ALT. MINIMUM

MAP REF. PADADA DROME - SPECIAL MAP
SCALE - 1:20,000

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498th Bombardment Squadron(M) AAF
345th Bombardment Group(M) AAF
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
APO 920

498
347-C
12 Dec 44

14 December, 1944,

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, mission to PADADA AIRDROME, Mindanao.
Date 12 December, 1944. Mission NO. 347-D-2

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FFAF, APO 925. Attention of:
A.C. of S., A-2.

1. GENERAL

a. On the morning of 12 December, 1944, six (6) airplanes of the 498th Bomb Squadron took-off from MOKMER A/D, Biak Island, in conjunction with the three other squadrons of this group, to attack the dispersal areas at PADADA A/D, Mindanao. However, only five (5) airplanes reached the target, as A/P#000 encountered electrical trouble shortly after take-off and returned to base. After leaving PADADA A/D, the squadron had to land at PITOE A/D, Morotai Island to refuel before continuing to MOKMER A/D.

b. RENDEZVOUS

1. The Group rendezvous was accomplished over MOKMER A/D, Biak Island.

2. There was no fighter escort.

c. ATTACK

Five B-25's each loaded with 72 x 23 lb. parafrags reached the target. The approach to the target was made by flying N in DAVAO GULF turning inland at COLAPSIN POINT, so as to make the run over the dispersal areas from a SW to a NE direction. A fuel dump was set afire in the NW section of area 9X (Map Ref.-Target Map- Padada Drome) on the first run over the target. After leaving the target, smoke was seen rising up to 2,000 feet. A camouflaged Betty bomber in a revetment in the S end of the dispersal area on the W side of the strip was

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was strafed and believed damaged. M/G fire coming from a position on the W side about one and a quarter ($1\frac{1}{4}$) miles from the S end of the strip was silenced by strafing. The Squadron made two runs over the target dropping parafrags and strafing during each run.

d. INTERCEPTION

Nil interception encountered.

e. TIME AND LOCATION OF:

Take-off	Mokmer A/D, Biak Is.	0520/I
T.O.F	Padada A/D, Mindanao	1050/I-1100/I
Landed	Pitoe A/D, Morotai	1518/I
Take-off	Pitoe A/D, Morotai	1800/I
Landed	Mokmer A/D, Biak Is.	1752/I

2. FORMATION, PILOTS AND PLANES PARTICIPATING

a. The Group Formation enroute consisted of the 500th, 501st, 498th and 499th in that order.

b. This Squadron, led by Major G.A. Doolittle, consisted of the following:

FIRST FLIGHT

SECOND FLIGHT

Major G.A. Doolittle	A/P#104	1st Lt. W.W. Morris	A/P#000
1st Lt. J.T. Cooper	"	193 1st Lt. W.W. Chalifoux	" 134
1st Lt. F.F. Smith	"	031 1st Lt. R.F. Lamb	" 165

3. DETAILS OF MISSION

a. Major Doolittle, squadron leader, flew directly to the target after the squadron was formed over MOKMER A/D. Upon reaching COLAPSIN POINT, Major Doolittle turned inland and manuvred the squadron into a five ship line abreast formation for the run over the target which was made from a SW to a NE direction at minimum altitude. Major Doolittle dropped his bombs thruout the dispersal and supply areas with unobserved results. Lt. Cooper, flying in the #2 position, dropped all 72 bombs in the dispersal area on the S side of A/D and strafed a Betty bomber, believed damaging it.

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Lt. Smith hit a fuel dump in the N section of the dispersal area on the W side of the strip. Lt. Chalifeux and Lt. Lamb dropped their bombs and strafed thruout the whole area with unobserved results. Major Deolittle reformed the squadron over DAVAO GULF, made a 360 degree turn to make a second pass over the target. The squadron then flew to PITOE A/D to refuel before returning to MOKMER A/D.

b. DETAILS OF DAMAGE TO OWN PLANES

There was no damage to A/P's of this Squadron.

c. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

There were no injuries to personnel of this Squadron.

4. CITATIONS

This mission provides no suitable action for the recommendation of any awards.

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE

- a. 360 x 23lb parafrags bombs dropped.
- b. 12,900 x .50 cal. ammo expended.

6. SIGHTINGS

One unserviceable A/P was seen just off the N end of strip.

7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION

Photos reveal two camouflaged planes in the revetment area in the NE section of the dispersal area on the W side of the strip.

For The Squadron Commander:

Frederick J. Fay
Capt., Air Corps
Acting Intelligence Officer

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360-2316 Para-troops
DROPPED IN AREA
ON 2 PHASES.

LGE FUEL
FIRE STARTED

CAMOUFLAGED
BETTY BOMBER
STRAFFED

07

09

MAJOR DOOLITTLE A/P #104 Δ
LT. COOPER A/P #193 Δ
LT. SMITH A/P #031 Δ
LT. CHALIFOUX A/P #134 Δ
LT. LAMB A/P #165
TOOK PHOTOS Δ

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498 BS 345 BG

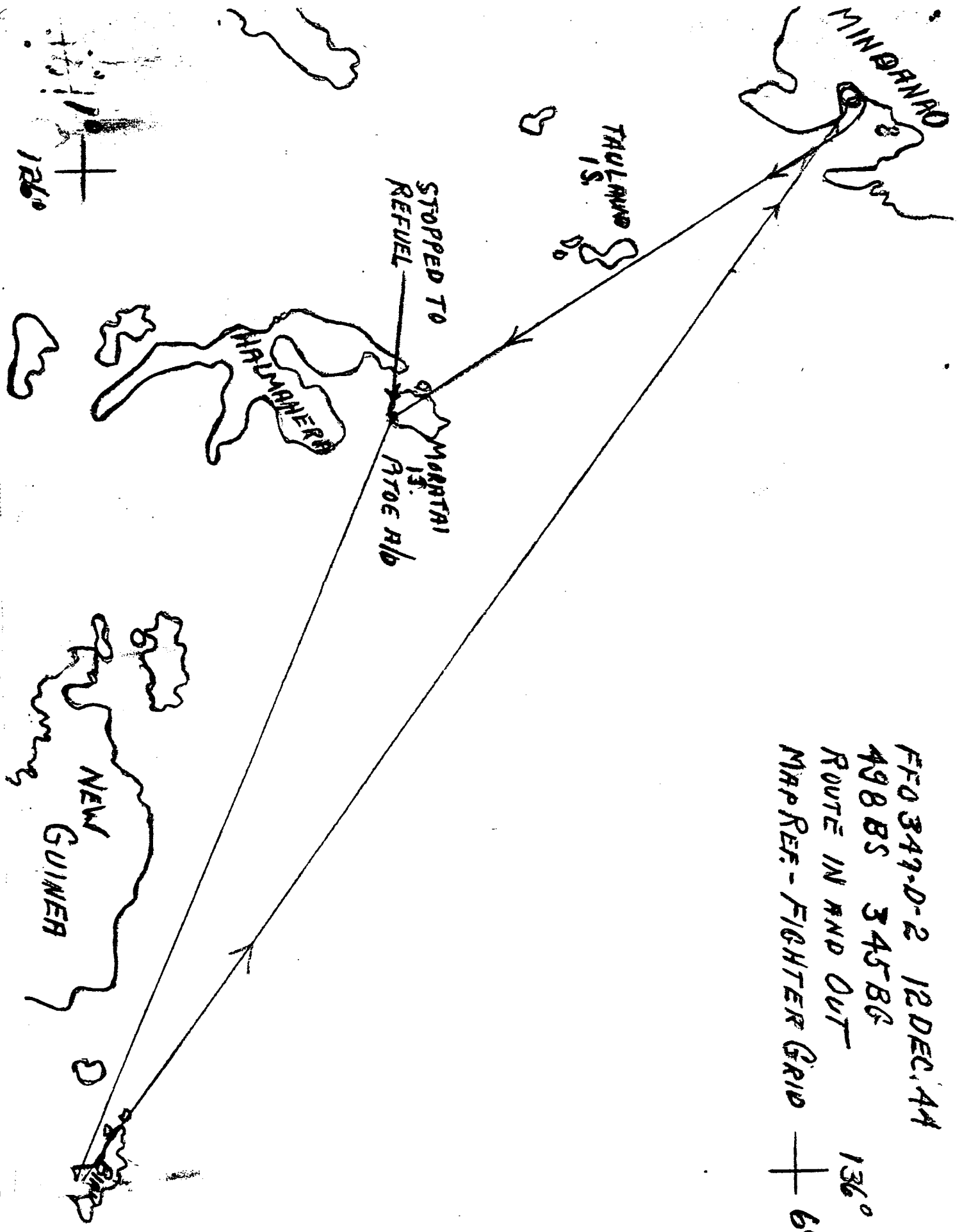
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ALTITUDE - MINIMUM

MAP REF - PADARA DROME
SPECIAL MAP

SCALE - 1 - 20,000

FFO 347-D-2 12 DEC. 44
498 BS 345 BG
ROUTE IN AND OUT
MAP REF - FIGHTER GRID + 136° 60°



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498th Bombardment Squadron(M) AAF
345th Bombardment Group(M) AAF
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
APO 920

498
352-0
17 DEC 44

19, December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, mission to Licanan Airdrome, Mindanao,
FFO 352-D-2. Date 17 December, 1944.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, APO 925. Attention of:
A.C. of S., A-2.

1. GENERAL

a. On the morning of 17 December, 1944, six (6) air-planes of the 498th Bomb Squadron took off from Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea, in conjunction with the three other squadrons of this Group, to attack the buildings at LICANAN A/D, Mindanao. The Squadron took off from MOKMER A/D, Biak on morning of 16 December, 1944 to attack this same target, but were forced to return to SANSAPOR, Dutch New Guinea, because of bad weather and low supply of gasoline.

b. RENDEZVOUS

1. The Group rendezvous was accomplished while on course to the target at TALAUD IS.
2. There was no fighter escort.

c. ATTACK

Six (6) B-25J's each loaded with 12x100 lb. 8/11 sec. delay fuse para-demo bombs reached the target. The approach to the target was made by flying N in DAVAO GULF turning inland at LA PAZ, so as to make the run over the target from a N to S direction. Six bombs were dropped on the gun position at 2W with unobserved results. One shack was destroyed one half mile South of # 1 R/W. One large building was destroyed two thousand (2000) feet S from the center of # 3 R/W. Two direct hits were made on two buildings 3000 feet SW of #2 R/W, both believe destroyed. The whole area was thoroughly strafed.

d. INTERCEPTION

Nil interception encountered.

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c. TIME AND LOCATION OF:

Take off	SANSAPOR -Dutch New Guinea	0600/I
Time over target	LICANAN A/D -Mindanao	0950/I
Landed	MOKEMER A/D - Biak	1510/I

2. FORMATION, PILOTS, AND PLANES PARTICIPATING

- a. The Group formation enroute consisted the 501st, 498th, 499th, and 500th Squadrons in that order.
- b. This Squadron, led by Capt. T.R. Wright, consisted of the following;

FIRST FLIGHT

Capt. T.R. Wright A/P 122
1st Lt. L.A. Coppotelli- 028
2nd Lt. R.W. Tuftie - 034

SECOND FLIGHT

1st Lt. W.A. Neblett A/P-134
1st Lt. J.W. McAdams " -176
1st Lt. J.T. Cooper " -001

3. DETAILS OF MISSION

A. Capt. T.R. Wright, Squadron leader, flew directly to TADAUD IS. where the Group rendezvous was made. The Group then proceeded N in the DAVAO GULF between the E coast of SAMAL IS. and the mainland turning inland in the vicinity of LA PAZ. As the Squadron approached the target from the N, Capt. Wright manuvred the Squadron into two (2) flights of three (3) planes each and attack three (3) ships abreast. Capt. Wright dropped several bombs in the dispersal area with unobserved results. The remainder of his bombs were dropped on buildings S of #3 R/W, destroying one large building. Lt. Coppotelli, flying in the #2 position, dropped all his bombs in the SW area just below #3 R/W destroying one shack. Lt. Tuftie flying on Capt. Wright's wing, scored two direct hits on two buildings 3000 feet SW of #2 R/W, believed destroyed. Lt. Neblett, leading the second flight, dropped six bombs on a gun position at 2W, and the other bombs were dropped throughout the area with unobserved results. Lt. McAdams dropped all his bombs in the target area with results unobserved. Lt. Cooper, flying #3 position bombed the W side of #2 R/W, but no damage resulting.

b. DETAILS OF DAMAGE TO OWN PLANES

There was no damage to A/P's of this Squadron.

c. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

There were no injuries to personnel of this Squadron.

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17/12/44

4. CITATIONS

This mission provides no suitable action for the recommendation of any awards.

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE

- a. 72x100 lbs. 8/11 sec delay fuze para-demo bombsdropped.
- b. 13,700 x .50 cal. ammo. expended.

6. SIGHTINGS

One large camouflaged barge was seen tied up to shore $\frac{1}{2}$ mile W of jetty at LASANG.

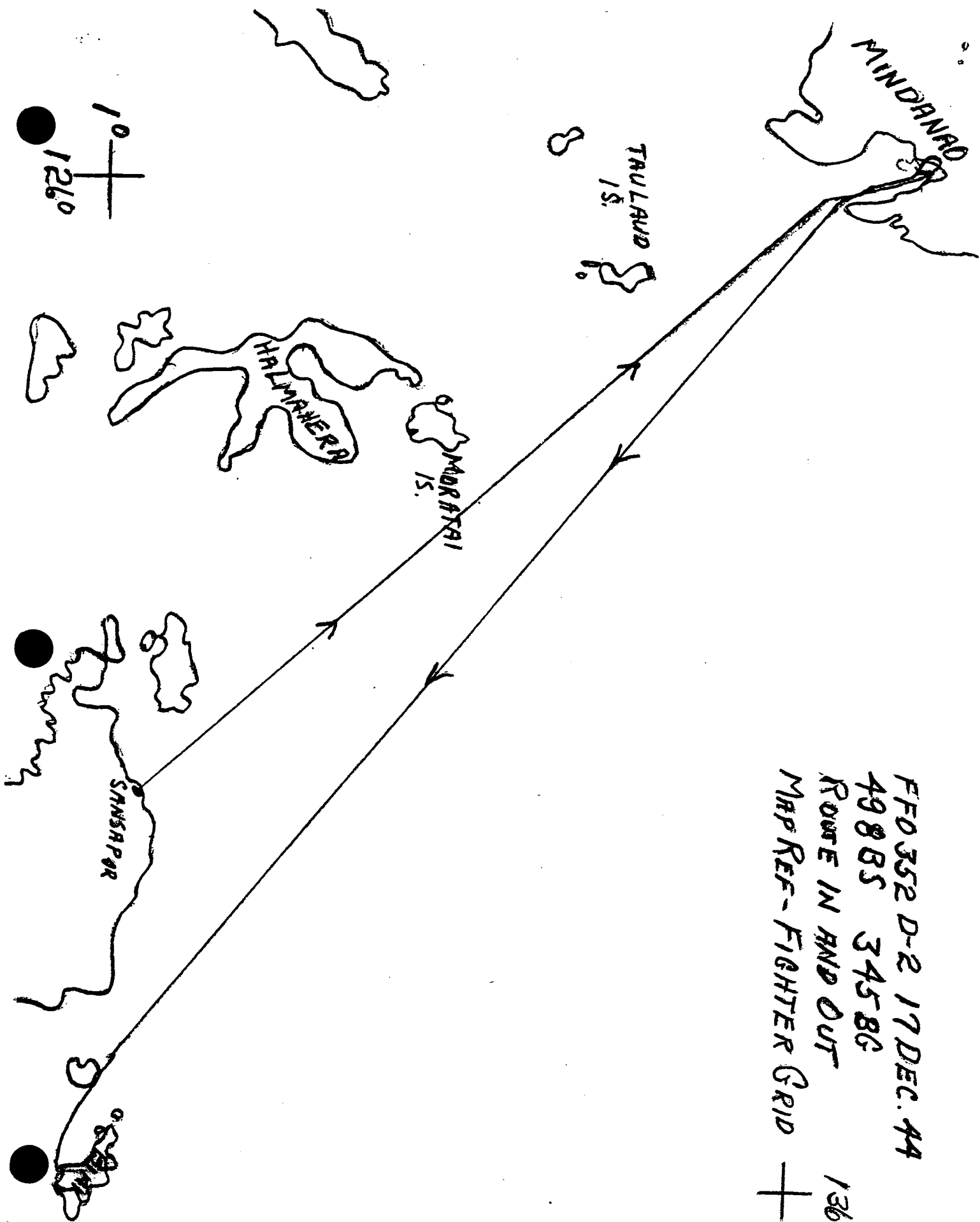
7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION

Photos reveal two barges tied up to shore $\frac{1}{2}$ mile W of jetty at LASAND instead of one as reported in sightings.

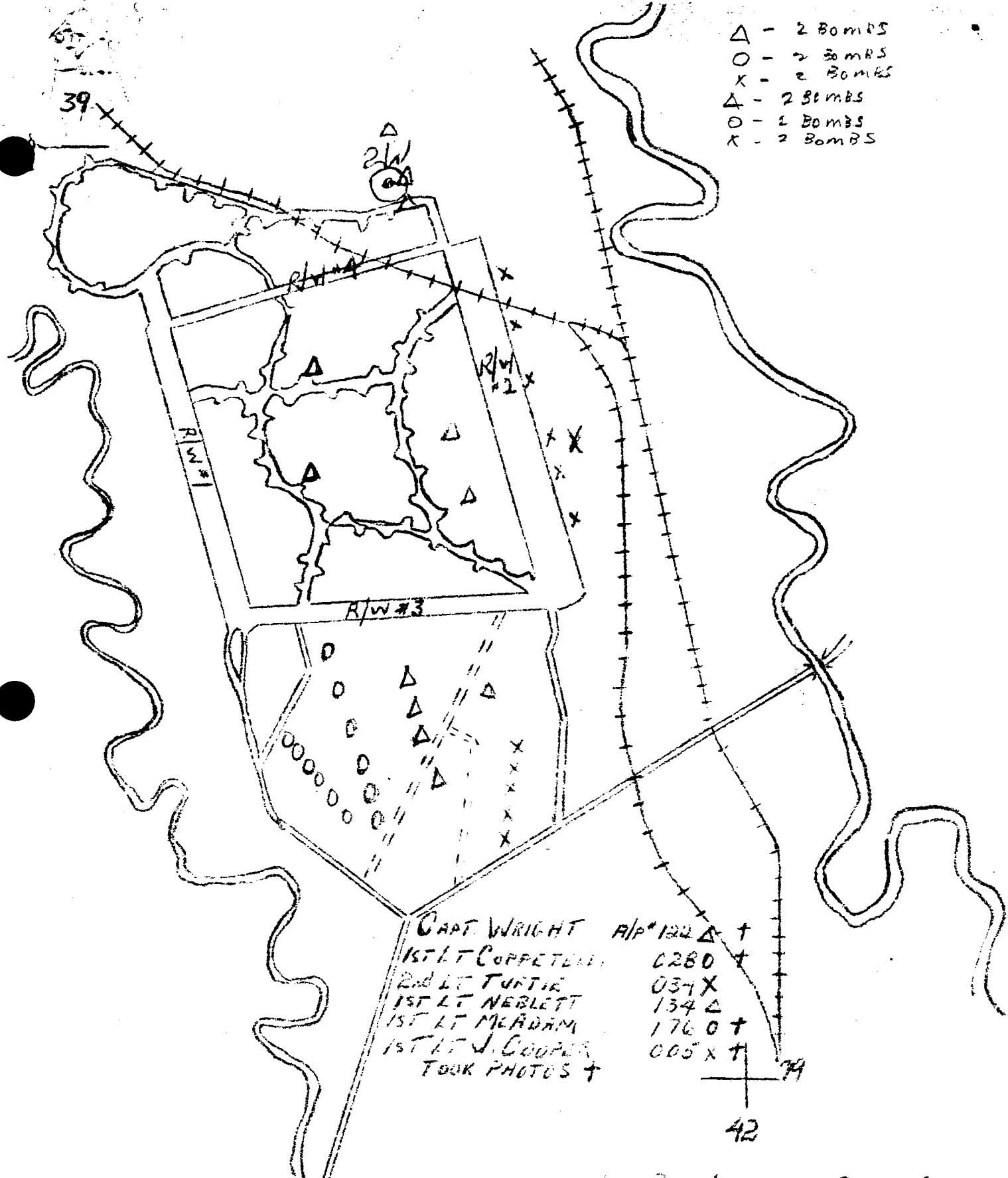
For The Squadron Commander:

Billie E. Hume
1st Lt. Air Corps
Acting Intelligence officer

FFO 352 D-2 17 DEC. 44
498 BS 3458G
ROUTE IN AND OUT
MAP REF-FIGHTER GRID + 6° 136°



Δ - 2 Bombs
 O - 2 Bombs
 X - 2 Bombs
 Δ - 2 Bombs
 O - 2 Bombs
 X - 2 Bombs



CAPT. WRIGHT A/P #122 Δ +
 1ST LT COPPETELL 0280 +
 2ND LT TURTLE 034 X
 1ST LT NEBLETT 134 Δ
 1ST LT McADAM 176 O +
 1ST LT J. COOPER 005 X +
 TOOK PHOTOS +

FFO-352-D-2 17 DEC 44
 498th Bomb Sq 345th Bomb Grp
 T.O.T. 0950/I ALT 11000 ft

MAP REF. LIKANAN DROME
 SCALE - 1:20,000

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498th Bombardment Squadron (M) AAF
345th Bombardment Group (M) AAF
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
APO 920

498
354-D
19 Dec 44

20 December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, FPO 354-D-1, mission to SAMAL IS., Mindanao.
Date 19 December, 1944.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, APO 925. Attention of:
A.C. of S., A-2.

1. GENERAL

a. On the morning of 19 December, 1944, six (6) airplanes of the 498th Bomb Squadron took-off from MOKMER A/D, Biak, in conjunction with the 499th Bomb Squadron, to attack barges in the DAVAO AREA. The 498th Squadron was ordered to attack barges on the W coast of SAMAL IS., while the 499th Bomb Squadron went after barges at the mouth of DAVAO RIVER. After the attack, the two Squadrons reformed several miles S of SAMAL IS. and proceeded to PITOE A/D, Moratai, to refuel before returning to MOKMER A/D.

b. RENDEZVOUS

1. The Group rendezvous was accomplished shortly after take-off while on course to the target.

2. There was no fighter escort.

c. ATTACK

Six (6) B-25j's, each loaded with 12 x 200 lbs 8/15 sec. delay fuze para-demo bombs, reached the target. The approach to the target was made by flying N in DAVAO GULF on the E side of SAMAL IS., turning inland several miles N of EAST POINT and proceeded to the W coast of SAMAL IS. The barge sweep was conducted along the W side of SAMAL IS. from N of SAN JOSE to TIGALA. One barge in a cove 1 1/2 miles S of SAN JOSE was probably destroyed. 2 barges off TIGALA were destroyed with 3 direct hits. Personnel from these two barges were strafed in the water, having jumped overboard at the approach of the planes. 1 barge off SAN JOSE was destroyed by strafing.

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d. INTERCEPTION

Nil interception encountered.

e. TIME AND LOCATION OF:

Take-off	MOKMER A/D Blak	0536/I
Time over target	SAMAL IS. Mindanao	1041/I
Landed	PITOE A/D Moratai	1245/I
Take-off	PITOE A/D "	1509/I
Landed	MOKMER A/D Blak	1749/I

2. FORMATION, PILOTS AND PLANES PARTICIPATING:

- a. The Group formation enroute consisted of the 498th and 499th Squadrons in that order.
- b. This Squadron, led by 1st Lt. E.W. Nutting, consisted of the following:

1st Flight	2nd Flight
1st Lt. E.W. Nutting A/P#192	Major G.A. Doolittle A/P#104
1st Lt. R.L. Jarman #005	2nd Lt. J.W. Kelly #122
1st Lt. F.P. Smith #000	1st Lt. J.T. Cooper #034

3. DETAILS OF MISSION

- a. 1st Lt. Nutting, Group and Squadron leader, flew directly to the target from MOKMER A/D. When about 15 miles S of SAMAL IS., the 498th Squadron broke away from the formation and headed for their target, barges at the mouth of the DAVAO RIVER. The 498th Squadron continued on N in DAVAO GULF TO several miles above EAST POINT, where Lt. Nutting turned inland and flew to the W coast of SAMAL IS. The Squadron broke up into two ship elements and proceeded down the coast in that manner. Lt. Nutting dropped 10 bombs on barges during the run with results unobserved. However, one barge was destroyed by strafing in a cove 1 1/2 miles S of SAN JOSE. Lt. Jarman, flying on Lt. Nutting's wing, dropped 8 bombs with no visible damage resulting. Lt. Smith scored 3 direct hits on 2 barges off TIGALA, destroying both. Personnel from these two barges jumped overboard as the planes approached and were strafed. Lt. Cooper disposed of all his bombs during the run with results unobserved. Major Doolittle and Lt. Kelly were the last two ships over the target. Major Doolittle dropped all his bombs and believed to have destroyed a barge about 1 mile S of SAN JOSE. This is listed as probably destroyed. Lt. Kelly, flying on Major Doolittle's right wing, brought back all his bombs, as he was out over the water and no target presented itself. The crews reported that the barges were very difficult

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to spot until the planes were over the barges. A second run was not made over the target for a heavy anti-aircraft gun position was reported in the area and the Squadron was ordered to make only one pass.

b. DETAILS OF DAMAGE TO OWN PLANES

There was no damage to A/P's of this Squadron.

c. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

There were no injuries to personnel of this Squadron.

4. CITATIONS

This mission provides no suitable action for the recommendation of any awards.

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE

- a. 54 x 100 lbs 8/15 sec. delay para-demos dropped.
- b. 18 x 100 " 8/15 " " " " returned to base.
- c. 10,000 x .50 cal. ammo expended.

6. SIGHTINGS

Two barges were seen about 1 mile S of BABAK in Pakiputan Straits. A lugger was anchored off SIGABOY. 8-10 camouflaged barges were sighted in a cove 1 1/2 miles S of SAN JOSE. One crew member reported what he believed was a radar station in the vicinity of 125 13'E 6 19' N.

7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION

Photos reveal 5 camouflaged serviceable barges anchored off shore. Another photo shows bombs bursting in the vicinity of a barge and being thoroughly strafed.

For The Squadron Commander:

Billie E. Hume
1st Lt. Air Corps
Acting Intelligence Officer

125°50' 730'

MINDANAO

LT NOTTING R/P 192
LT JARMAN 005
LT SMITH 000
MAJ DOOLITTLE 104
LT KELLY 122
LT COOPER 034
TOOK PHOTOS

54 X 100# 8/15 SEC DELAY PARA -
DEMOS DROPPED -
18 BOMBS RETURNED
10,500 X 50 CAL AMMO EXPENDED

2 BARGES SIGHTED
BABAK
SAMAL IS.
EAST PT.
DAVAO
8-10 BARGES SIGHTED
1 PROBABLY DESTROYED
BARGE DESTROYED
2 BARGES DESTROYED
SAN JOSE
TIGALA
TALIKUD IS.

DAVAO

GULF

11 LUGGERS
ANCHORED
X SGA BOY

FFO-354-D-1 - 19 DEC 44
498 BS 345 BC
TOT 1041 F FLETTMINUM

126° 630'

REF. HAF AERONAUTICAL CHART
SCALE 1:500,000

1 F0354-D-1 19 DEC 1944
 408th BS 340th BG
 ROUTE - IN + OUT
 MAP REF. FIGHTER GRID

136°
 + 60

10 +
 126°

TAIL AOP
 15

LINGER TO
 REFUEL - APPROXIMATE

BATTENHERN

NEW GUINEA

136°



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498th Bombardment Squadron(M) AAF
345th Bombardment Group (M) AAF
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
APO 920

498
361-D-4
26 Dec 44

28 December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, FPO 361-D-4, mission to SAMAL IS., Mindanao.
Date, 26 December, 1944.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FFAF, APO 925. Attention of:
A.C. of S., A-2.

1. GENERAL

a. On the morning of 26 December, 1944, six(6) airplanes of the 498th Bomb Squadron took-off from MOKMER A/D, Biak, in conjunction with two other Squadrons from this Group, to attack targets in the DAVAO AREA. The 498th Squadron was ordered to attack barges on the W coast of SAMAL IS., while the 500th and 501st Squadrons were to attack MATINA A/D and barges at the mouth of the DAVAO RIVER, Mindanao. After the attack, the Group reformed several miles S of SAMAL IS. and proceeded to PITOE A/D, Morotai to refuel before returning to the home base, MOKMER A/D.

b. RENDEZVOUS

1. The Group rendezvous was accomplished shortly after take-off while on course to the target.

2. There was no fighter escort.

c. ATTACK

Six(6) B-25J's, 2 loaded with 12 x 200 lbs 4/5 sec. delay fuze para-demos bombs and 4 carrying 12 x 100 lbs 4/5 sec. delay fuze free-falling demo bombs, reached the target. The approach to the target was made by flying N in DAVAO GULF on the E side of SAMAL IS., turning inland N of EAST PT. AND proceeded to the W coast of SAMAL IS. The barge sweep was conducted from SAMAL VILLAGE to several miles S of SAN JOSE. 1 large barge off SAMAL VILLAGE was strafed with results unobserved. 1 barge in a cove 1 mile S of SAN JOSE was believed damaged by bombing. 3 other barges in the same cove were thoroughly strafed causing some damage. Small fires were started on the beach in the cove 1 mile S of SAN JOSE.

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26/12/44

d. INTERCEPTION

Nil interception encountered.

e. TIME AND LOCATION OF:

Take-off	MOKMER A/D, Biak	0530/I
T.O.T.	SAMAL IS., Mindanao	1041/I
Landed	PITOE A/D, Morotai	1315/I
Take-off	" " "	1525/I
Landed	MOKMER A/D, Biak	1830/I

2. FORMATION, PILOTS AND PLANES PARTICIPATING

a. The Group Formation enroute consisted of the 500th, 498th and the 501st Bomb Squadrons in that order.

b. This Squadron, led by Capt. W.A. Neblett, consisted of the following:

1st Flight			
Capt. W.A. Neblett	A/P#192	1st Lt. E.L. Cranford	A/P#044
1st Lt. J.W. McAdam	193	1st Lt. T.C. Gowan	045
Capt. C.H. Hagen	134	1st Lt. L.A. Coppetelli	028

3. DETAILS OF MISSION

a. Capt. W.A. Neblett, Squadron leader, flew directly towards the target from MOKMER A/D. When about 15 miles S of SAMAL IS., this Squadron broke away from the remainder of the Group and proceeded N in the DAVAO GULF on the E side of SAMAL IS. Capt. Neblett manuvred the Squadron into 2 ship elements at this time and with Lt. McAdam turned inland just above EAST POINT coming out on the W just below SAMAL TOWNSHIP. Both of these A/P's dropped their bombs and strafed barges in a cove 1 mile S of SAN JOSE with results unobserved. Lt. McAdam started several small fires on the beach in this cove. Capt. Hagen and Lt. COPPETELLI flew several miles further N before cutting across the island to the W coast. Capt. HAGEN's bombs would not release due to rack malfunction. Lt. COPPETELLI's bombs were dropped on barges in the cove 1 mile S of SAN JOSE with near misses, probably damaging the barge. Three other barges there were strafed thoroughly by these 2 A/P's and all three were believed damaged. Lt. CRANFORD and Lt. GOWAN were the last 2 planes to make the run. Lt. CRANFORD dropped several bombs on a large barge off SAMAL TOWNSHIP with no hits observed. The barge was strafed. The remainder of Lt. CRANFORD's and Lt. GOWAN's bombs were dropped on barges in the cove 1 mile S of SAN JOSE with unobserved results.

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26/12/44.

b. DETAIL OF DAMAGE TO OWN PLANES

There was no damage to A/P's of this Squadron.

c. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

There were no injuries sustained by personnel of this Squadron.

4. CITATIONS

This mission provided no suitable action for the recommendation of any awards.

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE

- a. 24 x 100 lbs 4/5 sec. delay fuse para-demo bombs dropped.
- b. 36 x 100 " 4/5 " " " free-falling bombs dropped.
- c. 12 x 100 " 4/5 " " " " " returned
due to rack malfunction.
- d. 9200 x .50 cal. ammo expended.

6. SIGHTINGS

One large column of black smoke raising to a height of 1000 feet was seen coming from a position just S of DAVAO A/D(AUX).

7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION

Photos reveal 6 serviceable camouflaged barges tied up to shore in a cove 1 mile S of SAN JOSE. One sunked barge is seen in the same cove.

For The Squadron Commander

James D. Cahill
Capt. Air Corps.,
Acting Intelligence Officer.

WINDS IN

24x100* 9/100* 3/100* PARA-DEPT DEPT
 36x100* 4/100* 3/100* FREE-FALLING DEPT
 32/3x50 4/100* EXPENSED

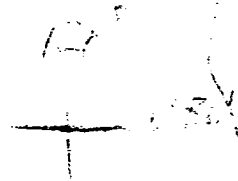
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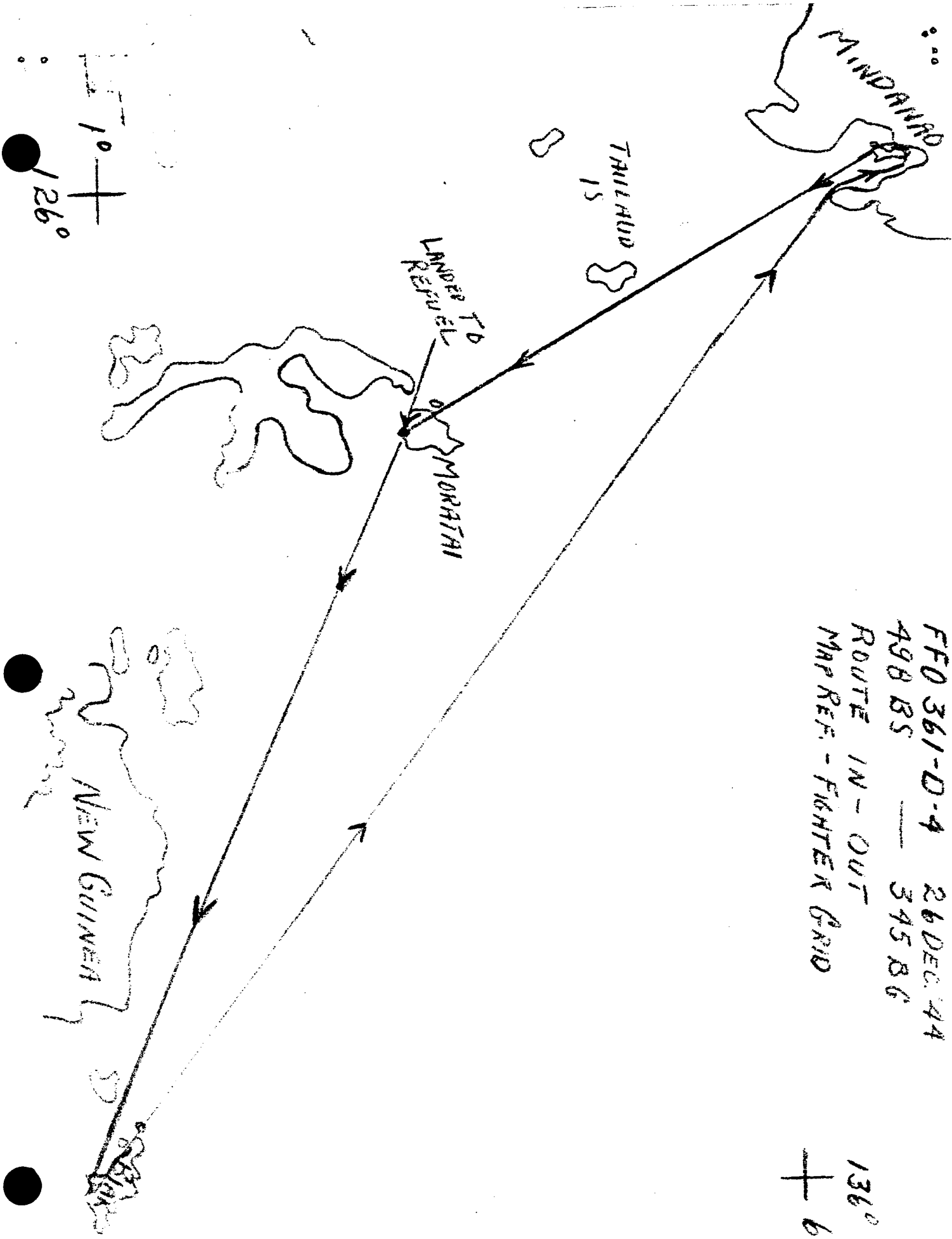
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FFD 361-D-4 26 DEC '44
 408th BS 345th AF
 100th AF 100th AF
 MAP REF - 100th AF
 SCALE - 1:100,000



FFO 361-D-4 26 DEC 44
498 BS — 345 BS
ROUTE IN-OUT
MAP REF. - FIGHTER GRID

136°
+ 6°



10°
126°

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

498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #72

CMB/fc

498
366-A
31 Dec 44

4 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission PFC 366-A, performed by
the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 31 December 1944.
Objective: Sweep of Air strips on Negros Island.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PAAF, Attention of A.C. of S, A-2,
A.P.O. #72

1. GENERAL

a. A sweep of airstrips along North and Northwest coast of Negros Island (Fabrica, Alicante, Palisay, Bacolod) were targets of a minimum altitude bombing and strafing attack. Four B25J's of the 498th Squadron employed on mission were loaded with 144 x 25 lb. parafrag bomb, 12 x 100 lb. parademo bombs and 6000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition.

b. Rendezvous

The 345th Group participating in the attack formed over Tanauan strip.

c. Attack

(1) Four A/P's completed the sweep of enemy air strips on Northern and Northwestern coast of Negros Island. One damaged enemy plane was set on fire at Palisay. Fabrica, Alicante, Palisay, Bacolod were strafed but nil serviceable A/P's were observed and strips appeared unserviceable. Installations at targets had been damaged or destroyed by previous attacks. 12 x 100 lb. parademos and 72 x 25 lb. parafrags were dropped at Bacolod strip with nil observed results. Bombing was excellent.

d. Time and location of:

Take Off: TANAWAN, 1230/I.
Attack: NEGROS ISLAND, 1330 - 1405/I.
Landing: TANAWAN, 1610/I.

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

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

- c. Route: TANAWAN, to NEGROS ISLAND (FABRICA, ALICANTE, PALISAY, BACALOD) and return by same route.

2. FORMATION - planes and pilots participating.

- a. Lt. Morris led the 498th Squadron which was second over the target.

Lt. Morris	A/P 176
Lt. McKinney	044
Lt. Coppitelli	122
Lt. McAdam	000

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

- a. Details of attack: Four planes reaching the targets Fabrica, Alicante, Palisay, Bacolod attacked in four ships abreast formation making runs over targets in North to South direction. Fabrica and Alicante strips were strafed by all four A/P's but nil serviceable A/P's were observed on strips and strips appeared unserviceable. At Palisay strip Lt. Coppitelli dropped 72 x 23 lb. parafrags with Lt. McKinney's 12 x 100 lb. parademos, setting one damaged enemy A/P afire. ~~Palisay strip was~~ strafed by all four A/P's but nil serviceable A/P's were seen.

b. Interception

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed destroyed in air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in air.
- (4) One u/i damaged A/P destroyed on ground.

c. Anti-aircraft fire

Light, medium and heavy A/A of moderate intensity was received from Saravia. Fire was inaccurate bursting high and to the right.

d. Personnel casualties

- (1) Nil personnel of this Squadron injured.

e. Damage to our A/P's

- (1) Nil damage to A/P's of this Squadron.

4. CITATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendations of awards.

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5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs salvaged</u>	<u>bombs returned</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
178	0	6	6	1200
044	12	0	0	1200
022	72	0	0	1200
000	<u>0</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1200</u>
	84	78	6	4800

6. SIGHTINGS

- a. One large gas tank at Valladolid.
- b. Three beached barges at Valladolid.
- c. One small fire at Victorias.
- d. One beached barge at Bago Village.
- e. A small number of landing craft at Cabugoo Pt.

7. Nil photos received.

For the Commanding Officer:

R.F. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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Laos

50 Mi
Statute Mi

125°

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Clark Field

Batangas

Mindoro

Panay

Alicante

Fabrica

Ta/Isay
Bacolod

Latug

Open

Manila

Overlay: A/D. Status Chart P.1

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #72

CMB/rc

4 January 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission FFO 1-A-1, performed by
the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 1 January, 1945.
Objective: Grounded A/P's, Laoag A/D, Luzon.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PFAF, Attention of A.C. of S, A-2,
A.P.O. #72.

1. GENERAL

a. Grounded A/P's at Laoag A/D, Luzon was the objective of a night minimum altitude bombing and strafing attack. Legaspi A/D, South Luzon was the secondary target. Six B25J's of the 498th Squadron were used on the mission. Four A/P's were loaded with 6 x 100 lb. parademos and 2 A/P's were loaded with 72 x 23 lb. parafrags.

b. Rendezvous

The six planes took off at five minute intervals and attacked individually.

c. Attack

(1) Report covers six planes. Four A/P's reached target three making runs from North to South and one from South to North. 18 x 100 lb. parademos were dropped on the strip (9 falling along the runway and 6 in the South dispersal area. Nil damage was observed. 3 bombs were dropped in barracks North of strip demolishing 3 tin roofed rectangular buildings). 3 bombs were dropped on beached barges at Davila--results not observed. 3 bombs were dropped on a ship resembling Sugar Baker anchored at Vigan. Direct hits were scored amidships. Fire followed by a large explosion was seen as plane pulled up from run. Ship was also strafed. One A/P strafed Legaspi (secondary target) at 0830/I. A/P was unable to reach primary

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target due to shortage of gas after running through bad weather off East coast of Luzon. A/P turned around in Babuyan channel and salvoed bombs East of Lokgok Point. A/P was damaged by A/A at Legaspi. One A/P failed to reach target due to bad weather off Luzon. A/P turned around at Tugueganao at 0400/I.

d. Time and location of:

Take off: TACLOBAN, LEYTE, 0045 - 0115/I.

Attack: LACAG, LUZON 0430 - 0515/I.

LEGASPI, LUZON 0830/I.

Landing: TACLOBAN, 0750 - 0930/I.

e. Route: Along East coast of Luzon and return.

2. FORMATION - planes and pilots participating.

a. Capt. Wright of the 498th Squadron was first over the target with the other planes following in single elements.

Capt. Wright	A/P 044	Lt. Cooper	A/P 045
Lt. Tuftie	034	Lt. Welch	193
Lt. Cranford	005	Lt. Gilstrap	176

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. Details of the attack: Four planes reaching the target made the attack from North to South. Capt. Wright dropped three bombs on the strip and three on beached barges at Davila. The West coast of Luzon was searched to Paripidap. Lt. Tuftie dropped 3 x 100 lb. bombs on barracks buildings North of strip destroying three structures. On a search down the West coast of Luzon a freighter (Sugar Baker) anchored at Vigan was strafed and hit amidship with one of three bombs. The ship caught fire and exploded and is claimed destroyed. Lt. Cranford dropped 6 x 100 lb. bombs in the South dispersal area with nil visible damage. Nil A/P's were seen on strip. Search was made of West coast of Luzon. Lt. Welch dropped 6 x 100 lb. bombs on the runway in a South - North pass. A large flash on the strip followed the bombing by one minute. Nil other visible results. Lt. Cooper and Lt. Gilstrap, the last two planes taking off, ran into bad weather NE Luzon and being able to reach the target due to gas shortage and nearness of daylight turned back. Lt. Cooper

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salvoed his bombs and made a strafing run on the secondary target, Legaspi at 0830/I. Lt. Gilstrap returned to base with bombs.

b. Interception

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed lost in air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes destroyed on ground.

c. Anti-aircraft fire

- (1) Light ground fire was received from shore between Laoag and Vigan. Flashes were seen from Cape Bojeador. A/A damaging A/P at Legaspi was from unknown source.

d. Personnel casualties.

- (1) Nil personnel injured.

e. Damage to our A/P's

- (1) Nil damage received.

4. CITATIONS

Nil personnel to be recommended for an award.

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs salvoed</u>	<u>bombs returned</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
044	6 x 100 lb.			300
034	6 x 100 lb.			
005	6 x 100 lb.			700
045		72 x 23 lb.		
193	6 x 100 lb.		72 x 23 lb.	—
176	—	—	—	—
	24 x 100 lb.	72 x 23 lb.	72 x 23 lb.	1000

6. SIGHTINGS

0445/I, 2 ships on south heading close inshore just South of Vigan. One large ship was stationary off Apairi Village. Ship blacked out when plane approached.

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7. Will photographs.

For the Commanding Officer:

C.H. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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 498 Bomb Sq. 345 GP
 TOT-0830 I - Legaspi
 0430-0515 - Laagag

Cop Wright 044
 Lt Tuftie 034
 Lt Cranford 005
 Lt Welch 193
 Lt Gilstrap 176
 Lt Cooper 045

Weather - Returned Bombs to Base
 Started Legaspi - Salvaged Bombs at Sea

3 Bombs
 on Barges

Davila

1210

180301

N. L. U. Z. O. H.

3 Bldgs Dest

18 Bombs

15

Laagag APD

3AP

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Ship Dest. -
 Ship Wigham

1200

Laoag 4AP

50 NM
Stat. Mi.

1250

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498 Sq

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345 Gp

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Clark Fd.

Batangas

Mindoro

Laguna

IAP

IAP

Panay

Tacloban

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Lahug
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Tagay

Cebu

Overlay: A/D Status Chart Fl.
Route in, out chart

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #72

RPK/fc

4 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission F70 2-A-2, performed
by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 2 January, 1945.
Objective: Primary target--airstrips at San Basilio,
San Jose; secondary-- Batangas A/D.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PRAP, Attention of A.C. of S,
A-2, A.P.O. #72.

1. GENERAL

a. Parked aircraft and targets of opportunity on
Batangas A/D were targets of a minimum altitude
bombing and strafing attack. Six B25J's of the
498th Squadron employed on the mission were
loaded with (3 B25J's) 6 x 100 lb. parademos
and (3 B25J's) 72 x 23 lb. parafrag bombs and
6000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition.

b. Rendezvous

The 345th Group participating in attack formed
over Tacloban A/D with three squadrons of fighters.

c. Attack

(1) Four planes reached the secondary target
and dropped 12 x 100 lb. parademo bombs and
144 x 23 lb. parafrag bombs across NE half
of the strip and dispersal areas in a single
run from west to east. The target was well
covered by strafing. Nil results were
observed, bombing was excellent. An appar-
ently abandoned ship in Asid Gulf off Malbug
Village was strafed enroute to base.

d. Time and location of:

Take off: TACLOBAN, 0715/I.
Attack: BATANGAS, 1120/I.
Landing: TACLOBAN, 1345/I.

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1. Route: TACLOBAN, BALER BAY, SAN JOSE, BATANGAS, TACLOBAN.

2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

a. Lt. Cranford led the 498th Squadron which was the second squadron over the target.

Maj. Doolittle	A/P 005	Lt. Cranford	A/P 000
Lt. Weich	193	Lt. Cooper	034
Lt. Coppotelli	044	Lt. Gilstrap	176

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. Details of the attack - Maj. Doolittle A/P 005 and Lt. Cooper A/P 034 were forced by mechanical trouble to return to Tacloban before reaching target. The planes turned around at 0745/I and 1000/I. Lt. Cooper turned back at Jomalig Is.

The four planes reaching the target attacked making a single run across NE half of the strip and dispersal area from West to East. Lt. Coppotelli and Lt. Weich dropped their bombs thru dispersal area on NE half of strip the results of which were unobserved because of dust due to explosions. In making the run the dispersal area was well strafed. Lt. Cranford and Lt. Gilstrap's bombs trailed across Northeast half of runway into dispersal area. The target was covered with dust with nil damage observed. The dispersal area was strafed by both A/P's. On returning all four A/P's strafed and apparently abandoned ship in Asid Gulf off Malbug Village. Bullets were seen entering the hull but nil damage was observed.

b. Interception

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed destroyed in air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on ground.

c. Anti-aircraft fire

Nil A/A fire was observed by the squadron.

d. Personnel casualties

Nil personnel of this squadron injured.

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e. Damage to our A/P's

(1) Nil damage to airplanes of this squadron.

4. CITATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendations of awards.

5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs returned</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
005		72	
193	6		1500
044	72		1500
000	6		1500
034		6	
176	<u>72</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1500</u>
	156	78	6000

6. SIGHTINGS

- a. 12/15 dummy SEP were lined up on NW side of Batangas strip.
- b. Two serviceable SEP were parked at the NE end of Bulang A/D.
- c. Two silver u/i planes were circling high over target.
- d. At Castilla in San Miguel Bay one beached barge was sighted.

7. Photos were taken but were not received by this squadron.

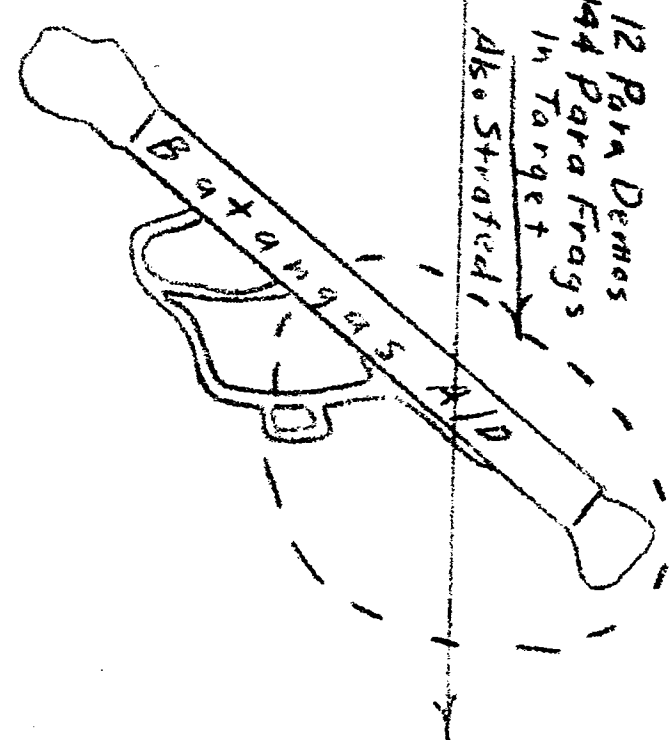
For the Commanding Officer:

R.F. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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 TOT - 1120 I

Pilot AP#
 Lt Welch — 005
 Lt Coppetta 11-04+
 Lt Cranford - 000
 Lt Gilstrap - 176

4 AP
 12 Para Demos
 144 Para Frags
 In Target
 Also Stratford

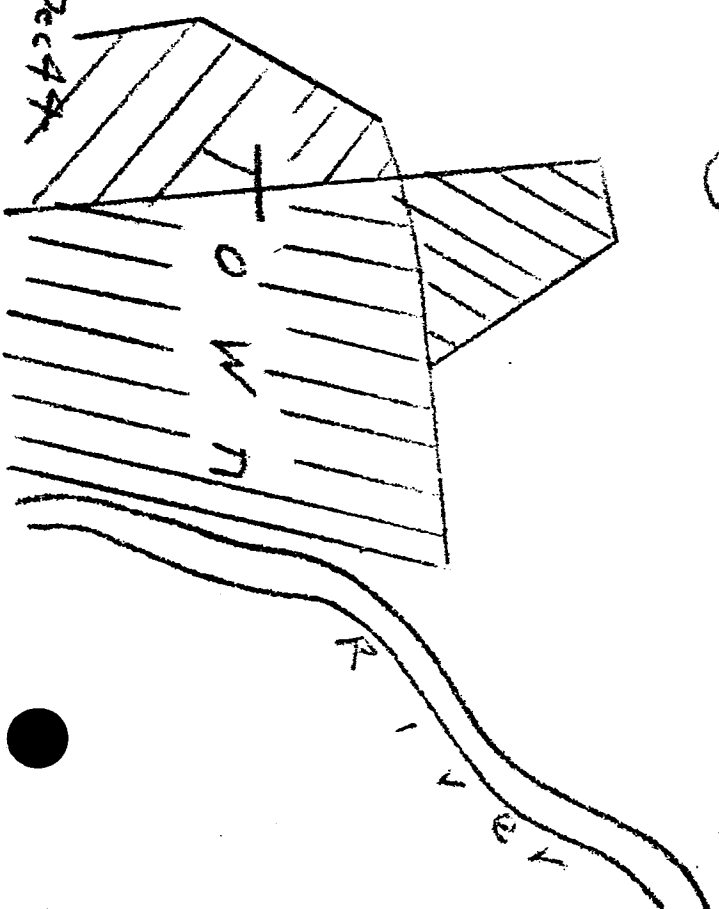


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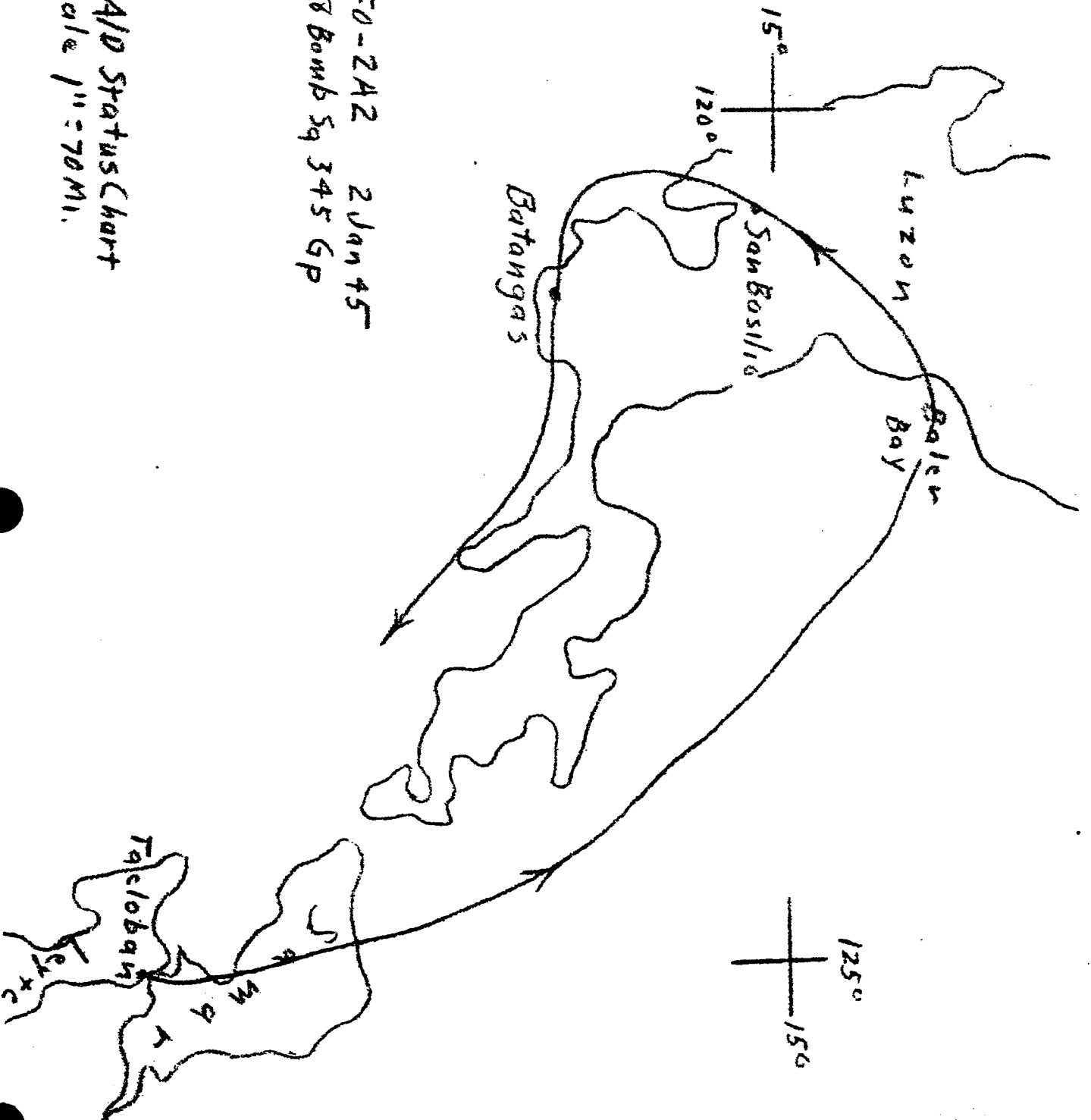
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 Batangas A/D & Town
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3 Jan 45

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #72

CMB/fe

18 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FPO 3-A-2, 3 January, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Two B25J's attacked Lahug A/D, Cebu on 3 January. One TEB was strafed thoroughly and parafrags hit among two SEP. Planes were believed destroyed or damaged badly. A/A position at SW end of strip was strafed and silenced. A/P 122 was shot down and crashed on the North edge of Cebu Town with nil survivors. A/P caught fire and exploded upon crashing.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>A.S.N.</u>	<u>Duty</u>
GIRDLER, EDGAR E.	Capt.	0-748960	Pilot
MUSTER, HENRY J.	2nd Lt.	0-1686420	Co-pilot
SCHRIEBER, LESLIE L.	1st Lt.	0-881939	Navigator
PITEK, MICHAEL J.	S/Sgt	15337282	Engineer
HARRIS, ROBERT E.	T/Sgt	20212159	Radio Oper.
SWEET, RUSSEL H.	S/Sgt	32290019	Gunner

2. OBJECTIVE

Grounded A/P's were the specific target.

3. ATTACK

a. The striking force consisted of the two planes of the 498th Squadron.

b. Capt. Girdler A/P 122 Lt. Gowan A/P 176

4. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards are being submitted.

5. STATISTICS

The attack was made from strip #5 Leyte. A/P's were over Lahug at 1012/I.

C.M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #72

CMB/fc

4 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission WFO 3-A-5, performed by
the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 3 January, 1945.
Objective: Grounded A/P's.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention A.C. of S, A-2,
APO #925.

1. GENERAL

a. Grounded A/P's on A/D's in North and Northwest
Negros Island was the objective of a minimum
altitude bombing and strafing attack. Two B25J's
of the 498th Squadron and one B25J from each of
the 499th and 500th Squadrons were used in the
attack. Two A/P's carried 6 x 100 lb. parademos
each and two A/P's carried 72 x 23 lb. parafrags
each.

b. Rendezvous

The planes formed enroute.

c. Attack

(1) Four A/P's reporting. Fabrica, Carolina, Alicante
and Maloga strips were covered in bombing and
strafing attacks. One unserviceable u/i A/P
was set on fire at Fabrica. Administration
type building on the East side of Carolina
strip was strafed thoroughly. Airdrome, build-
ings and a truck were strafed at Alicante.
Nil definite targets were observed on strips.
Nil damage to our planes.

d. Time and location of:

Take Off: TACLOBAN A/D, LEYTE, 1500/I.

Attack: FABRICA, CAROLINA, ALICANTE and MALOGO
of NEGROS ISLAND, 1600 - 1618/I.

Landing: TACLOBAN A/D, LEYTE, 1800/I.

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e. Route: TACLOBAN direct to FABRICA.

2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

a. Capt. Neblett of the 498th Squadron led the formation.

Capt. Neblett	A/P 176	Lt. Smith	A/P 014
Lt. Cornwallle	045	Lt. Canning	888

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. Details of the attack - The four planes attacked in order Fabrica, Carolina, Alicante and Maloga A/D's. Nil serviceable planes were seen on any of the strips and dispersal areas, A/A positions, and airdrome buildings were bombed and strafed. Capt. Neblett dropped one bomb on each of first three dromes with no visible damage. Lt. Cornwallle dropped 72 parafrags on damaged A/P's on Carolina A/D. Airdrome buildings and a truck at Alicante were strafed. Lt. Smith set a damaged plane on fire at Fabrica with 2 x 100 lb. bombs and dropped one each on Carolina, Alicante and Maloga. Lt. Canning dropped 24 x 23 lb. bombs in the dispersal area at Fabrica, 12 on Alicante, 12 on Maloga and strafed a large administration type building at Carolina A/D. All four planes strafed the airdrome areas in lieu of definite targets.

b. Interception

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed destroyed in air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in air.
- (4) One u/s enemy A/P destroyed on ground by Lt. Smith.

c. Anti-aircraft fire

- (1) M/G fire was received from Fabrica and along the road East of Fabrica. M/G fire was received from buildings along Alicante. Three bursts of heavy A/A were received over Alicante.

d. Personnel casualties

- (1) Nil personnel injured on mission.

e. Damage to our A/P's

- (1) Nil damage.

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4. CITATIONS

Nil personnel to be recommended for an award.

5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
176	3 x 100 lb.	1200
045	72 x 25 lb.	1200
014	4 x 100 lb.	1200
888	<u>48</u> x 25 lb.	<u>1400</u>
Totals	127	5200

6. SIGHTINGS

- a. 1612/I, 10/12 vehicles along road at Malaga.
- b. 1607/I, column of smoke from Ubay, Bohol Island.
- c. A possible radio tower was in water at 123 deg. 24 min -- 10 deg. 58 min.
- d. A three masted radio station along road slightly North of Alicante.

7. Nil photos.

For the Commanding Officer:

C.M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #72

CMB/fo

18 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 5-A, 5 January 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Four B25J's of the 498th Squadron dropped 48 x 100 lb. parademos and expended 5650 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition in a minimum altitude attack on the Lingayen Gulf area, Luzon. Photos were taken of the Agno River mouth.

2. OBJECTIVE

Low altitude obliques of possible defense positions on the western side of the Agno River was the main purpose of the mission.

3. ATTACK

Lt. Morris of the 498th Squadron led the attack which was made in two waves of six A/P's each. Three Squadrons of the 345th Group participated. Two planes of the 499th flew with the 498th and two other flew with the 501st in the second wave. The run was made from South to North. Photos revealed nil defenses.

Lt. Morris A/P 193
Lt. McKinney 000

Lt. Cooper A/P 034
Lt. McAdam 176

*. Light m/g fire was received from Portuguese Point.

4. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

All recommendations for awards are being made.

5. STATISTICS

A/P's operated from strip #5 Leyte and were over the target at 1152/L.

C. M. BROWN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
348TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.F.O. #72

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6 Jan 45
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18 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission BFC 6-A-5, 6 January 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.F.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six B25J's dropped 36 x 23 lb. parafrags on Del Monte strip, Mindanao with nil damage. 396 parafrags were returned because of no target.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of any planes on Del Monte or Caragaya strips was the purpose of the attack.

3. ATTACK

a. The run was made from SE to NW crossing both dromes. The attack was made with six planes in a shallow V of V's.

b. Lt. Tuftie	A/P 034	Lt. Lamb	A/P 115
Lt. Cranford	000	Lt. Cornwell	176
Lt. Coppotelli	045	Lt. Reich	193

c. Nil damage was observed and nil serviceable planes were observed on either strip.

d. There was nil opposition and we received nil damage.

4. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

The strike was run from strip #5 Leyte. A/P's were over the targets of Del Monte and Caragaya at 0750 - 0755/I.

C.M. BOLEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #72

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11 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission PFO 7-A-1, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 7 January, 1945.
Objective: Grounded A/P's, Clark Fields.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention A.C. of S, A-2, A.P.O. #72.

1. GENERAL

a. Grounded A/P's on Clark Fields, Luzon was the objective of a minimum altitude bombing and strafing attack. Ten B25J's of the 498th Squadron were employed on the mission were loaded with 72 x 23 lb. parafrags and 6000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition.

b. Rendezvous

The four Squadrons of the 345th Group formed with the 312th Group over Tanauan strip, with the 417th Group over Mindoro and with two Squadrons of P-47's.

c. Attack

(1) Ten planes reported dropping 636 x 23 lb. parafrags on strips from #3 to #5 with the larger portion falling on planes parked in dispersal areas between #3 and #1 strips. Fifteen enemy planes consisting of 12 SEF and 3 TEB were definitely destroyed by bombing and strafing and an additional 5 planes, 3 SEF and 2 TEB, were damaged by near misses. A/P's claimed destroyed were hit by bombs or strafed with tracers observed to rake plane. Complete serviceability of some parked planes difficult to determine due to camouflage. Eight distinct fires with black smoke to 1000 ft. were started in target covered by this squadron. Bombing was excellent. Five A/P's were holed by m/g fire.

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d. Time and location of:

Take Off: TACLOBAN A/D, LEYTE, 0640/I.
Attack: CLARK FIELDS, LUZON, 1026 - 1028/I.
Landing: TACLOBAN, LEYTE, 1320/I.

e. Route: LEYTE, LUBANG IS., West coast LUZON
approaching target from NW.

2. FORMATION - Planes and pilots participating.

a. Lt. Col. Coltharp led the 498th Squadron and
the strike force of three Groups.

Lt. Col. Coltharp	A/P 031	Eapt. Wright	A/P 104	Lt. McAdam	A/P193
Lt. Cranford	000	Lt. Gilstrap	176	Lt. Smith	044
Lt. Cooper	192	Lt. McKinney	134	Lt. Coppotelli	028
				Lt. Lamb	115

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. Details of the Attack: The ten planes attacked
in line abreast formation with the other 30 planes
of the Group on the left wing and 24 A-20's of the
312 Group on the right wing. The attack was made
on a heading of 110 degrees passing from #3 strip
across #5 strip. Bombs were trained across dis-
persal areas containing planes and all visible
A/P's in line of flight were strafed. Bombing was
excellent for the squadron.

b. Interception

- (1) An undertermined number of enemy planes drop-
ped phosphorus bombs on the squadron with nil
hits.
- (2) Two Allied planes observed lost, one from
499th Squadron.
- (3) One enemy plane observed lost in air.
- (4) 15 A/P's destroyed on the ground by this
squadron with 5 additional A/P's damaged.

c. Anti-aircraft fire

- (1) A/A was of light, medium and heavy caliber
moderate in intensity and accurate.

d. Personnel casualties

- (1) Nil personnel injured.

e. Damage to our A/P's

- (1) A/P's #104, 028, 176, 193 and 192 were holed
by machine gun fire.

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4. CITATIONS

Citations not determined.

5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs returned (reason)</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
000	72		2500
031	36	36 Elec. failure	2400
104	72		2000
176	72		3000
134	72		3000
193	48	24 Solenoid failure	2500
044	72		3100
028	72		3100
115	0	72 Rack failure	3400
192	<u>72</u>	<u> </u>	<u>3100</u>
Total	588	132	28100

6. SIGHTINGS

- (1) Many A/A guns were not manned and some guns still had covers on them during the attack. Seventeen separate fires were counted in target after attack by first wave. Approximately 50 planes mostly SSF were observed on airstrips. Camouflaged dummy planes were also in dispersal areas SE #3 strip.

7. PHOTO INTERPRETATION

Eighty seven prints received by this Squadron substantiate claims of enemy planes destroyed and sightings. Photo coverage was one and one-half miles of the six mile run. Photos covered #3 and one strips with little coverage of #4 and #5 strips due to length of target and camera type.

For the Commanding Officer:

C.M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #72

498
8-A-4
8 Jan 45
HPK/fo

11 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission PFC 8-A-4, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 8 January, 1945.
Objective: Grounded A/P's, Fabrica A/D.

TO * COMMANDING GENERAL, PAAF, Attention of A.C. of S, A-2, A.P.O. #72.

1. GENERAL

a. Grounded A/P's on Fabrica A/D in Northeastern part of Negros Island was the objective of a maximum altitude bombing and strafing attack. Six B25J's of the 498th Squadron were used in the attack. The six A/P's were loaded with 72 x 23 lb. parafrags and 6000 x .50 cal. ammo each.

b. Rendezvous

Two squadrons of the 345th Group participating in the attack formed over Tacloban strip.

c. Attack

(1) Six A/P's completed the sweep of Fabrica Air Strip on Northeastern coast of Negros Island. Three serviceable single engine fighters parked in dispersal area SE of strip were destroyed by bombing and strafing. Known A/A positions SE of strip were silenced by strafing. A/A position 1500 ft. west of strip was bombed and strafed with nil observed results. Timing was excellent.

d. Time and location of:

Take off: TACLOBAN, 0720/I.
Attack: FABRICA, A/D, 0824/I - 0826/I.
Landing: TACLOBAN, 1000/I.

e. Route - TACLOBAN to FABRICA A/D, NEGROS IS. and return by same route.

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2. FORMATION - planes and pilots participating.

- a. Capt. Neblett led the 498th Squadron which was second over the target.

Capt. Neblett	A/P 104	Lt. Cooper	A/P 034
Lt. Cornwell	044	Lt. Jarman	031
Lt. Lamb	115	Lt. Gowan	134

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

- a. Details of the attack - Six planes reaching the target (Fabrica A/D) attacked in six ship abreast formation, making a SE to NW run over Fabrica A/D. Capt. Neblett strafed known A/A position SE of strip silencing position. Lt. Cornwell's bombs trained thru NE part of strip with unobserved damage. Lt. Lamb bombed and strafed barracks buildings 1000 ft. NW of strip starting two fires. Lt. Cooper bombed and strafed dispersal area SE of strip with unobserved results. Lt. Jarman bombed parked A/P's in SE dispersal area destroying three SEP's. Lt. Gowan bombed and strafed barrack area NW of strip with unobserved results.

b. Interception

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed destroyed in air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in air.
- (4) Three SEP destroyed on ground.

c. Anti-aircraft fire

medium cal., moderate intensity and inaccurate fire from position 1000 ft. North and parallel to strip of known A/A position in SE dispersal area. M/L fire, moderate intensity, accurate, holing one A/P.

d. Personnel casualties.

- (1) Nil personnel of this squadron injured.

e. Damage to our A/P's

- (1) One A/P was holed by M/G fire.

4. CITATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendations of awards.

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

5. ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE

<u>A/F</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs returned</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
104	0	72	3200
044	72	0	2600
118	60	12	3000
034	72	0	2000
031	72	0	----
134	<u>72</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1700</u>
Total	348	84	12500

6. SIGHTINGS

- (1) Five serviceable SSP in dispersal area SE of strip.
- (2) Three small fires in buildings NW of strip, between strip and river.

7. Photos show the damage reported.

For the Commanding Officer:

R.F. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #72

RPK/fc

12 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission WFO 99A-1, performed by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 9 January, 1945. Objective: Rolling stock Laguna De Bay to Calauag (secondary target).

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PAAF, Attention of A.C. of S., A-2, A.P.O. #72.

1. GENERAL

a. Rolling stock between Laguna De Bay and Calauag on Southern Luzon was the objective of a minimum altitude bombing and strafing attack. Six B25J's of the 498th Squadron were used in the attack. The A/P's were loaded with 12 x 100 lb. demo and 6000 x .50 cal. ammo each.

b. Rendezvous

Four Squadrons of the 345th Group in the attack formed over Cabra Island.

c. Attack

(1) Four A/P's reached Camiling at 0800/I and left at 0846/I after receiving no target. The secondary target was then hit. 36 x 100 lb. demo bombs and 1000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammo were expended in destroying 3 locomotives, 8 box cars and 3 flat cars between Laguna De Bay and Calauag. (Six bombs destroyed 3 flat cars loaded with lumber, 1 locomotive and 1 box car at the edge of Alaminos Village. One locomotive and 4 box cars were destroyed by six bombs at the North edge of Tiaong Village. The box cars exploded and burned emitting black smoke indicating oil or gas cargo. One camouflaged locomotive between Lopez and Hondague Villages was strafed in five passes. Tracers raked the locomotive thoroughly. Three box cars out of the six and a rail junction at the edge of Lucena were destroyed by 12 bombs). Bombing was excellent.

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d. Time and location of:

Take Off: TACLOBAN, 0430/I.

Attack: LAGUNA DE BAY --CALAUAG, 0925/I--0946/I.

Landing: TACLOBAN, 1135/I.

e. Route: TACLOBAN, CABRA ISLAND, CAMILING,
LAGUNA DE BAY, CALAUAG, TO TACLOBAN.

2. FORMATION - planes and pilots participating.

a. Capt. Nutting led the 498th Squadron.

Capt. Nutting	A/P 165	Lt. Tuftie	A/P 031
Lt. McAdam	045	Lt. Lamb	104
Lt. Chalifaux	134	Lt. Smith	044

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. Details of the attack - Capt Nutting dropped 12 x 100 lb. demo bombs on a railroad junction at the edge of Lucena Village. At the junction there were six box cars, three of which were destroyed by Capt Nutting's bombs, the railroad junction was destroyed. A parked locomotive in the same area was raked thoroughly with tracers. Lt. McAdam made five bombing and strafing passes on a camouflaged locomotive between Lopez and Hondague Villages. Lt. Tuftie dropped 6 x 100 lb. demo bombs on a parked train on the edge of Alamenae Village destroying 3 flat cars loaded with lumber, 2 box cars, and 1 locomotive. The locomotive and tracks were blown up. At the North edge of Tiaong Village Lt. Tuftie dropped 6 x 100 lb. demo bombs destroying 1 locomotive and 4 box cars. The box cars exploded and burned emitting black smoke indicating oil or gas cargo. Lt. Lamb flying on Lt. Tuftie's wing returned with his bombs because of lack of targets. Lt. Smith turned back East of Corregidor because of engine trouble.

b. Interception

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed lost in the air.
- (3) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed in the air.
- (4) Nil enemy planes observed destroyed on the ground.

c. Anti-aircraft fire

- (1) Nil anti-aircraft fire.

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d. Personnel casualties

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DUTY</u>
CHALIFOUX, W.N.	1st Lt.	0-753610	Pilot
DAVIS, H.B.	2nd Lt.	0-792489	Co-pilot
BAUER, A.F.	2nd Lt.	0-706504	Navigator
ORLOFF, J.O.	S/Sgt	32747032	Eng-gunner
O'DONNELL, J.C.	T/Sgt	16031023	Radio Oper.
PANCIOCCO, P.J.	S/Sgt	31302176	Gunner

Above personnel of A/P 134 are reported as missing.

e. Damage to our A/P's

(1) A/P 134 missing.

4. CITATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendation of awards.

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs returned</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
165	12	--	----
045	12	--	----
134	--	--	1000
031	12	--	----
104	--	12	----
044	--	12	----
Total	36	24	1000

6. SIGHTINGS

- a. At 0542/I a large explosion on the peak of mountain on Sibuyan Is. A second explosion occurred at the same location at 0550/I.
- b. At 0630/I an explosion was observed on Mindoro Is. on the East side of Mt. Falcon.
- c. A serviceable 500 T freighter was anchored off Kulonay Village, Morpog Pass.

7. Photos showed the damage as reported.

For the Commanding Officer:

R.F. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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10-A-1
10 Jan 45

498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #72

CMB/fc

12 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative report on mission WFO 10-A-1, performed
by the 498th Bombardment Squadron, 10 January, 1945.
Objective: Rolling stock central Luzon.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #72.

1. GENERAL

a. Six B25J's of the 498th Squadron loaded with
72 x 23 lb. parafrags and 6000 x .50 cal.
rounds of ammo were used in a minimum altitude
strike against RR and motor traffic.

b. Rendezvous

The four squadrons of the 345th Group formed
over Tacloban and picked up fighter cover.

c2 Attack

(1) Five A/P's turned back 15 minutes short of
Aparri A/D, primary target, due to weather.
358 x 23 lb. parafrags and 14000 x .50 cal.
rounds of ammo were expended in bombing and
strafing box cars, locomotives, coaches and
oil storage tanks. Two locomotives, 6 box
cars, one coach and two damaged coaches were
destroyed. One locomotive 6 fat cars, 20
box cars, a truck and a large oil storage
tank were damaged. A train composed of 10
box cars at Real was bombed and strafed
resulting in a very large explosion which
tossed plane violently and blew in rear
hatch. White smoke rose to 5000 ft. im-
mediately following explosion. An unknown
number of box cars and buildings adjacent
to the train were probably destroyed but
smoke, dust and debris prevented accurate
assessment of damage. Two A/P's were holed.

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d. Time and location of:

Take Off: TACLOBAN, LEYTE, 0700/I.
Attack: ROLLING STOCK, 1025 - 1230/I.
Landing: TACLOBAN, 1410/I.

Two A/P's landed at Mindoro at 1330/I due to weather and returned to base 11 Jan. at 1730/I.

e. Route: Up East coast of Luzon to 60 miles SE Aparri and South west to South side of Laguna de Bay and return.

2. FORMATION - planes and pilots participating.

a. Lt. Morris led the 498th Squadron which was in number two position.

Lt. Morris	A/P 000	Capt. Hagan	A/P 104
Lt. Lamb	031	Lt. Cornwell	193
Lt. Gowan	045	Lt. Coppotelli	192

3. DETAILS OF THE MISSION

a. Details of the Attack - Lt. Morris and Lt. Lamb attacked a train at Real. Lt. Lamb scored hits on train which resulted in a tremendous explosion with white smoke to 5000 ft. and still rising as planes left target. Force of explosion tossed A/P violently and blew in rear hatch. A/A from target was concentrated medium-light-M/G holding A/P 031. Lt. Gowan bombed and strafed 2 SEF at Soraya. One A/P appeared serviceable and is claimed as destroyed. One locomotive and tender below Panaon were damaged. One camouflaged locomotive 3 miles East of Gumaca was strafed thoroughly. Lt. Coppotelli left two box cars burning at Casmarinas and 3 box cars and a coach burning at Los Banos as a result of his attack. Two locomotives were damaged at Celauag. Capt. Hagan destroyed 2 damaged coaches South of Real, and damaged 8 box cars North of Padre Burgos, six flat cars at Panaon and an oil storage tank at Mondagua. Lt. Cornwell returned to base before reaching target due to mechanical trouble.

b. Interception

- (1) Nil interception.
- (2) Nil Allied planes observed lost in air.
- (3) Nil enemy A/P seen lost in air.
- (4) One enemy SEF destroyed on ground.

c. Anti-aircraft fire.

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- (1) A/A was medium, and light calibre, moderate intensity and accurate.

d. Personnel casualties

- (1) Nil personnel of this squadron injured.

e. Damage to our A/P's

- (1) A/P's 031 and 192 were holed by A/A.

4. CITATIONS

Not definite.

5. ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE

<u>A/P</u>	<u>bombs dropped</u>	<u>bombs returned</u>	<u>.50 cal.</u>
000	72	--	1000
031	60	12	1000
045	72	--	2400
104	72	00	3700
193	--	72	----
192	<u>72</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>3500</u>
Total	348	84	11600

6. SIGHTINGS

- a. Fire at Deal was confirmed by other crew returning from mission.

7. One photo received of the bombing at Deal shows the base of a large explosion with burning particles thrown several hundred yards.

For the Commanding Officer:

C.M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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

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12-A-3
12-Jan 45

498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #72

RFK/fo

14 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FFO 12-A-3, 12 January, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six A/P's attacked rolling stock in Central Luzon on the afternoon of the 12th of January 1945. Each A/P carried 12 x 100 lb. parademo bombs and 6000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition. The attack was made from a minimum altitude, destroying 4/5 flat cars and 1 box car.

2. OBJECTIVE

This strike was planned to destroy rolling stock in central Luzon. This was 498th Squadron target.

3. ATTACK

a. Six B25J's of the 498th Squadron was first over the target area, making attacks in a North to South direction in two plane flights.

<u>b.</u> Capt. Wright	A/P 165	Capt. Hagan	A/P 104
Lt. Reed	054	Lt. McAdam	192
Lt. Smith	176	Lt. Cornwell	045

c. At Dilliman Village Capt. Hagan A/P 104 and Lt. McAdam A/P 192 dropped 20 x 100 lb. bombs on a parked train made up of 1 locomotive and 10 to 12 box and flat cars. Four to five flat cars and one box car were destroyed and small fires were started.

d. A/A was of light calibre, slight intensity, accurate, holing one A/P. Location of A/A position unknown. Nil personnel injured.

4. COMMENTS OF THE I.O.:

The weather was poor and no targets could be found.

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5. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendation of awards.

6. STATISTICS

a. Time Table

T/O at 1005/I, strip #5 Leyte.

Attack at 1310/I to 1330/I, over central Luzon,
minimum altitude.

T/Landing at 1600/I, strip #5 Leyte.

b. LEYTE, West coast LUZON, central LUZON, LEYTE.

c. Nil fighter cover.

R.F. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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13-A-3
13 Jan 45

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

498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #72

RPF/fc

16 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 13-A-3, 13 January 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six A/P's attacked rolling stock in central Luzon on the afternoon of the 13th January, 1945. Each A/P carried 12 x 100 lb. parademo bombs and 6000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition. The attack was made from a minimum altitude destroying 1 locomotive and 16 box cars and damaging 1 locomotive, 4 box cars and 1 truck. One A/P is missing and 1 A/P was damaged by A/A.

2. OBJECTIVE

The strike was planned to destroy rolling stock in central Luzon. This was the 498th Squadron target.

3. ATTACK

a. Six B25J's of the 498th Squadron made their attacks in a North to South direction in two plane flights.

b.

Capt. Neblett	A/P 165	Capt. Hagan	A/P 104
Lt. Jarman	176	Lt. Lamb	134
Lt. Coppotelli	000	Lt. Welch	045

c. Capt. Neblett A/P 165 and Lt. Jarman A/P 176 bombed and strafed 4 to 5 box cars at Panequn Village destroying one box car. At Pulong Village Lt. Jarman A/P 176 strafed two trucks damaging them. Lt. Coppotelli A/P 000 bombed and strafed 1 locomotive and 4 box cars North of Copas damaging them. One truck NE of Concepcion was set afire by strafing. Lt. Coppotelli was flying on a heading of 150 deg. passing south of Novaliches Village when three bursts of medium cal. A/A hit the A/P knocking out the left engine and injuring one man.

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Although the A/P was badly damaged and hard to control Lt. Coppotelli flew on single engine for 1½ hours landing the A/P safely at strip #5. Capt. Hargan A/P 104 destroyed 5 box cars in station at Copas Village, and 5 more box cars at San Roque Village. Lt. Lamb A/P 034 destroyed 1 locomotive and 5 box cars near Gerona Village. Bombing was excellent.

- d. A/A was heavy and medium calibre, intense and accurate. Coming from A/A position South of Novaliches Village, at foot of small hill West of Balara strip. One A/P missing.

S/Sgt John H. Dowdell, 33106062, Engineer, injured, A/P 000.

Missing -- A/P 045.

Pilot, 2nd Lt. B. Weich, O-823846
Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. R.N. Neahgesang, O-710691
Navigator, 2nd Lt. J.H. Wilkinson, O-704622
Engineer, Sgt. L. McArthur, 36758266
Radio Oper., Sgt. H.J. Gregory, 35608985.
Gunner, Sgt. W.R. Hahn, 20245694

A/P 045 was seen approximately 20 miles Northeast of Manila at 1230/I.

4. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Lt. Coppotelli has been recommended for D.F.C.

5. STATISTICS

- a. Take Off, 0925/I, strip #5 Leyte.
Attack, 1220/I - 1240/I, minimum altitude, central Luzon.
Landing, 1520/I, strip #5 Leyte.
- b. LEYTE, West coast Luzon, central Luzon, Leyte.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

R.F. KNECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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14-A-3
14 Jan 45

498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.F.C. #72

RFK/fc

17 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative report, Mission PFO 14-A-3, 14 January 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Five A/P's bombed Aparri A/D in Northern Luzon on the afternoon of the 14th January, 1945. Each A/P carried 72 x 23 lb. parafrag bombs and 6000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition. The attack was made from a minimum altitude with no observed damage. One A/P was damaged by A/A. One A/P turned back due to engine trouble.

2. OBJECTIVE

This strike was planned to destroy A/P's on the ground on Aparri A/D. This was the 498th Squadron targets.

3. ATTACK

a. Five B25J's of the 498th Squadron was second over the target area, making the attack in a SE - NW direction six A/P's abreast.

<u>b.</u>	Lt. Cranford	A/P 192	Lt. Smith	A/P 044
	Lt. Kelly	031	Lt. Cornwell	028
	Lt. McAdam	104	Lt. Gilstrap	176

c. The attack was made over the East end of the strip dropping 236 x 23 lb. parafrags. There were no targets on the East end of the strip so damage was unobserved. One u/i plane was shot down by P-51's fighter escort over target. P-51's strafed 2 serviceable TEB and 3 serviceable SEF starting 2 fires with black smoke rising 1000 feet.

d. A/A was of light calibre, slight intensity, partly accurate hitting one A/P. Location of A/A position unknown. Nil personnel injured.

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4. COMMENTS OF THE I.O.

The run should have been made parallel to strip.

5. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendation of awards.

6. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: 0645/I, strip #5.

b. Attack: 1035/I - 1037/I, Aparri A/D, minimum altitude.

c. Landing: 1415/I, strip #5.

d. LEYTE, CENTRAL LUZON, APARRI A/D, LEYTE.

e. Fighter cover was excellent.

R.F. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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16-A-3
16 Jan 45

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

498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #72

CMB/fc

17 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFC 16-A-3, 16 January 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six B25J's attacked rolling stock in central Luzon on the afternoon of the 16th of January after the scheduled strike on Heito strip, Formosa had been cancelled. 28 x 100 lb. parademos and 3300 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition were expended in the minimum altitude strike which set on small warehouse on fire, destroyed one locomotive damaged four box cars and fifteen military trucks.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of rolling stock was the purpose of the mission.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron flew in number two position and the attack was made in single plane elements. Capt. Wright led the Squadron.

b.	Capt. Wright	A/P 192	Lt. Cooper	A/P 044
	Lt. Gowan	031	Lt. Jarman	176
	Lt. McAdam	005	Lt. Cornwell	034

c. Bombs dropped on a camouflaged garage on the edge of Calabasan set fire to a small adjacent warehouse. A locomotive at Montalban was bombed and destroyed. A stationary convoy of 15 Japanese trucks in the hill NE of Siniloan was strafed. Four box cars between Tiaong and San Pablo were damaged. 32 bombs were returned due to lack of targets. Photos show fires in towns indicated in report.

d. Light caliber, inaccurate fire of slight intensity was received from Montalban Village. There was nil damage to our A/P's.

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4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards are being made at this time.

5. STATISTICS

- a. A/P's took off from Mindoro at 1355/I, were over the target from 1500 - 1700/I and landed at #5 strip Leyte at 1850/I.
- b. Route - MINDORO, West coast of LUZON, LAMON BAY, BASE.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

C.M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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

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20-N-5
20 Jan 45

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

498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #72

RFE/fo

22 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 20-A-5, 20 January 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six A/P's attacked rolling stock in Southern Luzon (secondary target) on the morning of the 20th of January, 1945. Each A/P carried 12 x 100 lb. para-damo bombs and 6000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition. The attack was made from a minimum altitude destroying 4 locomotives and 22 box cars, and damaging 1 locomotive and 17 box cars.

2. OBJECTIVE

The strike was planned to destroy rolling stock in Southern Luzon. This was the 498th Squadron target.

3. ATTACK

a. Six B25J's of the 498th Squadron made their attacks from a West to East direction in two plane flights.

<u>b.</u>	Lt. Tuftie	A/P 176	Lt. Smith	A/P 044
	Lt. Reed	028	Lt. McAdam	031
	Lt. Lamb	115	Lt. Cornwell	104

c. At Del-Gallego Village 5 box cars were destroyed and three box cars were damaged by direct hits. Lt. Tuftie A/P 176 and Lt. Reed A/P 028 then continued to Ragay where direct hits were made destroying 1 locomotive and 7 box cars. Lt. Lamb A/P 115 and Lt. Smith A/P 044 scored direct hits on 10 box cars at Libmanan Village starting several small fires. At Catabangon Village this flight damaged 6/7 box cars by near misses. At Sipocot Village Lt. McAdam A/P 031 and Lt. Cornwell A/P 104 destroyed 2 locomotives and damaged 3 box cars. At Naga Village this flight destroyed 1 locomotive by a direct hit and damaged 4 box cars. At Castillo Lt. Cornwell damaged 1 locomotive by strafing. Bombing was excellent.

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d. Nil A/A was received.

4. COMMENTS OF THE I.O.

The primary target was not reached due to bad weather.

5. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendation of awards.

6. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: 0830/I, strip #5 Leyte.
Attack: 1030 - 1055/I, minimum altitude
Southern Luzon.
Landing: 1330/I, strip #5 Leyte.

b. Route: LEYTE, LAGUNA DE BAY, SOUTHERN LUZON,
LEYTE.

c. Nil fighter cover.

R.F. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #72

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22-A-4
RFX/fc 22 Jan 45

24 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FFO 22-A-4, 22 January 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #923.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six A/P's bombed and strafed military installations on Bataan Peninsula, the morning of the 22nd of January 1945. Each A/P carried 12 x 100 lb. para demo bombs and 6000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition. The attack was made from a minimum altitude, damaging steel structure at Olongapo Village (Subic Bay). At Grande Island bombs were dropped on two coastal defense guns, the extent of the damage was not observed.

2. OBJECTIVE

The strike was planned to photograph and bomb all defense positions on Bataan Peninsula. The coast between Bagac Village and Olongapo Village including Grande Island was the 498th Squadron's target.

3. ATTACK

a. Six B25J's of the 498th Squadron made their attacks from the South to North direction in two plane flights.

b.	Lt. Smith	A/P 028	Lt. Jarman	A/P 165
	Lt. Lamb	577	Lt. Neal	193
	Lt. Cornwell	176	F/O Lageman	115

c. Lt. Smith A/P 028 and Lt. Jarman A/P 165 dropped their bombs on Olongapo. Lt. Smith's bombs strung thru a steel structure on a point of land SE of seaplane jetty. Parts of structure were seen to fly into the air. Lt. Jarman photographed coast at Bagac Village. F/O Lageman A/P 115 dropped his bombs on Olongapo with nil damage observed. Lt. Cornwell A/P 176 dropped his bombs

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ON A 2 gun coastal defense position on Grande Island with extent of damage unobserved. Both A/P's took photos of Grande Island. Lt. Lamb A/P 577 and Lt. Neal A/P 193 returned their bombs because no target could be found.

d. Nil A/A was received.

4. COMMENTS OF THE I.O.

Nil comments.

5. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Details of this mission provided no basis for recommendation of awards.

6. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: strip #5, Leyte, 0700/I.
Attack: 0915 - 0930/I, minimum altitude,
Bataan Peninsula.
Landing: 1215/I, strip #5 Leyte.

b. Route: LEYTE, BATAAN PENINSULA, LEYTE.

c. Nil fighter cover.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF CMB/fc
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A.P.O. #72

24 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FFO 23-A-5, 23 January 1945.
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Three B25J's bombed and strafed Japanese occupied Floridablanca Town, Luzon in advance of our troops. The attack was made 23 January 1945 from minimum altitude. 36 x 100 lb. parademos were dropped in the town starting several small fires. 8200 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition were expended in strafing the target. One Tojo (damaged) on Floridablanca strip was strafed and damaged further..

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of enemy troops and concentration center was the purpose of the attack.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron flew in number two position and the attack was made in a three plane formation.

b.	Lt. Tuftie	A/P 577	Lt. Reed	A/P 044
	Lt. Manners	005	Lt. McKibbin	192
	Lt. Neal	031	Lt. Cornwell	104

c. The attack was made from South to North following which a strafing run from East to West was made over Floridablanca strip. The target appeared to be covered well with smoke and dust obscuring the whole town. Photos are from too great a distance to show specific damage. A/P's 044, 192, 104 returned to base from Simara Is., 30 miles NE mindero and Biliran Is. respectively due to mechanical trouble.

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- d. M/G fire of slight intensity and inaccurate from Floridablanca strip. One burst of heavy A/A was fired from Grande Is. Burst was ahead and high.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards are being submitted.

5. STATISTICS

- a. A/P's took off from strip #5, Leyte 0700/I, were over Floridablanca, Luzon at 0930/I and returned to strip #5 at 1225/I.
- b. Route: LEYTE, VERDE ISLAND PASSAGE, SUBIC BAY, TARGET, RETURN.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

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24 Jan 45

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF RPK/fc
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #72

26 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFC 24-A-4, 24 January 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Four A/P's bombed and strafed military installations on Bataan Peninsula, the morning of the 24th of January 1945. Each A/P carried 12 x 100 lb. parachute bombs and 8000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition. The attack was made from a minimum altitude. On photo run over Grande Island, one large two story barracks type building and one single story barracks type building was set afire by strafing. Several smaller buildings in same location were also burning.

2. OBJECTIVE

The strike was planned to photograph Grande Island and to bomb all defense positions between San Antonio Village and Olongapo Village was the 498th Squadron's target.

3. ATTACK

- a. Four B25J's of the 498th Squadron made their attacks on Grande Island from East to West direction in four ships abreast. The run between San Antonio and Olongapo was made from West to East in plane flights.
- b. Lt. Gowan A/P 193
 Lt. McKibben 005
 Lt. Lageman 031
 Lt. Jarman 577
- c. Lt. McKibben A/P 005 dropped two bombs on a long barracks type installation on West side of road South of San Macelino Village, result of which was not observed. Lt. Jarman A/P 577 dropped two bombs on East side of Subic Bay with nil damage. All other bombs were returned. On strafing

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AMG photo run over Grande Island, one large two story barracks type buildings and one single story barracks type building was set afire. Also several smaller buildings were burning in same location. These buildings were on the East side of Island.

- d. Light caliber, slight intensity, inaccurate; ground fire from center of Grande Island East of coastal guns.

4. COMMENTS OF THE I.O.

The following day our Squadron ran another mission in same target area and it was reported by crews that the East side of Grande Island is burned out.

5. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Details of this mission provided no basis for recommendation of awards.

6. STATISTICS

- a. Take Off: strip #5 Leyte, 0700/I.
Attack: 0920 - 0940/I, minimum altitude, Bataan Peninsula.
Landing: strip #5 Leyte, 1225/I.
- b. Route: LEYTE, BATAAN PENINSULA, LEYTE.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

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345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAP
A.P.O. #92

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CHB/rc 25 Jan 45

26 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PPO 25-A-4, 25 January 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PFAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Four B25J's bombed and strafed installations on the West coast of Bataan Peninsula, Luzon. 48 x 100 lb. parademos were dropped and 8500 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition expended in the minimum altitude attack, 25 January 1945. Extensive damage was done on a steel crane South of Olongapo seaplane base. A dock on the East side of Grande Is. and buildings in Olongapo were damaged. The coastal road was covered by strafing. There was nil damage to our A/P's.

2. OBJECTIVE

Object of the attack was to destroy coastal installations and defense position on West coast of Bataan.

3. ATTACK

- a. The 498th Squadron led by Lt. Cranford flew in number four position with the 499, 500 and 501st Squadrons occupying one to three position respectively. Formation was in two plane elements.
- b. Lt. Cranford A/P 193 Lt. Reed A/P 044
Lt. Myers 115 Lt. Thomas 005
- c. The attack was made from North to South covering the coast of Bataan from Olongapo seaplane base in Subic Bay to Mariveles Village. Targets were limited due to previous attacks and limited enemy activity. All four A/P's covered the assigned target.
- d. A/A was of light and medium caliber, slight intensity and partly accurate shaking one A/P but causing nil damage. Source of fire no certain but believed from Olongapo.

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4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations are being submitted.

5. STATISTICS

a. A/P's took off from strip #5 Leyte 0715/I, were over Bataan, Luzon 0930 - 1000/I and returned to strip #5 at 1255/I.

b. Route: LEYTE, VERDE ISLAND PASSAGE, SUBIC BAY AND RETURN.

c. Nil fighter cover.

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26 Jan 45

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
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27 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FFO 26-A-6, 26 January 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PAAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Four A/P's bombed and strafed coastal guns on Carabao Island, the morning of 26th January 1945. Each A/P carried 6 x 250 lb. parademo bombs and 6000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition. The bombs trailed thru barracks buildings and gun positions, results of which was unobserved.

2. OBJECTIVE

The strike was planned to knock out coastal guns on Carabao Island. This was the 498th Squadron's target.

3. ATTACK

- a. Four B25J's of the 498th Squadron made their attacks in two plane flights in a East to West run over the target, at minimum altitude.
- b. Capt. Wright A/P 577 Lt. Cornwell A/P 031
Lt. McKibben 005 Capt. Hagan 193
- c. Capt. Wright, A/P 577 dropped six bombs on Southern most gun position scoring near misses. Lt. McKibben A/P 005 bombed barracks type buildings between the gun position, results were not observed. Capt. Hagan A/P 193 and Lt. Cornwell A/P 031 dropped twelve bombs on Northern most gun position scoring near misses. All A/P's strafed on the attack.
- d. Nil A/A was received by this Squadron. Heavy caliber, slight intensity were seen in air from Corregidor, gun flashes were also seen.

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4. COMMENTS OF THE I.C.

Nil comments.

5. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Details of this mission provide no recommendation of awards.

6. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: strip #5 Leyte, 0650/I.
Attack: Carabao Island, 0925/I.
Landing: strip #5 Leyte, 1140/I.

b. Route: LEYTE, CARABAO ISLAND AND RETURN.

c. Nil fighter cover.

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RPF/fo 29 Jan 45

30 January 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission 13 AFB PO#1, 29 January 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PEARL, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.F.O. #325.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six A/P's bombed and strafed military installations at Cabcaban A/D (Bataan), the morning of the 29th of January 1945. Each A/P carried 12 x 100 lb. para-demo bombs and 6000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammo. The attack was made from minimum altitude. Military installations on East end of Cabcaban A/D were bombed and strafed. Due to dust resulting from other squadrons bombing results were not observed. On turning away from target three small fires with smoke rising 200 feet were seen SE of East end of strip.

2. OBJECTIVE

The strike was planned to knock out military installations East of Cabcaban A/D, this was the 498th Squadron target.

3. ATTACK

a. Six B25's of the 498th Squadron made their attack from South to North in three ship abreast flights.

b.	Lt. Morris	A/P 545	Lt. Jarman	A/P 104
	Lt. Lamb	028	Lt. Kelly	192
	Lt. McAdam	193	Lt. McKibbin	031

c. Lt. Morris A/P 545, Lt. Lamb A/P 028, Lt. McAdam A/P 193 was the first flight of 498th Squadron over the target. They dropped their bombs on barracks and warehouses on the East end of Cabcaban A/D. Lt. Jarman A/P 104, Lt. Kelly A/P 192, Lt. McKibbin A/P 031 was the second flight over target dropping their bombs on barracks building North of East end of Cabcaban A/D. Results of bombing could not be observed because of dust over target area, caused by other Squadron's bombing.

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d. A/A was of light caliber, slight intensity,
inaccurate; ground fire from Cabcaben Village.

4. COMMENTS OF I.O.

Nil comments.

5. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Details of this mission provide no basis for recommendation of awards.

6. STATISTICS

- a. Take Off: strip #5 Leyte, 0730/I.
- E. Attack: Cabcaben, 1000 - 1005/I, minimum altitude.
Landing: strip #5 Leyte, 1300/I.
- b. Route: LEYTE, BATAAN PENINSULA, LEYTE.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

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30 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FPO 27-A-3, 27 January 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PAAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Four A/P's searched west coast of Bataan Peninsula for enemy defense positions and installations with minimum results. Damaged buildings at Olongapo Seaplane Base were bombed and a small control building at rear of radio tower south of Olongapo was set on fire. Four 100 lb. parademo bombs were dropped and 8 were slaved and 36 returned because of nil target. 1900 x .50 cal. rounds of ammo were expended.

2. OBJECTIVE

Enemy defense positions and installation west coast Bataan Peninsula, Luzon.

3. ATTACK

a. Four B25J's of the 498th Squadron made the attack in two plane elements from North to South searching from San Antonio to Pariveles.

b.	Lt. Cooper	A/	545	Lt. Jarman	A/P	028
	Lt. Lamb		031	P/O Lageman		104

4. COMMENTS OF I.C.

Nil comments.

5. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards being made.

6. STATISTICS

- a. Take off: strip #5 Leyte, 0835/I.
Attack: Bataan, Luzon, 1040 - 1105/I.
Landing: strip #5 Leyte, 1330/I.
- b. Route: LEYTE, BATAAN PENINSULA, RETURN.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
348TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #72

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1 February, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission 13 ATF FO#3-3-B, 31
January, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.G. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Installations in the SE corner of Bacoled Town, Negros, were bombed with 16 x 500 lb. bombs and strafed with 4500 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition in a minimum altitude attack January 31, 1945. Four B25 J's participated in the attack. The target was covered with smoke and debris preventing assessment of damage. There was nil opposition.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of repair facilities, Bacoled.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was in number #2 position and was led by Lt. Smith.

<u>b.</u>	Lt. Smith	044	Lt. McAdam	545
	Lt. Gross	165	Lt. Reed	577

c. The attack was made in two plane elements from SE to NW. Bombing was excellent for the Squadron.

d. There was nil opposition.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendation for awards are being submitted.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: strip #5 Leyte, 0930/I.
Attack: Bacoled, 1051/I, minimum altitude.
Landing: strip #5, Leyte, 1240/I.

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- b. Route: **LEYTE**, around North coast of **NEGROS** and return.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

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2 February, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission 13 ATP PO 4-3E1, 1 Feb. 45.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FFAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Military installations at Puerto Princesa Village were bombed and strafed with 60 x 100 lb. parades and 3200 x .50 cal. rounds of ammo in a minimum altitude attack 1 February 1945. Five B25J's participated in the attack. 24 x 100 lb. bombs were dropped on buildings NE of jetty, 24 x 100 lb. bombs were dropped thru barracks 2000 feet SE of jetty, 12 x 100 lb. bombs were dropped on building 500 feet West of runway #2. Results of damage were not observed. There was nil opposition.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of military installations at Puerto Princesa Village.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was in number one position and was led by Lt. Tuftie.

b. Lt. Tuftie A/P 655 Capt. Hagan A/P 055
Lt. Carey 028 Lt. Manners 104
Lt. McAdams 545 Lt. McKibben 192

c. The attack was made in three plane elements from the NE to SW.

d. There was nil opposition.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards are being submitted.

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5. STATISTICS

- a. Take Off: strip #5 Leyte, 0830/I.
Attack: Puerto Princessa, 1115/I, minimum altitude.
Landing: strip #5 Leyte, 1445/I.
One A/P returned due to engine trouble,
landing strip #5 0915/I.
- b. Route: LEYTE, PUERTO PRINCESA AND RETURN.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

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4 February, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission 13 ATF PO#5-3E1, 2 February, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Four B25 J's conducted a minimum altitude search of the western side of Cabagan River Valley, Northern Luzon, without opposition and with meagre results. 35 x 100 lb. bombs were dropped on a beached sugar Charlie across the river from Aparri Town. Hits were scored on the vessel but it was believed unserviceable. A small barge on the West shore of Cabagan River opposite Alcola was damaged by bombing and strafing. One truck on side of road 15 miles SW of Cabagan Town was strafed. Ten bombs were returned because of no target. 2800 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition were expended.

2. OBJECTIVE

Installations and grounded A/P's.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led by Lt. Cranford and was in #4 position.

b.	Lt. Cranford	193	Lt. Gowan	031
	Lt. Beiga	034	Lt. Kelly	165

c. The attack was made in two plane elements in trail. The valley was searched thoroughly with nil sightings of important targets.

d. There was nil opposition.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards are being submitted.

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5. STATISTICS

- a. Take off: Strip #5, Leyte, 0750/I.
Attack: Cabagan River Valley, Northern Luzon,
1015/I - 1140/I.
Landing: Strip #5, Leyte, 1620/I.
- b. Route: LEYTE - East Coast LUZON, Down CABAGAN RIVERA
and return.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

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SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission 13 ATP-6-31, 3 February, 1945.
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Installations along East bank of Cagayan River, West of Aparri Village, Northern Luzon, were bombed with 12 x 100 lb. bombs and strafed with 1200 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition in a minimum altitude attack, 3 February, 1945. One B25 J participated in the attack going over the target with the 500th Squadron. The results of the bombing could not be observed because of poor visibility. There was nil opposition.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of military installations, barracks, lumber mill, and stores at Aparri Village.

3. ATTACK

a. One A/P of the 498th Squadron reached the target and attacked with the 500th Squadron.

b.	Lt. Smith	044	Lt. Lamb	577
	Lt. Thomas	545	Lt. Jarman	305

Lt. Smith turned back because of engine trouble. Lt. Thomas, A/P 545, was escorted by Lt. Lamb, A/P 577, to Lingayen after he developed engine trouble enroute to target.

c. The attack was made from the South to North over Aparri Village.

d. There was nil opposition.

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4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards are being submitted.

5. STATISTICS

a. 4 A/P's Take off: strip #5 Leyte, 0830/I.
 1 A/P Attacked: Aparri, 1205/I
 1 A/P Landed: strip #5, Leyte, 1550/I.
 1 A/P Landed: strip #5, Leyte, 0930/I.
 2 A/P's Landed: Lingayen.

b. Route: LEYTE, CENTRAL LUZON, CAGAYAN RIVER VALLEY,
 APARRI VILLAGE, and return.

c. Nil fighter cover.

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7 February, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission 13 ATF PO 9-381, 6 Feb. 1945.
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

One floating crane was demolished and one Type D cargo barge and one u/s lugger were damaged in a strike against shipping on the East coast of Luzon. The strike was carried out at minimum altitude by four B25 J's of the 8th of Feb., 1945. Nine 500 lb. bombs, 4/5 sec. fuse were dropped and 4000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition was expended. Seven bombs were salvaged when no target was located.

2. OBJECTIVE

Prevent supplying or with drawing of enemy personnel by small vessels.

3. ATTACK

a. The attack was by individual squadrons of the 345th Group. The 498th Squadron was led by Lt. Tuftie.

b.	Lt. Tuftie	565	Lt. Lamb	172
	Lt. Manners	028	Lt. McKibben	193

c. The attack was made in single plane elements. A/P 028 developed engine trouble and was accompanied to Mindoro by A/P 565. Sweep was completed before A/P left target.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

All recommendations for awards are being submitted.

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5. STATISTICS

- a. Take Off: Strip #5, Leyte, 1030/I.
Attack: East coast of Luzon, 1245/I - 1255/I.
Landing: Strip #5, Leyte, 1730/I - 1800/I.
- b. Route: Direct from LEYTE to target and return
with two A/P's going to MINDORO.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

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345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
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7 February 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission 13 ATF FC 8-3E1, 5 Feb. 1945.
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEARF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Twelve 500 lb. demo bombs and 5500 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended in a minimum altitude attack 5 February 1945. Two (cargo type D) barges were blown to pieces and a third barge was sunk off shore at Jose Panganiban Village (14 deg. 18 min. N 122 deg. 42 min E). Bombing was excellent, and there was nil opposition.

2. OBJECTIVE

Barge and shipping sweep off the East coast of Luzon.

3. ATTACK

- a. The 498th Squadron was led by Lt. Morris.
- b. Lt. Morris A/P 577 Maj. MacLure A/P 655
Lt. Jarman 305 Lt. Kelly 044
- c. Three single plane passes were made in the attack with direct hits scored on the barges.
- d. There was nil opposition.

4. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards are being submitted.

5. STATISTICS

- a. Take Off: strip #5 Leyte, 0730/I.
Attack: Jose Panganiban, 1230 - 1250/I, minimum altitude.
Landing: strip #5, Leyte, 1430/I.
- b. Route: LEYTE, EAST COAST OF LUZON to BALER BAY and return.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

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9 February, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission 13 ATF FO 10-3E1,
7 February, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. OF S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

One 40' motor launch was destroyed and one left burning by 4 B25 J's in a minimum altitude strike on shipping along the Coast of Eastern Luzon. 14 x 500 lb. 4/5 sec. fuse bombs and 10,500 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition were expended. The launches were camouflaged and concealed in rivers west of Dinahican Pt. (14 deg. 42' N 121 deg. 42'E).

2. OBJECTIVE

Shipping along East Coast of Luzon.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led by Lt. McAdam.

b.	Lt. McAdam	305	Lt. Thomas	192
	Lt. Beiga	165	Lt. Lamb	044

c. The attack was made in two plane elements. A direct hit was made on one launch and other vessel was fired by strafing.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards are being submitted.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: Strip #5, Leyte, 0930/I.
Attack: Shipping Eastern Luzon, 1350/I-1425/I.
Landing: Strip #5, Leyte, 1630/I.

b. Route: Direct up East Coast LUZON and return.

c. Nil fighter cover.

C. M. BOWEN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.C. #73

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47-D-18
16 Feb 45

20 February, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FPO 47-D-18, 16 Feb. 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PAAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.C. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six A/P's bombed and strafed enemy concentrations East of Bagac Village (Bataan). Each A/P carried 2 x 1000 lb. demo bombs and 6000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition. The attack was made from minimum altitude, starting one small fire and one explosion 500 yards East of Bagac Village.

2. OBJECTIVE

Enemy concentrations East of Bagac Village.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led by Lt. Tuftie.

b.	Lt. Tuftie	A/P 655	Lt. Thomas	A/P 545
	Lt. Faircloth	266	Lt. Kimball	193
	Lt. Jordan	104	Lt. Manners	192

c. The attack was made in two plane elements from East to West.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations of awards are being submitted.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: San Marcellino, 1025/I.
TCT: Bagac Village, 1100 - 1120/I.
Landing: San Marcellino, 1155/I.

b. Route: direct to target.

c. Nil fighter cover.

R.F. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #73

RFK/fc

20 February, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FFO 49-D-11, 18 February 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six A/P's bombed and strafed enemy concentrations along road junction 1000 yards East of Bagac Village (Bataan). Each A/P carried 2 x 1000 lb. demo bombs and 6000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition. The attack was made from minimum altitude, with nil damage observed. Four strafing runs were made along North side of road from points (15 - 70) (11 - 67) ASP 225. The targets assigned were given by "Zombie" who directed the air support.

2. OBJECTIVE

Ground support along road between Bagac Village and Pilar Village.

3. ATTACK

- a. The 498th Squadron was led by Capt. Johnson.
- b.

Capt. Johnson	A/P 545	Lt. Thomas	A/P 305
Lt. Manners	192	Lt. Neal	265
Lt. Jordan	655	Lt. McKibbin	009
- c. Four pass attack was made in two plane elements from East to West.
- d. A/A, light caliber, slight intensity, inaccurate. Rifle flashes were seen coming from ridge 3000 yards NE of Bagac Village.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations of awards are being submitted.

5. STATISTICS

- a. Take off: 0700/1, San Marcellino.
TOT: 0745/1, 0820/1, Bagac.
Landing: 0915/1, San Marcellino.
- b. Route: direct to target.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

R.S. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #73

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49-0-12
18 Feb 45
RPF/fc

20 February, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFC 49-D-12, 18 Feb. 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six A/P's bombed and strafed enemy concentrations along road between (15.0 - 70.7) (12.5 - 68.2) ASP 225 starting two small fires which were still smoking when planes left the target area. Each plane carried 2 x 1000 lb. demo bombs and 6000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition. The attack was made from minimum altitude. The target assigned was given by "Zombie" who directed the air support.

2. OBJECTIVE

Ground support along road between Bagac Village -- Pilar Village.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led by Capt. Johnson.

b. Capt. Johnson A/P 545 Lt. Thomas A/P 305
Lt. Manners 192 Lt. Neal 265
Lt. Chambers 655 Lt. McKibbin 009

c. Four pass attack was made in two plane elements from East to West.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations of awards are being submitted.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 1230/I, San Marcellino.
TOT: 1300 - 1345/I, Bagac.
Landing: 1415/I, San Marcellino.

b. Route: direct to target.

c. Nil fighter cover.

R.F. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer

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345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #73

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50-D-19
19 Feb 45
RFR/fc

20 February, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 50-D-19, 19 Feb. 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six A/P's bombed and strafed enemy concentrations along North side of road between points (12.5 - 68.0) (13.5 - 69.5) ASP 225. Nil damage was observed other than bomb bursts. Each plane carried 2 x 1000 lb. demo bombs and 6000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition. The attack was made from minimum altitude. The target assigned was given by "Zombie" who directed the air support.

2. OBJECTIVE

Ground support along North side of road between Bagac Village -- Pilar Village.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led by Major McClure.

<u>b.</u> Maj. McClure	A/P 655	Lt. Reed	A/P 545
Lt. Chambers	265	Lt. Manners	192
Lt. Faircloth	305	Lt. Neal	104

c. Four pass attack was made in two plane elements from East to West.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations of awards are being submitted.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: 1035/I, San Marcellino.
TOT: 1045 - 1140/I, Bagac.
Landing: 1155/I, San Marcellino.
b. Route: direct to target.
c. Nil fighter cover.

R.F. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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51-D-14
20 Feb 45

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF CMB/fc
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #73

21 February, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FPO 51-D-14, 20 Feb. 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Three warehouses, one large building and four or five barracks buildings were destroyed and a radio station, 6/8 flat cars and two locomotives were damaged in a low level attack on Southern Formosa by nine B25J's. Targets at Riko 22 deg. 48 min. N 120 deg. 29 min E, Naihō 22 deg. 37 min N 120 deg 35 min E and Choshu were attacked after weather prevented attacking Kagi the primary target. 32 x 500 lb. 8/15 sec. delay fuze bombs and 27000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition were expended.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of transportation and installations.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron flew in number three position and was led by Lt. Tuftie.

<u>b.</u>	Lt. Tuftie	A/P 655	Capt. Johnson	A/P 545
	Lt. McKibbin	192	Lt. Neal	104
	Lt. Paircloth	265	Lt. Gross	044

	Lt. Thomas	A/P 305
	Lt. Chambers	034
	Lt. Manners	165

c. The attack was made from North to South with nine planes abreast covering the railroad, road and installations from Riko South of Choshu. Targets were small and scattered necessitating bombing by individual planes. A/P 034 was holed by m/g fire, from Naihō. Medium A/A was received from Heito.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

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5. STATISTICS

- a. Take Off: 0910/I, San Marcelino, Luzon.
TOT: 1250 to 1300/I, Southern Formosa.
Landking: 1605/I, San Marcelino.
- b. Route: Direct to Southern tip of Formosa and
up Western side of Mts. return direct.
- c. P-47 cover was excellent.

C.M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #73

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52-0-1
21 Feb 44
RFB/fc

26 February, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 52-D-17, 21 Feb. 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FFAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS:

Six A/P's reached China coast after failing to contact KB24. The A/P's searched South along coast dropping 8 x 500 lb. bombs on two previously destroyed 2500 ton freighter transports at 14 deg. 20 min N 109 deg 15 min E. One 60 foot sampan loaded with bales of u/i material at 14 deg 20 min N 109 deg 22 min E was strafed and damaged. Each A/P carried 4 x 500 lb. demo bombs and 6000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition. The attack was made from minimum altitude. Sixteen 500 lb. bombs were salvoed because of no target and shortage of gasoline.

2. OBJECTIVE

Shipping sweep of South China Sea.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led by Major McClure.

b.	Maj. McClure	A/P 577	Lt. Reed	A/P 305
	Lt. Neal	104	Lt. Gross	265
	Lt. Kimble	545	Lt. Plumb	044

c. A single bombing and strafing pass was made on two previously destroyed 2500 ton freighter transports at 14 deg 20 min N 109 deg 15 min E. 8 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped by Lt. Kimble A/P 545, Lt. Gross A/P 265 and Lt. Plumb A/P 044 on this run. Maj. McClure strafed and damaged a 60 ft. sampan (14 deg 20 min N 109 deg 22 min E) on a single pass.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations of awards are being submitted.

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5. STATISTICS

- a. T/O 0730/I, San Marcellino
TOT 1220 - 1225/I, South China Sea
T/L 1635/I, San Marcellino
- b. Route: Direct to China coast, and return.
- c. Fighter cover was good.

R.F. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
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56-0-1
25 Feb 45

26 February, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 56-D-15, 25 Feb. 1945.
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PEARF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Four A/P's on a snipping search along the China coast bombed and strafed 30 two masted 50/60 ft. sailing vessels in Phan Rang Bay after a search had produced no better target. Two vessels were sunk and 20 damaged in the attack. Sixteen by 500 lb. demos 4/5 sec. fuze and 8000 rds. of ammo were expended. There was nil opposition.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of enemy shipping.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led over the target by
Lt. Tuftie.

b.	Lt. Cranford	A/P 265	Lt. Tuftie	A/P 577
	Lt. Roser	044	Lt. Jordon	115
	Lt. Coppotelli	545	Lt. Chambers	192

Lt. McKibbon A/P 000

c. Four A/P's reached China coast flying in number two position with the 501st Squadron. The XB24 directing the attack had nil target and after searching 30 miles to the south the force returned to Phan Rang Bay and bombed and strafed approximately 30 small sailing vessels. The run was made from land to sea in two plane elements. A/P's 192 and 265 were forced by mechanical trouble to return to base before reaching target. Lt. McKibbon A/P 000 took off at 0750/I and escorted P-51 fighters to rendezvous point 21 deg 30 min N 114 deg 40 min E returning to base at 1410/I.

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4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS -

Nil recommendations submitted.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: 0715/I, San Marcellino, Luzon, P.I.
TOT: 1200 - 1210/I, Phan Rang Bay, China.
Landing: 1645/I, San Marcellino.

b. Route: Direct to target.

c. Fiter cover of P-51's good.

C.M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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A.P.O. #73

498
60-0-11
RFE/jv 1 Mar 45

4 March, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FPO 50-D-11, 1 March, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, F AF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six A/P's on a snipping search along China Coast bombed and strafed a wreckage of a vessel at 22 deg. 45' N, 115 deg. 20' E, identified as a Sugar Baker. Hits were scored on the wreckage but the vessel was already down at the bow and on its side as a result of leading Squadrons attack. Eight x 500 lb. demo, 4/5 sec. fuze and 5000 rounds of ammo were expended. There was nil opposition.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of enemy snipping.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led over the target by
Capt. Johnson.

b. Capt. Johnson A/P 265 Lt. Thomas A/P 305
Lt. Roser 084 Lt. Berg 115
Lt. Coppotelli 165 Lt. Ranger 005

c. Six A/P's of the 498th Squadron reached the China Coast flying in number three position of the Group. The KB24 directing the attack had nil target after searching coast from Hong Kong to Henghai Bay. The Squadrons continued to search along coast toward Swatow. In Henghai Bay (22 deg. 45' N - 115 deg. 20' E) a wrecked vessel was bombed and strafed. A single run was made in two plane elements. Fighter cover was excellent.

4. AWARDS and RECOMMENDATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

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5. STATISTICS

- a. Take off: 0850/I, San Marcellino, Luzon.
TCT: 1215/I-1315/I, China Coast.
Landing: 1715/I, San Marcellino, Luzon.
- b. Route: Direct to target.
- c. Fighter cover was excellent.

R. F. KRECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
ASST. Intelligence Officer.

498TH BOMB. DRIFT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.C. #73

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498
61-0-10
2 Mar 44

3 March, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFC 61-D-10, 2 March, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Eight B25 J's destroyed two Tonys definitely and damaged two Zeros and three Tonys in a minimum altitude bombing and strafing attack on Toyonara A/D, Formosa, 2 March, 1945. Bombs were trained across ten other GEP with damage unobserved. Two small fires were started and bomb hits were scored on personnel quarters. One A/A position was silenced by bombing. Bombing was excellent with 504 x 25 lb. para frags dropped. 25,000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammo were expended in covering target thoroughly.

2. OBJECTIVE

Neutralizing of enemy air power on Formosa.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led by Lt. Cooper.

b.	Lt. Cooper	A/P	034	Lt. Faircloth	265
	Lt. Manners		005	Lt. Rosen	104
	Lt. Gross		165	Lt. Chambers	192
			Lt. Kimbal	115	
			Lt. Plumb	193	

c. The attack was made from the East with the eight A/P's in line abreast formation covering the entire A/D including the dispersal areas and defense positions. There was no surprise and gun positions were manned. The run across the target was good and with the exception of A/P 193 which dropped bombs too early and A/P 034 which dropped no bombs due to personnel error. All bombs were in target. Photos confirm claimed damage and show additional damage in south revetments. A/P's 104, 192, 005 and 034 were noted.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards are being submitted.

5. STATISTICS

a. T/O 0722, San Marcelino, Luzon.
TOT 1113/I, Toyonara, Formosa
T/L 1520/I, San Marcelino.

b. Route: Along west coast of Formosa approaching
north of target and return.

c. Fiter cover was excellent.

C. M. BOWEN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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63-C
4 Mar 4

6 March, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission RPK 63-D, 4 March 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PMAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Nine A/P's on a snipping search along China Coast from Phan Rang Bay to 12 deg. 45 min. N destroyed one 40 ft. motor launch by strafing in Cam Rang Bay. There was nil opposition.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of enemy snipping.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led over the target by Captain Johnson.

<u>b.</u> Capt. Johnson	A/P 577	Lt. Thomas	A/P 265
Lt. Roser	000	Lt. Ranger	044
Lt. Gross	115	Lt. Berg	165

Lt. Faircloth	A/P 545
Lt. Hanners	034
Lt. Kimble	199

c. A single strafing pass in a South to North direction was made on a 40 ft. motor launch which was destroyed in Cam Rang Bay. A/P 115, Lt. Gross was hit by A/P from North tip of Cam Rang Bay and was escorted back by Capt. Johnson A/P 577. The remaining planes continued their search North along coast to 12 deg. 45 min. North. Visibility along entire coast was very poor. There was no fighter cover.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

All recommendations for awards.

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5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 0645/I, San Marcellino.
TOT : 1125 - 1200/I, China Coast.
Landing : 1615/I, San Marcellino.

b. Route: Direct to target.

c. Nil fighter cover.

R.F. KURCHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #73

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8 March, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 65-D-17, 6 March, 1945.
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAP, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Eight B25 J's in a minimum altitude attack, 6 March, 1945, dropped 92 centuries and expended 27000 x .50 cal. rounds ammunition causing extensive damage to Samah A/D, Hainan. Barracks, administration buildings, parked A/P, A/A positions hangars and other field installations were set afire and ripped with M/G fire and bomb blasts. The target was covered with smoke at the completion of the attack. Three B25's were damaged.

b2. OBJECTIVE

Grounded A/P's and installations, Samah A/D.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron led by Maj. McClure was in number three position in the 345th Group formation.

b.	Maj. McClure	A/P 265	Lt. Kimble	A/P 305
	Lt. Chambers	044	Lt. Roser	031
	Lt. Berg	545	Lt. Jordan	193

	Lt. Reed	A/P 577
	Lt. Ranger	655
	Lt. Plumb	034

c. The attack was made in eight plane abreast formation on a heading of approximately 270 degrees. Bombs were dropped in dispersal and personnel areas East and West of runways. Photos received reveal extensive damage to the installations with defense positions covered by strafing and two A/P's strafed.

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- d. A/A of light, medium and heavy caliber was intense and accurate in smaller calibers and moderate and partly accurate in medium and heavy caliber. Three A/P's of this unit were damaged. Three of ten Zeke's and Jacks airborne over target made half hearted passes without firing. One Zeke came in high at three o'clock, fired several bursts and passed under A/P which was at 150 ft. altitude. One Zeke attacking from 6 o'clock broke off at 1500 yards without firing when tail gunner opened up.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

All recommendations are being submitted at this time.

5. STATISTICS

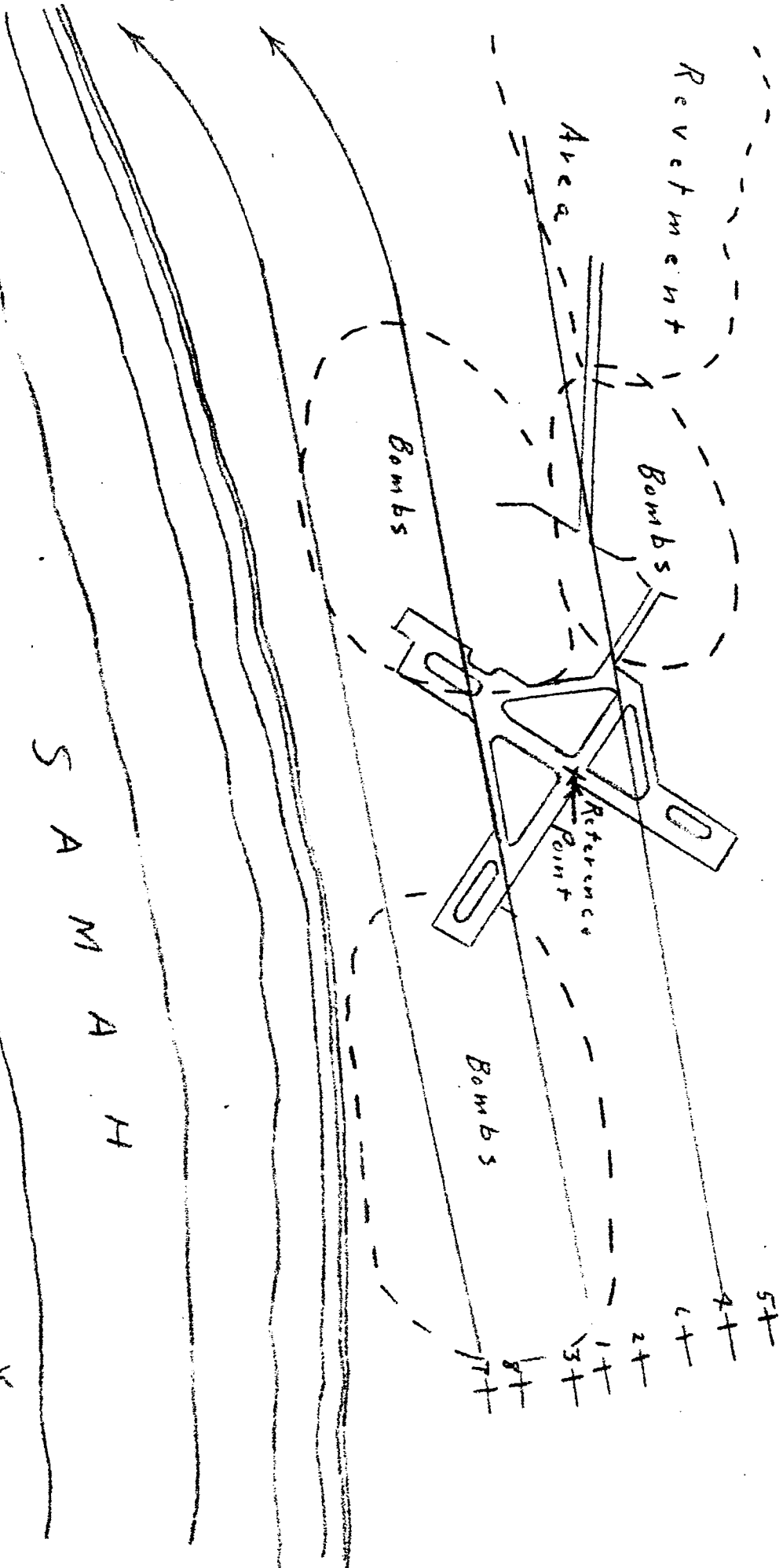
- a. Take off: 0920/I, San Marcellino, Luzon.
TOT : 1335/I, Samah A/D, Hainan.
Landing : 1815/I, San Marcellino, Luzon.
- b. Route: Direct to target and return.
- c. Fighter cover: P38 area cover ran short of gas and returned to base before attack by this group. Contact was made by radio.

C. M. BOWEN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

Overlay: Aerial Mosaic Samah A/D
 Hainan Is.
 18th P.I.D. Hq. 14 AF
 Scale: 5" = 1 Mi. (App)

{ 1 Maj. McClure	265
{ 2 Lt Ch. ibers	044
{ 3 Lt Berg	545
{ 4 Lt Kimble	305
{ 5 Lt Roser	031
{ 6 Lt Plumb	034
{ 7 Lt Reed	577
{ 8 Lt Ranger	655

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 498 Bomb Sq (M) 345 Bomb GP
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 A/T Minimum
 Airplanes 8 X B25J3
 Bomb Load 12 X 100# 8-11 Sec



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10 March

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #73

RPF/pc

12 March, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FFO 69-D-23, 10 March 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FPAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. STATISTICS

Six A/P's on a shipping search along the Indo-China coast bombed and strafed Sugar Uncle Tanker (2500 T) anchored off shore at 13 deg. 47 min N 109 deg 14 min E. Several direct hits were scored resulting in a large explosion with flames reaching to 1000 feet and smoke to 8000 feet and still rising. The decks were awash when planes left the target. One A/P's bombs skipped over ship onto land starting a large oil tank on fire. One A/P ditched at 14 deg 18 min N 114 deg 35 min E with four survivors seen. Righteen by 500 lb. demos 4/5 sec. delay fuze and 22000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition were expended. There was nil opposition.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of enemy shipping.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led over the target by Captain Cranford.

b.	Capt. Cranford	A/P 265	Lt. Thomas	A/P 655
	Lt. Chambers	044	Lt. Ranger	192
	Lt. Berg	193	Lt. Plumb	545

c. Six A/P's reached the Indo-China coast. At 13 deg 47 min N 109 deg 14 min E a Sugar Uncle tanker (2500 T) was attacked in two ship elements. Two strafing and bombing passes were made by all A/P's. Lt. Thomas A/P 655 on his second pass scored a direct hit at the water line amid ship resulting in a large explosion and fire with smoke rising to 8000 feet. Capt. Cranford A/P 265 bombs on his second pass skipped over the ship onto shore starting a large oil tank afire. Lt. Chambers A/P 044 ditched his A/P at 1357/I, 14 deg 18 min N 114 deg 35 min E due to dead left engine. One

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raft and four survivors were seen after the A/P ditched.

d. Personnel losses.

Pilot, Lt. B.F. Chambers, O-205714
Co-pilot, Lt. C.P. Raney, O-764788
Engineer, Sgt. A.J. Vincenti, 33787917
Radio Operator, Sgt B.R. Grier, 32954647
Gunner, Sgt. J.H. Lane, 34737579

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Recommendations are being submitted for Lt. Thomas and crew.

5. STATISTICS

- a. Take Off: 0700/I, San Marcellino, Luzon.
TOT: 1115 - 1200/I, Indo-China Coast. Minimum Altitude.
Landing: 1650/I, San Marcellino, Luzon.
- b. Route: direct to target.
- c. No filter cover.

R.F. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
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26 March, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission WFO 83-D-25, 24 March 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

A few small grass fires were started but other damage to enemy concentrations in hills along Mango River near San Mateo, Luzon was not observed. 33 x 250 lb. 8/11 sec. fuze bombs were dropped on ridge designated by ground forces with 3 bombs slightly short. 8500 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition were expended.

2. OBJECTIVE

support for ground forces.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led by Maj. McClure.

<u>b.</u> Maj. McClure	A/P 545	Lt. Reed	A/P 305
Lt. Jordan	000	P/O Berg	005
Lt. Manners	104	Lt. Ranger	031

c. The attack was made in single plane elements in trail. One bomb was dropped by each plane on each run and the target was strafed on all six passes. Nil return fire was received.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 0900/I, San Marcelino, Luzon
Attack: 0955 - 1025/I, San Mateo, Luzon
Landing: 1100/I, San Marcelino

b. Route: Direct

c. Nil filter cover.

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Captain, Air Corps
Intelligence Office

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345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #73

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26 March, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission KRO 83-D-29, 24 March, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Many buildings were demolished, at least twelve fires started and one explosion with flames to 300 ft. caused by a minimum altitude attack on Siniloan Town, Rizal, Luzon. Damage was extensive on both sides of the Romero River. Five B25J's made four runs from North to South dropping 10 x 1000 lb. 8/11 sec. fuze bombs and expending 30,000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammo.

2. OBJECTIVE

Japanese personnel were using town.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led by Capt. Johnson.

<u>b.</u> Capt. Johnson	A/P 655	Lt. Kimble	A/P 031
Lt. Neal	104	F/O Berg	005
Lt. Gross	305		

c. The attack was made in single plane elements in trail. Bombs were released on the first two runs and all planes strafed on each of the four passes. Ground fire was meager and inaccurate resulting in no damage.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 1600/I, San Marcelino, Luzon
Attack: 1650 - 1710/I, Siniloan Town, Luzon
Landing: 1750/I, San Marcelino
b. Route: Direct.
c. Nil fiter cover.

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26 March, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 84-D-30, 25 March, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, WPAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six A/P's bombed and strafed in a West to East direction along ridge on the North side of the Mango River at 14° 43' N 121° 09' E starting a grass fire. Each A/P carried 6 x 250 lb. 8/11 sec. fuze bombs and 6000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammo. The attack was made from minimum altitude.

2. OBJECTIVE

Ground support, Mango River area.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led by Capt. Morris.

<u>b.</u> Capt. Morris	A/P 545	Capt. Gowan	A/P 165
Lt. Jarman	034	Lt. Jordan	000
Lt. Gruer	655	Lt. Ranger	193

c. Six single ship bombing and strafing passes were made at minimum altitude from West to East along ridge on the North side of the Mango River. 36 x 250 lb. 8/11 sec. fuze bombs were dropped and 18,600 rounds of ammo were expended. The ground control said target was well covered and bombing was excellent.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

No recommendations of awards are being submitted.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 1030/I, San Marcelino
Attack: 1120 - 1155/I, Mango River
Landing: 1245/I, San Marcelino
b. Route: direct to target and return.

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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29 March, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PPO 85-D-26, 26 March, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six B25j's dropped 12 x 1000 lb. 8/11 sec. fuze bombs on target assigned by Liaison Officer on a ground support mission in the vicinity of the Mango River in central Luzon (14° 42' N 121° 09' E) 26 March. 21,200 x .50 cal. rounds of ammo were expended. Target was covered well but results were unobserved.

2. OBJECTIVE

Support for ground forces.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led by Capt. Cranford.

<u>b.</u> Capt. Cranford	A/P 265	Maj. Doolittle	A/P 577
Lt. Heimann	305	Lt. Ranger	031
Lt. Jordan	165	E/O Berg	104

c. The attack was made in single plane elements from South to North at minimum altitude. Four runs were made on target with bombs being dropped on first two passes.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: 10⁰⁰, San Marcelino, Luzon.
Attack: 1120 - 1155, Mango River, Luzon.
Landing: 1235/I, San Marcelino, Luzon.

b. Route: Direct.

c. Nil filter cover.

C.M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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27 March

29 March, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 86-D-29, 27 March, 1945.
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S., A-2,
A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Nine B25J's dropped 18 x 1000 lb. 8/11 sec. fuze bombs on North end of Caballo Island in Manila Bay, 27 March. 27,400 x .50 cal. rounds of ammo were expended. The target area was well covered with nil damage observed other than bomb bursts.

2. OBJECTIVE

To bomb and strafe North end of Caballo Island.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led by Lt. Reed.

b.	Lt. Reed	A/P 577	Lt. Roser	A/P 545	Lt. Kimble	A/P 031
	Lt. Gross	000	E/O Berg	005	Lt. Jordan	305
	Lt. Neal	655	Lt. Plumb	265	Lt. Ranger	193

c. The attack was made in single plane elements from the North to South and NW to SE directions at a minimum altitude. Three passes were made on the target with all bombs being dropped on the last two passes.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: 0630/I, San Marcelino, Luzon.
Attack: 0650 - 0710/I, Caballo Island.
Landing: 0800/I, San Marcelino, Luzon.

b. Route: Direct.

c. Nil filter cover.

R.F. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #73

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29 March, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 87-D-34, 28 March, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S., A-2,
A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Nine A/P's searched for enemy convoy from Pt Koga 18° 40' N 108° 00' E to Phan Rang Bay with nil sightings. 14 x 500 lb. 4/5 sec. fuse bombs were dropped on a small town on South edge of Phan Rang Village destroying several small buildings, other bombs were salvaged (9) or returned (13) due to lack of suitable target. 6700 x .50 cal. rounds of ammo were expended in strafing.

2. OBJECTIVE

- Interception of enemy convoy reported along Indo China coast.

3. ATTACK

- a. The 498th Squadron was led by Major Wright and was in #3 position in the Group formation.

b.	Maj. Wright	A/P 305	Capt. Morris	A/P 005
	Capt. Gowan	165	Lt. Roser	034
	Lt. Jarman	176	Maj. McClure	192

	Capt. Johnson	A/P 193
	Lt. Col. Coltharp	115
	Lt. Reed	577

- c. The attack was made from minimum altitude on a North heading. Ground fire was meager in intensity and inaccurate and was received from hill West of Village attacked.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

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5. STATISTICS

- a. Take Off: 0655/I, San Marcelino, Luzon.
Attack: 1200 - 1210/I, Indo China Coast, Phan Rang.
Landing: 1630/I, San Marcelino, Luzon.
- b. Route: Direct to 75 miles south Cape Padaran to Pt Kega, North to Phan Rang and return.
- c. Fighter cover was North of Phan Rang and was not sighted.

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Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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31 March, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FPO 88-D-23, 29 March, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Seven B25 J's in a minimum altitude attack on a Japanese convoy 60 miles off the Indo-China Coast left two AM-13 naval vessels of approximately 600 tons each sinking. Seven other vessels of the convoy were obscured by a local storm and were not attacked. The attack was made from 1100/I to 1130/I, 29 March, 1945. 26 x 500 lb. 4/5 sec. fuse bombs were dropped and 18,300 x .50 cal. rounds of ammo expended. Two A/P's were holed with nil serious damage.

2. OBJECTIVE

Four squadrons of the 345th Bombardment Group participated in the mission with the 501st and 498th attacking first followed by the 500th and 499th 30 minutes later. Destruction of an enemy convoy heading North along the Indo China Coast was the purpose of the mission.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led by Capt. Cranford and was in number two position.

b.	Capt. Cranford	A/P 265	Capt. Gowan	A/P 165
-	Lt. Manners	034	Lt. Jordan	192
			Lt. Ranger	193

Maj. McClure	A/P 305
Lt. Plumb	545*

* shown as 655 on photo.

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- c. The A/P's approached from the East intercepting the convoy at 14 deg. 40' N 109 deg. 50' E. The formation split up as shown in paragraph b, circled South of the two vessels separated from the rest of the convoy and attacked from the west. Capt. Cranford³⁰⁵ crossed #2 vessel (shown in sketch) from bow to stern. One bomb dropped on port side (photo 10-0-206) burst under the vessel throwing water up on both sides of craft with minor portion on starboard side (photos 10-0-210 and 8-0-184, wing A/P³⁰⁴ vessel was damaged.

OK Maj. McClure³⁰⁵ and Lt. Plumb⁶⁵⁵ following first A/P's came in from the West attacking from bow to stern from starboard quarter. One bomb dropped by Maj. McClure hit just short (photo 9-0-194 and 195) skipping into vessel with results shown in photo 90-198 and 199. Vessel was left sinking and was confirmed later as sunk. A/P's then attacked #1 vessel.

Number one vessel had gone North from original position and turned to West as shown in sketch. First attack made by Maj. McClure (photo 7-0-158) shows vessel underway and not damaged. Bombs fell long on this attack. Vessel was strafed heavily. On second pass from stern to bow vessel maneuvered sharply (photos 7-0-165 and 166) small fire had broken out at stern on port side but vessel was not seriously damaged.

Capt. Gowan¹⁶⁵ and Lt. Jordan¹⁹² made attack broadside after vessel had turned to port (photos 12-0-347 and 248). One bomb of Capt. Gowan's fell long. Lt. Jordan dropped three bombs two of which hit vessel with one falling over. Bombs hitting vessel caused large explosion verified by four crews. Later attacks by Lt. Ranger shows vessel on fire and listing to starboard (photos 11-0-222, 223, 226 and 234). Vessel was observed to have huge hole in side and sinking rapidly. This vessel confirmed as sunk by Lt. Jordan.

- d. A/A from vessels was light, medium and heavy caliber, moderate intensity and partly accurate holing two A/P's. Heavy and medium A/A was from possible CL in other part of convoy.

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4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

The following crew members will be recommended for Air Medals for sinking vessels.

Major Jack C. McClure, Jr.	Pilot
2nd Lt. Charles M. Wilson	Co-pilot
2nd Lt. Stanley I. Skelskie	Navigator
Sgt. O. Schmidt	Engineer gunner
S/Sgt. Peter Nekhay	Radio gunner

2nd Lt. Kenneth H. Jordan	Pilot
2nd Lt. J. E. McLaughlin	Co-pilot
2nd Lt. R. S. Halver	Navigator
Sgt. C. A. Sullivan	Engineer gunner
Sgt. B. W. Renaud	Radio gunner

5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: 0705/I, San Marcelino, Luzon.
Attack : 1100/I to 1130/I, Convoy Indo China Coast.
Landing : 1535/I, San Marcelino, Luzon.

b. Route: Direct.

c. Fighter cover was furnished by P38's.

C. M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

No 1 Destroyed By A/P 192 - Lt Jordan
 Confirmed A/P 165 Photo 247
 A/P 195 Photo 234

No Photos

Bombs

No 1

165+

192

169° 50'

14° 40'

305

655

No 2

AM-13

No 1

AM-13

No 2

FFO-88D23 24 Mar 44
 498 Bomb Sq (M) 345 Bomb Gp
 TOT - 1100 & 1136/I
 Alt - Minimum

No 2 Destroyed
 A/P 305 By Maj McCluer
 Photo 150-151
 Confirmed
 A/P 655 Lt Plumb
 Photo 198-199

Scale 1.5" = 1 Mi.

A/P 165 Photo 247
A/P 193 Photo 234

No Photos

No 1

Bombs

Convey

165+

1192

14° 40'

109° 50'

305

655

No 2

No 1

AM-13

AM-13

No 2

FFO #88D23 29 Mar 45
498 Bomb Sq (M) 345 Bomb Gp
T.O.T. 1100 - 1130/1
Alt. Minimum

Scale 1.5" = 1 Mi. (App.)

No 2 Destroyed
A/P 305 By Maj McCluer
Photo 150-151
Confirmed
A/P 655 Lt Plumb
Photo 198-199

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345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #73

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2 April, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FPO 89-D-25, 30 March, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six A/P's dropped 18 x 500 lb. 4/5 second fuze bombs and expended 5800 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition starting two fires causing one explosion in MENCHEONG VILLAGE (19 deg. 40' N - 110 deg. 35' E). Smoke to 1000 feet covered the target. A/P flying with the 499th Squadron bombed and strafed a tug boat scoring near misses. The vessel was of steel construction and had a wooden center superstructure. Five minutes after the vessel was afire it went down stern first. The A/P's remaining bombs were dropped on MENCHEONG VILLAGE with unobserved results. The secondary target was hit because nil shipping could be found.

2. OBJECTIVE

Primary: Shipping sweep HAINAN ISLAND.
Secondary: Land target HAINAN ISLAND.

3. ATTACK

- a. The 498th Squadron was led over the target by Capt. Cooper.
- b. Capt. Cooper A/P 577 Maj. Doolittle A/P 115
Lt. Kelly 193 P/O Berg 005
Lt. Carey 000 Lt. Gruer 165
- Lt. Myers, A/P 499, flew with 499th Squadron.
- c. Six A/P's reached HAINAN ISLAND and found nil shipping so the secondary target was attacked. All A/P's attacked MENCHEONG VILLAGE starting two fires and causing one explosion with smoke rising to 1000 feet. Lt. Myers, A/P 499, flying with the 499th Squadron made five strafing runs on a tug boat. Two bombs were dropped

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scoring near misses. The vessel was afire and went down at the stern five minutes after the attack. Lt. Myers dropped the remaining bombs on MENCHEONG VILLAGE.

- d. Six Oscar's attacked Squadron 2 miles off shore at SAMAN A/D making two and three passes from high at eleven and nine o'clock. Only two passes were pressed to 500 feet. Two phosphorus bombs that were dropped 500 feet above A/P's did no damage, one exploding to the rear and one just ahead and above the formation. When Squadron was attacked it went on deck and closed formation. One Jack II attacked Lt. Myers, A/P 499, while making a run on the tug boat. The Jack II came in high at nine o'clock holding A/P from wing tip to wing tip, holding radio compartment and puncturing right tire.
- e. A/A was medium and heavy caliber - moderate intensity, inaccurate, from positions SE end of strip. Coastal defense guns lobbed shells into the sea.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards

5. STATISTICS

- a. Take Off: 0630/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 1100/I to 1145/I, MENCHEONG VILLAGE, HAINAN.
Landing: 1530/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
- b. Route: Direct.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

R. F. KEUCHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Intelligence Officer.

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345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
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6 April, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 94-D-24, 4 April, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

six B25 J's destroyed one stack aft freighter, SBS, 2500 GT, one patrol craft 210 GT, demolished one pier and contributed to destruction of second pier and damaged a large lugger 300 GT in a minimum altitude attack on shipping in MAKU HARBOR, PESCADORES ISLANDS. 12 x 500 lb., 4/5 second fuze bombs were dropped in the attack on the naval base and 7800 x .50 caliber rounds of ammo were expended. Twelve bombs dropped on TOKICHITO ISLAND 22 miles south of the naval base resulted in a large explosion in a storehouse which tossed plane violently. 2100 x .50 caliber rounds of ammo were used in strafing buildings.

2. OBJECTIVE

shipping in MAKU HARBOR was the primary objective of the strike. Two Squadrons of the 345th Group participated in the mission. The 498th Squadron led and was followed by the 500th Squadron.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led by Capt. Tuftie.

b. Capt. Tuftie A/P 655 Lt. Carey A/P 000
Lt. Kelly 571 Lt. Plumb 020

Lt. Roser A/P 577
Lt. Jordan 192

c. The A/P's attacked in three elements of two planes each in trail in the order shown in paragraph 3b. The run was made from the NE passing over the docks and anchorages on the North side of the Bay.

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(All vessels and piers referred to are shown on photo sketch appended). The first two A/P's over the vessel scored one near miss on a SAS but caused no serious damage. Lt. Plumb in the second flight scored a direct hit on a patrol craft at the center pier and a near miss on a large lugger at the west pier (photo 8-0-150). The patrol craft 210 GT and the pier were demolished with wreckage shown in water (photo 6-0-97). Lugger was damaged. Lt. Jordan of the third flight got a direct hit on the tanker at the east pier resulting in a large explosion followed by fire (photo 6-0-106-107, 116, and 117). The tanker was also bombed by the following squadron resulting in a second explosion which increased the spread of the fire completing the destruction of the two vessels on either side of the pier and the pier itself. The initial damage was done by Lt. Jordan and he is credited with having destroyed the stack aft freighter (2500 GT) on the west side of the pier. Excellent photographs of the 500 squadron confirms the destruction. Near misses on a patrol craft at the mouth of the bay resulted in possible damage to vessel.

The attack on TOKICITO ISLAND was made on a NW heading.

- d. A/A was of light and heavy caliber from shore batteries around the docks and at the mouth of the bay. Fire was moderate intensity and partly accurate holding one A/P.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

The following crew members will be recommended for Air Medals:

2nd Lt. Kenneth Jordan	Pilot
2nd Lt. James McLaughlin	Co-pilot
2nd Lt. Ralph Halver	Navigator
S/Sgt. William Wargel	Engineer gunner
Sgt. Charles Pantello	Radio gunner
S/Sgt. Marion Collier	Gunner

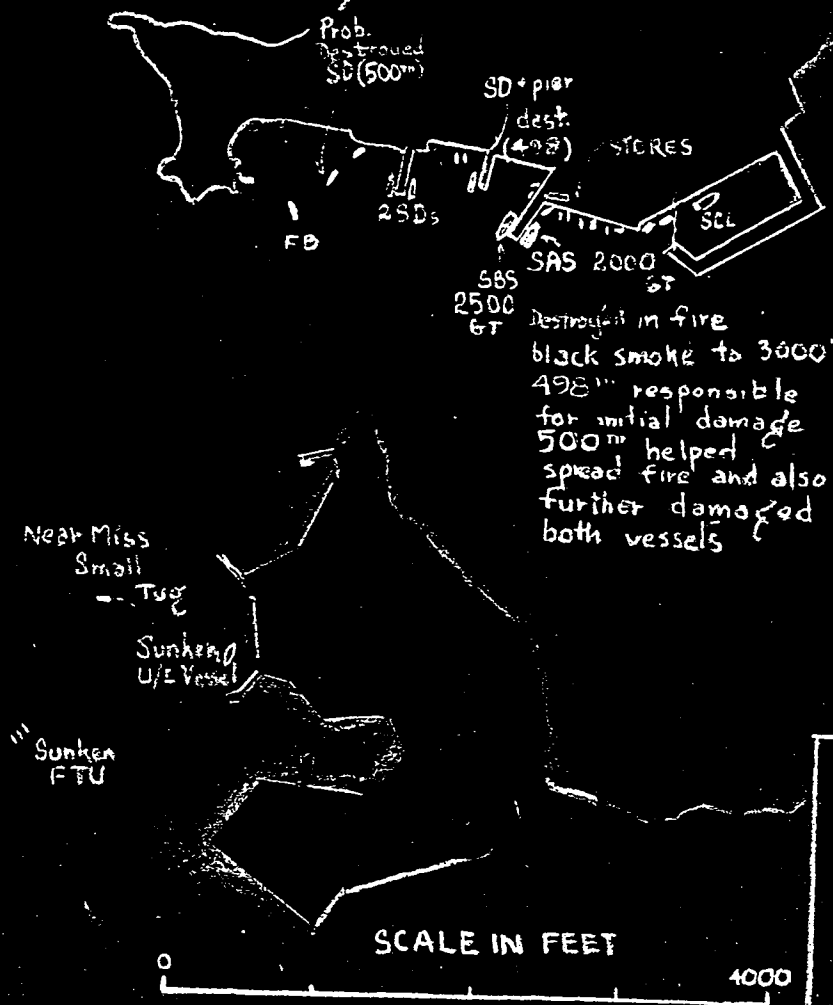
5. STATISTICS

- a. Take Off: 1140/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 1440/I to 1453/I, MAKO, PESCADORES ISLAND.
Landing: 1750/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
- b. Route: Direct.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

C. M. BOWEN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
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7 April, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FFO 95-D-38, 5 April, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Four A/P's reached vicinity of coast near POYATU BAY and went to position of convoy as given in radio message (22 deg. 05' N - 114 deg. 35' E). The A/P's searched coast and bays from TAPEN BAY to KITCHION BAY with nil sightings of convoy. At 22 deg. 34' N - 114 deg. 53' E, one grounded PTD was bombed with 4 x 500 lb. 4/5 second fuze bombs and strafed with 3000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammo. The vessel was set afire and destruction was complete.

2. OBJECTIVE

Interception of enemy convoy reported along CHINA COAST.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led by Capt. Morris.

<u>b.</u> Capt. Morris	A/P 104	Lt. Carey	A/P 000
Maj. Doolittle	005	Lt. Gruer	192
Maj. Morris	577	Lt. Thomas	115

Lt. Thomas, A/P 115, returned to base due to engine trouble. Lt. Gruer, A/P 192, escorted Lt. Thomas back.

c. The attack was made from minimum altitude on a North heading - one pass was made and 4 x 500 lb. 4/5 second fuze bombs were dropped.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

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5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off; 1120/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack; 1440/I to 1554/I, CHINA COAST.
Landing: 1915/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.

b. Route

Direct to CHINA COAST.

c. Nil fighter cover.

R. F. Kruehler

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Intelligence Officer.

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96-D-2
6 Apr 45

8 April, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FPO 96-D-28, 6 April, 1945.
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FPAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

six B25 J's damaged a DD and bombed and strafed a sinking escort vessel off the CHINA COAST near SWATOW, 2345 degrees North 11758 degrees East. One hit with a 500 lb. bomb on the DD damaged vessel and left it smoking aft but it was still underway following attack. DD was identified in photos as having been cut in two just ahead of one stack and fitted with a blunt bow. 16 x 500 lb. 4/5 second fuse bombs were dropped and 5600 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition expended.

2. OBJECTIVE

Enemy convoy reported headed from SWATOW to FOOCOW.

3. ATTACH

a. The 498th Squadron was led by Capt. Johnson and flew in number two position in the four squadron formation of the 345th Group.

b.	Capt. Johnson	A/P 265	Capt. Smith	A/P 305
	Lt. Myers	005	Lt. Manners	577
	Lt. Neal	116	Lt. Ranger	655

c. The A/P's attacked in two elements of three planes each in the order shown in paragraph 3b. The first run was made over #2 escort vessel shown in sketch appended, which was already sinking. Vessel was bombed and strafed. A/A fire from vessel knocked out engine on A/P 005 and Lt. Myers dropped out of the formation, got the plane under control and headed for LACAG, LUZON, where he landed after three hours of skillful flying. The five planes remaining located #3 vessel and swung south to

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attack from the stern but another unit attacked first. The vessel slowed and threw off clouds of smoke indicating a fatal hit and Capt. Johnson started to leave area in search of other vessels. As the planes withdrew smoke from the vessel ceased and speed was increased. Although Capt. Johnson had notified the other pilots that his fixed guns had failed to fire he elected to attack the vessel. Smoke started coming from the vessel again as the planes started the run and then ceased and intense fire of all caliber met the planes. Capt. Johnson's A/P was hit just as he dropped his bombs but he scored a direct hit (photo 6-0-65, taken by his wing man). The plane caught fire but was kept under control and made a water landing about two miles from the vessel. One survivor was sighted. The second flight strafed vessel and scored two near misses. Vessel was smoking but making slow progress as A/P's left area. Photos showed #3 vessel to be a TAGANAMI class destroyer of 2500 GT which had been damaged previously and had a temporary bow constructed to permit moving the vessel. Photographs bear out the serious damage inflicted by the attack and the DD has been listed as sunk.

- d. A/A was light, medium and heavy; intense and accurate shooting down one A/P, seriously damaging one and holing one. Three Oscars were covering convoy. One came in high and head on at one A/P but broke off attack at 300 yards when nose guns were brought to bear. Interception took place at 1210/I at minimum altitude. Nil damage was received from fighter and none inflicted.

Personnel missing in action:

Capt. Johnson, Albin V.	Pilot
F/O Bridges, Kenneth L.	Co-pilot
2nd Lt. Snyder, Robert T.	Navigator
S/Sgt. Robinson, James	Eng. gunner
T/Sgt. York, Wilbert P.	Radio gunner
S/Sgt. Collier, Marion	Gunner
S/Sgt. Gladych, Frederick A.	Photographer

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4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

The following officers and enlisted men are being recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross:

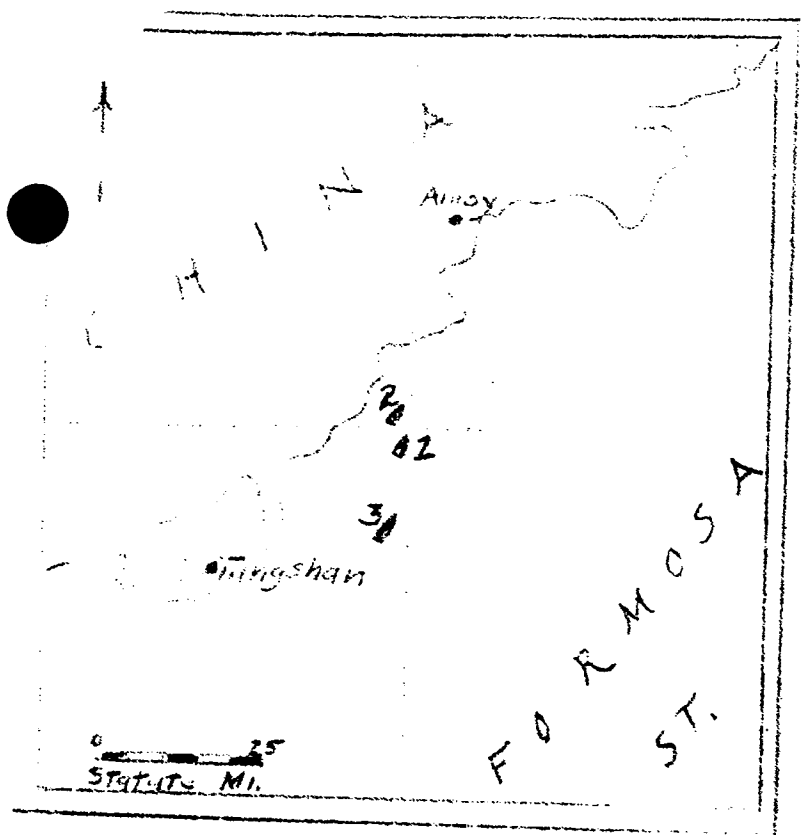
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T/Sgt. Wilbert P. York	Radio gunner
S/Sgt. Marion Collier	Gunner
S/Sgt. Frederick A. Gladych	Photographer
2nd Lt. Charles E. Myers, Jr.	Pilot

Capt. Albin V. Johnson is being recommended for the Silver Star.

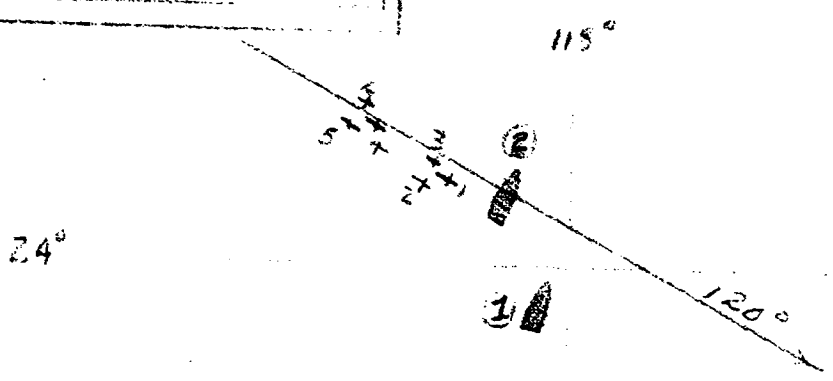
5. STATISTICS

- a. Take Off: 0645/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 1130/I to 1210/I, Shipping CHINA COAST.
Landing: 1615/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
- b. Route
Direct.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

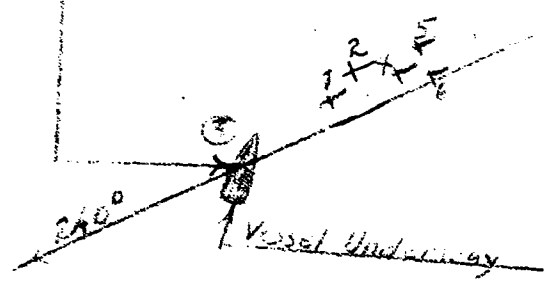
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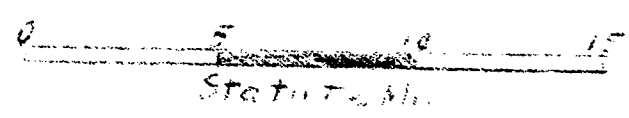
- 1 Capt Johnson — 215
- "A" Flt Lt Newell — 115
- 3 Lt Myers — 105
- 4 Capt Smith — 305
- "B" Flt Lt Kinger — 155
- 6 Lt Munners — 577



498 Sqn Lost over Vessel
 AP#265 - Direct Hit
 Photo — 760-65



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 498 Bomb Sq (M) 345 Bomb Sq
 TGT - 1130 - 1210 E
 17 - Minimum
 Bomb Load - 4 x 500# 4-55 sec
 AP# - 6 x B25 J's



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345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
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10 April, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FFO 98-D-16, 7 April, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PEARL, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.F.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Seven A/P's bombed and strafed CHOMOSUI A/D, PES-CADORES ISLAND, destroying several buildings East and north west of the strip. One SEP south of the hangar on the west side of the strip was strafed and damaged. Other results were unobserved due to large amounts of debris and smoke. Several of the 4/5 second fuze 500 lb. bombs burst in the air after striking the ground. 26 x 500 lb. 4/5 second fuze bombs were dropped and 14,800 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition expended in the minimum altitude attack.

2. OBJECTIVE

Primary objective was shipping on the CHINA COAST but weather prevented search. No shipping was sighted in MAKO and CHOMOSUI A/D, tertiary target, was attacked.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron flew in number one position and was led by Capt. Smith.

b. Capt. Smith A/P 855	Lt. Reed A/P 305
F/O Berg 034	Lt. Carey 192
Lt. Kelly 115	Lt. Gruer 031
	Lt. Ranger 104

c. The attack was made on a heading of 270 degrees in a shallow V of V formation. Photos show several bombs bursting in air after striking ground.

d. A/A was light, medium and heavy; moderate intensity and partly accurate damaging three planes. Ground fire was from positions around the strip with heavy A/A from the peninsula West of the target.

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4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: 0915/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 1325/I, CHOMOSUI A/D, PESCADORES ISLANDS.
Landing: 1715/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.

b. Route

Direct to BREAKER POINT near SWATOW on CHINA
COAST thence to target.

c. Nil fighter cover.

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12 Apr 45
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15 April, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PPO 102-D-17, 13 April, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, ECAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six A/P's dropped 36 x 250 lb. 8/11 second delay fuze bombs and expended 11,000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition in a ground support mission along LABAYAT RIVER (Eastern LUZON). These passes were made in a NE and SW direction with nil damage observed.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destroy bridges along the LABAYAT RIVER and highway.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron attacked in two three plane flights. Flight Number one was lead by Capt. Morris, Flight number two was led by Maj. Mortinson.

b.	Capt. Morris A/P 155	Maj. Mortinson A/P 305
	Lt. Beiga 377	Lt. Jordan 172
	Lt. Heilmann 115	Lt. Kelly 031

c. Six A/P's reached target and made three passes in a NE -SW direction with nil observed results.

d. Nil A/A was received from target area.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. First flight:

T/O 1000/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 1045/I to 1100/I, LABAYAT RIVER.
Landed: 1155/I, SAN MARCELINO, RIVER.

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Second flight:

Take Off: 1020/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 1100/I to 1125/I, LABAYAT RIVER.
Landing: 1205/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.

b. Route:

Direct.

c. Will fighter cover.

R. F. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Intelligence Officer.

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15 April, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission EFC 103-D-20, 13 April, 1945.
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Five A/P's dropped 300X23 lb. para frags and expended 11,400 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition in a bombing and strafing run of dispersal areas. The first flight bombed and strafed dispersal areas 1000 yards East of South end of strip starting several small fires. The second flight hit the dispersal area 200 yards West of North end of strip with unobserved results. The runs were made from the NE to the SW.

2. OBJECTIVE

Dispersal area at TUGUEGARAO A/D.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led over target by Maj. McClure.

b.	Maj. McClure A/P 305	Lt. Beiga A/P 677
	Lt. Jordan 192	Lt. Neal 031
	Lt. Kelly 034	

c. Five A/P's reached TUGUEGARAO A/D and made one bombing and strafing run over dispersal areas from the NE to SW direction. Several small fires were started in dispersal area 1000 yards East of South end of strip.

d. Nil A/A was encountered.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendation for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 0910/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 1040/I to 1045/I, TUGUEGARAO A/D.
Landing: 1215/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.

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- b. Route:
Direct.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

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Asst Intelligence Officer.

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16 April, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FFO 104-D-19, 14 April, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

One 50 ft. riger boat was destroyed, one set on fire and probably destroyed, three small fires started among 12 grouped barges, one oil fire with smoke to 500 feet started on a pier and 3 to 4 buildings near WHAMPOA docks and on DANES ISLAND destroyed by six B25 J's in a minimum altitude attack on shipping and installations along the CANTON RIVER east of CANTON, CHINA. 36 x 250 lb. 4/5 second fuze parademos were dropped and 14,700 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition expended in the attack. We received nil damage.

2. OBJECTIVE

Shipping and installations near WHAMPOA, CHINA, CANTON RIVER.

3. ATTACK

- a. Two Squadrons of the 345th Group took part in the mission. The 498th was in number two position and was led by Capt. Cooper.
- b. Capt. Cooper A/P 655 Lt. Carey A/P 000
Lt. Troninovich 031 F/O Berg 104
Lt. Plumb 115 Lt. Jordan 192
- c. The attack was made down stream beginning just East of CANTON and following the CANTON RIVER towards HONG KONG. Two plane elements flew in trail with one plane searching each side of the river.
- d. A/A was received from TIEN Ho A/D at CANTON and from positions on either side of the river at WHAMPOA. Nil damage was received.

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4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: 0730/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 1140/I to 1150/I, WHAMPOA, CANTON
RIVER, CHINA.
Landing: 1545/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.

b. Route
Direct

c. Fighter cover
Sixteen P51's contacted over target.

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Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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105-D-20
15 April

17 April, 1945.

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FFO 105-D-20, 15 April, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Seven A/P's dropped 432 x 23 lb. para frag bombs and expended 11000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition in a bombing and strafing run of TUGUEGARAO A/ D, LUZON. The attack was made from minimum altitude from the NE to the SW through the West dispersal area. Two to three small fires of short duration were started in dispersal area. Nil other results were observed.

2. OBJECTIVE

The primary target LAMSEPO A/ D, FORMOSA, was not hit because of bad weather enroute. The secondary target TUGUEGARAO A/D.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led over the target by
Capt. Tuftie.

b. Capt. Tuftie A/P	655	Lt. Gruer A/P	192
Lt. Kelly	305	Lt. Ranger	000
Lt. Beiga	577	Lt. Neal	115
Lt. Kramble	031		

c. Seven A/P's reached 2000 N- 12000E at 1035/I, before turning back to hit secondary target. The attack was made in a seven plane abreast formation across west dispersal area. The run was made from the NE to the SW, starting several small fires.

d. Nil A/A was encountered.

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4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: SAN MARCELINO, LUZON, 0835/I.
Attack: 1205/I to 1210/I, TUGUEGARAO A/ D.
Landing: 1425/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.

b. Route
Direct.

c. Nil fighter cover.

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Intelligence Officer.

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17 April, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FPO 106-D-20, 16 April, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Seven A/P's dropped 504 x 23 lb. para frags and expended 21000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition in a bombing and strafing attack of LAMSEPO A/D, Northern FORMOSA. The attack was made on a heading of 210 degrees seven planes abreast. Bombs were seen to drop through dispersal areas and among parked A/P's but extent of damage was undetermined. CHUREKI VILLAGE was strafed with unobserved results.

2. OBJECTIVE

Dispersal areas and LAMSEPO A/D.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led by Maj. Mortenson which led the 345th Group.

b.	Maj. Mortenson	A/P 356	Lt. Jarman	A/P 115
	Lt. Carey	000	Lt. Pronimovich	031
	Lt. Jordan	192	F/O Berg	655
		L	Lt. Belga	104

c. Seven A/P's reached LAMSEPO A/D and made one bombing and strafing run through dispersal areas and across strip on a heading of 210 degrees. The attack was made in seven ships abreast and covered the entire strip. The extent of damage was unobserved but bombs were seen to drop among A/P's. CHUREKI VILLAGE was strafed after leaving target.

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- d. Light caliber, moderate intensity, accurate.
(holding one A/P).
Heavy caliber, moderate intensity, inaccurate.
A/A was received as A/P's approached land at
TANSUI VILLAGE.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

- a. Take Off: 0805/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 1320/I to 1240/I, LAMSEPO A/D.
Landing: 1635/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.

- b. Route:

Direct.

- c. Area fighter cover was unobserved.

Asst R. F. KEUCHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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108-D-2
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19 April, 1945.

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 108-D-23, 18 April, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PFAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Extensive damage was done to marshalling yards, rolling stock and installations at SHOKA, FORMOSA, by 6 B25 J's in a minimum altitude attack 18 April, 1945. Twenty 500 lb. 4/5 second fuze bombs were dropped and 14,000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition expended in strafing. Bombs burst among installations, tracks and cars starting several fires and destroying and damaging warehouses, work shops, round house, rolling stock and tracks. One 100 foot lugger with square stern and deck-house amidship was strafed at 2305 degrees North 11942 degrees East, PESCADORES ISLANDS. Vessel caught fire and blew up. Four A/P's were damaged by A/A. One crash landed at LAOAG due to damage to hydraulic system and right engine. The west coast of FORMOSA was searched with nil sightings of shipping to attack.

2. OBJECTIVE

Shipping along west coast of FORMOSA was the primary target. Destruction and disruption of railroad traffic at SHOKA, FORMOSA was secondary.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was the only unit on the mission. The target was crossed on a NW heading in two plane elements in trail as shown in b.

b. Capt. Gowan A/P 577 Lt. Faircloth A/P 000
Lt. Cornwell 104 Lt. Ranger 034

Lt. Kelly A/P 192
Lt. Neal 031

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- c. A/P 034 was hit by 20mm or 25mm fire from flak car at railroad bridge 3 miles NE of target knocking out hydraulic system and damaging right engine. Although unable to drop bombs the pilot made strafing run and by using emergency system salvoed bombs off FORMOSA coast. Plane was on single engine operation at 1220/I escorted by A/P 000. The landing gear could not be lowered and A/P crash landed at LAOAG, LUZON, at 1350/I with minimum damage to plane and nil injury to personnel. Photos cover target and bear out damage reported.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Recommendations are being with-held and may be submitted later on Lt. Ranger.

5. STATISTICS

- a. Take off: 0630/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 1050/I to 1105/I, SHOKA, FORMOSA.
Landing: 1505/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
- b. Route:

PESCADORES, SHINCHIKU, FORMOSA to SHOKA, FORMOSA.
- c. There was nil fighter cover.

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Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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CMB/jv 21 Apr 45

24 April, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PPO 11-D-16, 21 April, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six B25 J's bombed and strafed enemy ground positions Northeast of MANILA in a minimum altitude attack 21 April, 1945. Twelve x 1000 lb. 8/15 second fuze bombs were dropped and 15,800 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended in strafing the target which was along the East side of the ANGAT RIVER. 1454 degrees North 12107 degrees East. Results of attack were not observed. Nil damage received.

2. OBJECTIVE

Support for ground troops was the primary purpose of the strike.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron followed the 501st in the attack and was led by Capt. Morris.

b.	Capt. Morris A/P 115	Lt. Faircloth A/P 000
	Capt. Tuftie 577	Capt. Gowan 031
	Capt. P.F. Smith 192	Lt. Cornwell 172

c. The six A/P's contacted "Snap Uncle" ground controller who designated the target which was marked by phosphorus shells. Four and five runs were made in single plane elements on the target from South to North. Controller signaled all bombs in target, strafing excellent.

d. There was nil opposition.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

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n 5. STATISTICS

- a. Take off: 0825/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 1000/I to 1030/I, 1454 deg. North -
12107 deg. East.
Landing: 1105/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
- b. Route
Direct
- c. Fighter cover nil.

C. M. BOWEN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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24 April, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 112-D-13, 22 April, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six B25 J's bombed and strafed enemy ground positions Northeast of MANILA in a minimum altitude attack 22 April, 1945. Twelve x 1000 lb. 8/11 second fuse bombs were dropped and 13,700 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended in strafing the target which was along METROPOLITAN ROAD 1000 yards West of IPO DAM. Results of attack were not observed. One A/P was holed by ground fire.

2. OBJECTIVE

Support for ground troops was the primary purpose of the strike.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led by Lt. Kimble.

b.	Lt. Kimble	A/P 577	Maj. McClure	A/P 305
	Lt. Wilson	115	Lt. Erickson	000
	Lt. Trohimovich	192	Lt. Weimann	104

c. The six A/P's contacted "Snap Uncle" ground controller who designated the target which was marked by phosphorus shells. Four runs in single plane elements were made from the North to South.

d. Light caliber, meagre intensity, accurate.
Ground fire was received from target area.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

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5. STATISTICS

- a. Take off: 0810/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 0900/I to 0915/I, 145330° North-
12108 degrees East.
Landing: 0945/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
- b. Route
Direct
- c. Nil fighter cover.

R. F. KEUCHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Intelligence Officer.

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24 April, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FFO 113-D-27, 23 April, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

six A/P's bombed and strafed WOODY ISLAND, 1650 degrees North 11220 degrees East in a minimum altitude attack. Damage was unobserved but target was covered well. Shipping in YULIN HARBOR, HAINAN ISLAND was the primary target but nil vessels were present. Nil shipping was in BOTTLE NECK COVE on the East side of HAINAN and tertiary target was attacked.

2. OBJECTIVE

Primary objective was shipping along CHINA coastal route.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led by Capt. Morris and was in number four position in the 345th Group formation.

b. Capt. Morris A/P 115	Lt. Plumb A/P 305
Lt. Neal 000	Lt. Jordan 192
Lt. Cornwell 104	Lt. Beiga 577
	Lt. Gruer 031

c. A/P's attacked in two plane elements from West to East. Bombs were dropped on the single run and the island was strafed thoroughly.

d. E/G fire of meagre intensity holing one A/P was received from target.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

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5. STATISTICS

- a. Take off: 0850/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 1420/I to 1425/I, WOODEY ISLAND,
1650 deg. North - 11220 deg. East.
Landing: 1735/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
- b. Route
HAINAN ISLAND to target.
- c. Fighter cover good over primary target, nil
over tertiary target.

C. M. BOWEN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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28 April, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 117-D118, 27 April, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six B25 J's started several small fires in three separate areas housing Japanese personnel at GARIT NORTE, LUZON, 1639 degrees North - 12139 degrees East, in a minimum altitude strafing and bombing attack. Bombs were also dropped on a revetted building at an air strip adjacent to the personnel areas and the dispersal area was strafed. 432 x 23 lb. parafrags were dropped and 16,800 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition expended. Nil damage was received.

2. OBJECTIVE

Enemy personnel quartered in town and any grounded A/P's using A/D.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron attacked separately following the 501st Squadron of the 345th Group, by fifteen minutes. Lt. Faircloth led the unit.

b. Lt. Faircloth A/P 305 Capt. Smith A/P 115
Lt. Erickson 000 Lt. Jordan 192
Lt. Beiga 577 Lt. Trohimovich 172

c. The attack was made in single plane elements in trail. Four runs were made on the targets from South to North. All bombs were dropped and the area was covered thoroughly by strafing.

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d. M/G fire of moderate intensity was received from village three miles NE of target. Nil damage was received.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 0915/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 1035/I to 1100/I, GARIT NORTE, LUZON.
Landing: 1225/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.

b. Route
Direct.

c. Fighter cover nil.

C. M. BOWEN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #73

RPK/jv

4 May, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission WFO 122-122-D-9, 2 May, 1945.
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FRAAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #923.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six B25 J's bombed and strafed enemy stores, supplies and ground installations at 1805 degrees North - 12144 degrees East near MADUPPADA VILLAGE in a minimum altitude attack 2 May, 1945. Seventy x 100 lb. para bombs were dropped and 25,000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended. One large fire, possible oil, and numerous smaller ones were started which was still burning when A/P's left the target. One A/P was holed by ground fire.

2. OBJECTIVE

Bomb and strafe personnel, supplies and installations at 1805 degrees North - 12144 degrees East was the primary purpose of this strike.

3. ATTACK

- a. The 498th Squadron was led by Lt. Roser.
- b. Lt. Roser A/P 192 Lt. Reed A/P 545
Capt. Tuftie 115 Capt. Cowan 000
Capt. Morris 005 Capt. Cooper 305
- c. The six A/P's found the target and made four single plane passes from a east to west direction.
- d. Light caliber, meagre intensity, accurate ground fire was received from target area.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

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5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: 0745/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 0915/I to 0930/I, (1305 deg-N-12144 E).
Landing: 1145/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.

b. Route
Direct.

c. Will fighter cover.

R. F. KRUGELER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Intelligence Officer

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF CMB/JV
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A. P. O. #73

6 May, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FPO 124-D-14, 4 May, 1945.
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAP, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #923.

1. SYNOPSIS

Japanese personnel and supplies holed up in foothills at CAMBUNG, LUZON, 1612 degrees North - 12142 degrees East were bombed with 60 x 100 lb. parademes and strafed with 8,900 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition by five 325 J's in a minimum altitude attack. Two runs were made on the target. Results were unobserved. Nil damage was received.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of Japanese personnel and supplies.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was the first of two squadrons of the 345th Group over the target. The attacks were made on headings of 80 degrees to 120 degrees.

<u>b.</u>	Capt. Todd	A/P 305	Capt. Gowan	A/P 577
	F/O Berg	005	Lt. Heilmann	192
	Lt. Kelly	545	Lt. Nelson	000

c. There was nil fighter opposition.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 0630/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 0750/I to 0755/I, CAMBUNG, LUZON.
Landing: 1000/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.

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b. Route

Direct.

c. Fighter cover nil.

C. M. BOWEN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
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6 May, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 124-D-16, 4 May, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PMAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2; A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

six B25 J's bombed and strafed Japanese personnel in ANAPHUGAN TOWN, LUZON, 1736 degrees North-12143 degrees East starting ten small fires and destroying six small structures. 72 x 100 lb. parademos were dropped and 16,100 .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended in strafing. The target was strafed thoroughly on the two runs. One A/P was holed.

2. OBJECTIVE

Enemy personnel using housing facilities NW TUGUEGARAO A/D. This was the second of two attacks against enemy strong points in LUZON on 4 May.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was the second of two squadrons of the 345th Group over the target and followed at an interval of 15 minutes. Attacks were made on heading of 90 degrees.

b. Lt. Cornwell A/P 305 Capt. Morris A/P 003
Lt. Beiga 577 Lt. Durbahn 545
Lt. R. G. Wilson 192 Lt. Holdener 031

c. Results of attack other than fires started and houses destroyed were unobserved. Photos show several fires at target.

d. Meager m/g fire was received holing one A/P:

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4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 1155/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 1325/I to 1335/I, ANAPHUGAN TOWN, LUZON.
Landing: 1510/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.

b. Route

Direct

c. Fighter cover nil.

C. M. BOWEN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #73

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7 May, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 128-D-20, 6 May, 1945.
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FBAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Many fires were started and several buildings destroyed in a minimum altitude strike by 7 B25 J's on MATO TOWN, FORMOSA. Bombs were dropped among warehouses in the business district and in the North and South residential areas. 24 x 100 lb. napalm and 30 x 250 lb. demo bombs were dropped and 14,300 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended in strafing. A power launch and a barge it was towing were damaged by strafing off the coast west of the target. Nil damage received.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of MATO TOWN and to observe effectiveness of napalm bombs.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was in number three position of a four squadron formation of the 345th Group. Formation over the target was in a three and four plane element as shown below in trail. The attack was made on a heading of 270 degrees.

b.	Capt. Tuftie A/P 163	Capt. Smith A/P 005
	Lt. Beiga 577	Lt. Heilmann 031
	Lt. Kelly 545	Lt. Roser 115
		Lt. Plumb 305

c. Napalm bombs threw burning particles on surrounding buildings but the distance of spread could not be observed. Damage to the town was moderate in addition to that caused by strafing which cannot be estimated accurately.

d. There was nil opposition at target. A few bursts of inaccurate heavy A/A were received from TAKAO enroute.

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4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 0740/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 1045/I to 1100/I, MATO TOWN, FORMOSA,
(2313 deg. North * 12014 deg. East)
Landing: 1415/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.

b. Route

Up west coast of FORMOSA to target and return.

c. Fiter cover (4 P38's) excellent.

C. M. BOWEN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
348TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #74

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10 May, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PPO 130-D-17, 10 May, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. G. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #923.

1. SYNOPSIS

A sugar refinery and warehouses were damaged extensively and left burning. A small siding at the refinery was damaged and several fires were started in the central and residential sections of KARI, FORMOSA, by six B23 J's in a minimum altitude attack the morning of May 10. Thirty six x 250 lb. para bombs were dropped on the target and 12,000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended. All targets between KARI and the coast were strafed on withdrawal starting a few small fires. Nil damage was received.

2. OBJECTIVE

Systematic neutralization of FORMOSA was the object of the attack. A section of KARI was assigned this squadron.

3. ATTACK

a. The squadron was in number two position in the Group formation and was led by Capt. Cooper. The attack was made on a heading of 190 degrees in three plane elements.

b. Capt. Cooper A/P 577 Lt. Faircloth A/P 163
Lt. C. M. Wilson 305 Lt. Ranger 115
Lt. Trohimovich 031 Lt. Kelly 005

c. Four direct bomb hits were made on the sugar refinery causing serious damage to the main installations and leaving large fires. Lt. Wilson passed directly over the refinery and photos show four bomb hits on the central buildings and the starting of fires. Lt. Ranger

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of the second flight also bombed the refinery but smoke from the fires started by Lt. Wilson obscured the damage done. Photos confirm all damage claimed and give specific information on buildings hit.

d. There was nil opposition.

4. AWARDS and RECOMMENDATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

8. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 0900/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 1215/I, CO - KARI, FORMOSA.
Landing: 1525/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.

b. Route

Up west coast of FORMOSA north of target and inland.

c. Fighter cover good.

C. H. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF RPK/jv
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #73

9 May, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PPO 127-D-19, 7 May, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #923.

1. SYNOPSIS

Seven B25 J's bombed and strafed rolling stock, railroad stations and bridges between BINH DINH and TAM KY (INDO CHINA), in a minimum altitude attack. 40 x 250 lb. 4/5 second delay fuse para demos bombs were dropped and 11,400 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended. Hits were scored on railroad cars and bridges with the extent of damage undetermined. Direct hits on railroad stations at MO DUC and PHU MY were scored and stations were seen to blow up. Two A/P's were holed by A/A.

2. OBJECTIVE

Rolling stock, INDO CHINA, between BINH DINH and TAM KY was the primary purpose of this strike.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron was led by Capt. Smith.

<u>b.</u>	North Flight	South Flight
Capt. Smith	A/P 183	Capt. Gowan A/P 577
Lt. Trohinevich	597	Lt. Jordan 192
Lt. Nelson	545	Lt. Gruer 305

c. Seven A/P's reached the INDO CHINA coast at CAPE SA-HOI. Four A/P's searched north along the coast from CAPE SA-HOI to TAM-KY. At DUC PHO a railroad station was bombed with unobserved results. Direct hits were scored on a railroad station at MO DUC which was seen to blow up. A steel railroad bridge was bombed south of TU NEHIA (VE RIVER) with the extent of damage undetermined. A railroad station was strafed at TU NEHIA with unobserved results. Three A/P's searched south along coast from CAPE SA-HOI to BINH DINH. Four railroad cars were bombed just north of BONG SON with unob-

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served results. A direct hit was scored on a railroad bridge north of BONG SON. The extent of damage was undetermined. At BONG SON 10 to 15 railroad cars were bombed. Bomb hits were seen among cars but damage was undetermined. A direct hit was scored on a railroad station at PHU MY which was seen to blow up. Eight to 10 railroad cars were bombed at PHU MY with unobserved results. All A/P's made a single plane pass when attacking target.

- d. Light caliber, meagre intensity, accurate A/A was received from west side of railroad tracks at MO DUC.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

- a. Take off: 0645/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 1110/I to 1130/I, INDO CHINA COAST.
Landing: 1540/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
- b. Route
Direct.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

R. F. KRUEHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Intelligence Officer.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #74

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11 May, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FFO 131-D-16, 11 May, 1945.
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, WPAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Eight to ten buildings were destroyed, several small fires started, a railroad siding and four of 12 box cars on the siding damaged and scattered settlements strafed in a minimum altitude attack on TAMIO, FORMOSA. One A/P was holed by enemy fire. KAGI, FORMOSA, was the target assigned but poor visibility resulted in the attack on TAMIO eight miles north. Thirty six x 250 lb. para bombs were dropped and 14,000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended.

2. OBJECTIVE

Neutralization of FORMOSA.

3. ATTACK

- a. The 498th led the Group and was led by Capt. Tuftie. The attack was made in three plane elements on a heading of 180 degrees by 6 B25 J's.
- b.

Capt. Tuftie	A/P 163	Lt. Gruer	A/P 005
Lt. Holdener	597	Lt. Nelson	305
Lt. Kelly	577	Lt. Jordan	031
- c. Photos show bombs exploding on railroad and among box cars but damage is not assessable. Other bombs hit among buildings along the railroad and in the town with several direct hits.
- d. Opposition was light and only one A/P was holed.

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4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: 0630/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.
Attack: 1000/I to 1010/I, TAMIO, FORMOSA,
(2304 deg. North - 12026 deg. East).
Landing: 1355/I, SAN MARCELINO, LUZON.

b. Route

West coast of FORMOSA north of target and inland.

c. Fighter cover nil.

C. M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #74

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13 May, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FPC 133-A-7, 13 May, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Seventy two 100 lb. bombs were dropped on enemy positions and 12,800 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended in strafing. Results were unobserved but bombs fell in area reported occupied by enemy personnel and containing defensive positions and communications lines. There was nil opposition. The attack was made at minimum altitude on NADEPPAPA TOWN (1305 deg. North - 12145 deg. East), a small town in northern LUZON.

2. OBJECTIVE

Knocking out enemy positions, lines of communications and personnel on LUZON.

3. ATTACK

a. Six B25 J's made three runs on the target from north to south in single plane elements. The Squadron was led by Capt. Gowan.

b. Capt. Gowan A/P 567 Lt. Cornwell A/P 163
Lt. Erickson 305 Lt. Hgimaon 597
Lt. Raser 545 Lt. Jordan 577

c. Photos reveal no damage due to heavy foliage covering target.

d. There was nil opposition.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

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5. STATISTICS

- a. Take off: 0730/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.
Attack: 0935/I to 1005/I, MADUPPAPA, LUZON.
Direction: (1605 deg. North - 12145 deg. East)
Landing: 1138/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.
- b. Route
Direct.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

C. M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
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17 May, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 137-A-7, 17 May, 1945.
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six B25 J's in an early morning take off on a strike against rolling stock in FORMOSA encountered unfavorable flying conditions forcing four A/P's to return to base early. A fifth plane was off course and made no attack. One A/P bombed and strafed towns between DAIEN (TAIEN) and coast 10 miles north of SHINCHIKU starting a few small fires with other damage unobserved. One enemy transport destroyed in air 4 miles SE DAIEN was also claimed by pilot of another squadron. Nil damage received. Six 250 lb. bombs dropped, six jettisoned, 24 returned.

2. OBJECTIVE

Rolling stock in west FORMOSA from SHINSHO to TAIHO RIVER.

3. ATTACK

a. The one plane attacking the target joined a single plane of the 501st Squadron near SHINSHO and both planes followed the same course SW to the coast north of SHINCHIKU.

b.	Capt. Gowan	A/P 567	Lt. Kimble	A/P 163
	Lt. Plumb	577	Lt. Stone	031
	Lt. Ranger	305	Lt. Berg	005

Capt. Gowan reached target and made a pass on a transport 4 miles SE of DAIEN. Several bursts from nose guns hit engines, fuselage and wing roots. Plane was observed by tail gunner to crash and explode. Plane of 501st Squadron made a short run on enemy plane slightly ahead of Capt. Gowan and Group officers have ruled that plane may have crashed eventually without further attack and so no claim is made for

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official credit for destruction. Other A/P's turned back at the following coordinates:

A/P 005 - 1950deg. North - 11930 deg. East;
A/P 163 - 2515 deg. North - 11930 deg. East;
A/P 303 - 1905 deg. North - 12000 deg. East;
A/P 577 - 1742 deg. North - 11940 deg. East.

c. There was nil opposition and nil damage received.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS.

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 0230/I and 0315/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.
Attack: 0705/I to 0720/I, SHINSEI - SHINCHIKU, FORMOSA.
Landing: 0445/I to 1125/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.

b. Route

West coast of FORMOSA to north tip of island and southwest over target.

c. Nil fighter cover.

C. M. BOWEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 138-A-5, 18 May, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Thirty 250 lb. bombs were dropped and 12,000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended in a rolling stock search along west coast of FORMOSA. At KOSUI VILLAGE 12 freight cars were bombed with extent of damage unobserved. East of SHINCHIKU VILLAGE 8 to 10 box cars were bombed with nil damage observed. At FUKO VILLAGE large buildings were bombed starting 3 small fires. At MATO VILLAGE a sugar refinery was bombed starting fires with smoke rising to 1000 feet. The attack was made at minimum altitude.

2. OBJECTIVE

Knock out rolling stock along west coast of FORMOSA.

3. ATTACK

a. The first flight searched from TAICHU to SHINCHIKU. At KOSUI VILLAGE (2432 deg. North 12043 deg. East), 5 x 250 lb. bombs were dropped on 12 box cars, extent of damage was unobserved. East of SHINCHIKU VILLAGE 7 x 250 lb. bombs were dropped on 8 to 10 box cars with nil damage observed.

The second flight searched from KOSHUN to MATO. At FUKO VILLAGE (2212 deg. North - 12041 deg. East), 5 x 250 lb. bombs were dropped on some large buildings starting three small fires. At BOZAN VILLAGE (2216 deg. North - 12039 deg. East), 2 x 250 lb. bombs were dropped on large buildings with unobserved results.

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At HORYO VILLAGE (2222 deg. North - 12035 deg. East), 2 x 250 lb. bombs were dropped in a barracks area with unobserved results. At MATO VILLAGE (2311 deg. North - 12015 deg. East), a sugar refinery was bombed with 2 x 250 lb. bombs starting a fire with smoke to 1000 feet. One x 250 lb. bomb was dropped on a bridge SW of MATO with unobserved results. A motor truck was strafed SW of MATO with unobserved results.

The third flight searched from SHINCHIKU to TAICHU. One A/P reached the target and tacked on to two 499th Squadron A/P's. At 2450 deg. North - 12100 deg. East, a RR junction was bombed with 2 x 250 lb. bombs with unobserved results. At 2420 deg. North - 12044 deg. East, a bridge was bombed with 2 x 250 lb. bombs with unobserved results. West of TAICHU a RR junction was bombed with 2 x 250 lb. bombs with unobserved results.

b. Capt. Smith A/P 115 Lt. Stone A/P 577
Lt. Heimann 005 Lt. Gruer 000
Lt. Reed A/P 545

c. There was nil A/A.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 0600/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.
Attack: First flight
2 A/P's 0930/I to 0940/I.
Second flight
2 A/P's 0825/I to 0900/I.
Third flight
1 A/P 0915/I to 0930/I.
Landing: First flight - 1335/I, CLARK FIELD.
2nd flight - 1245/I, CLARK FIELD.
3rd. flight - 1300/I, CLARK FIELD.

b. Route

Direct.

c. Nil fighter cover.

R. F. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Intelligence Officer.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #74

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19 May, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PRG-139-A-9, 19 May, 1945.
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Thirty six 250 lb. demo bombs were dropped and 10,000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended in a rolling stock search along west coast of FORMOSA. At TONG-PO VILLAGE (2204 deg. North - 12043 deg. East), warehouse type buildings were bombed starting several small fires. At HORYO VILLAGE (2222 deg. North - 12035 deg. East) several buildings were destroyed by bombing. At HOKUTO A/D a medium caliber gun position was silenced by strafing. At NARIN VILLAGE 10 to 12 freight cars and one locomotive were bombed destroying two freight cars. The attack was made at minimum altitude.

2. OBJECTIVE

Knock out rolling stock along WEST coast of FORMOSA.

3. ATTACK

- a. The first flight searched from KOSHUN VILLAGE to TAKO VILLAGE. At TONG-PO VILLAGE (2204 deg. North - 12043 deg. East) 4 x 250 lb. bombs were dropped on warehouse type buildings starting several fires. Six 250 lb. bombs were dropped on KUAI-A-SIA VILLAGE (2209 deg. North - 12040 deg. East) with unobserved results. Eight x 250 lb. bombs were dropped on HORYO VILLAGE (2222 deg. North - 12035 deg. East) destroying several buildings.

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The second flight searched from SEIRA RIVER (2352 deg. North - 12015 deg. East) to NIRIN VILLAGE. A village between TANAKA (2352 deg. North - 12035 deg. East) and HOKUTO (2353 deg. North - 12032 deg. East) was bombed with unobserved results. At HOKUTO A/ D a medium caliber gun position was strafed and silenced. At NIRIN VILLAGE 10 to 12 freight cars and one locomotive were bombed destroying two freight cars

b. Capt. Tuffe A/P 163 Lt. Wilson A/P 115
Lt. Winicko 005 Lt. Trohimovich 545
Lt. Erickson 000 Lt. Treadwell 192

c. Medium caliber, intense, partly accurate from HOKUTO A/D.
M/G fire intense, accurate from TANAKA VILLAGE (2352 deg. North - 12035 deg. East).

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 0720/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.
Attack: 0945/I to 1000/I,
1020/I to 1035/I.
Landing: 1250/I and 1445/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.

b. Route

Direct

c. Nil fighter cover.

R. P. KUECHLER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Intelligence Officer.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #74

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20 May, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 140-C-IX, 20 May, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, WPAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Four hundred thirty two 25 lb. para frag bombs were dropped on enemy installations and 15,000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended in strafing. The target GARIT NORTE (1640 degrees North - 12140 degrees East) was well covered by bombing and strafing starting several small fires.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of enemy personnel and installations at GARIT NORTE, LUZON, (1640 deg. North - 12140 deg. East).

3. ATTACK

a. Six B25 J's made a single pass in two flights of three planes each. The attack was made on a heading of 180 deg. The Squadron was led by Capt. Gowan.

b. Capt. Gowan A/P 115 Lt. Stone A/P 597
Lt. Marrallo 000 Lt. R. G. Wilson 305
Lt. Nelson 192 Lt. Green 104

c. Light caliber, meager intensity, accurate from target area. One A/P was holed.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: 1015/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.
Attack: 1135/I to 1140/I.
Landing: 1300/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.

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b. Route.

Direct.

c. Nil fighter cover.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
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21 May, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FFO 141-C, 21 May, 1945.
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six A/P's in a minimum altitude strike the morning of 21 May, 1945, bombed and strafed FUSINA, LUZON, (1815 deg. North - 12145 deg. East) and a wooded area adjacent on the south. The attack was made on a heading of 180 degrees. All bombs were in the target but other results were unobserved. 276 x 25 lb. parafrags were dropped and 14,000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of enemy supplies and personnel and disruption of lines of communications.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron led by Capt. Smith was second of two squadrons of the 345th Group hitting FUSINA. The run was made on a heading of 180 degrees by six B25 J's which attacked in two three plane elements.

b.	Capt. Smith	A/P 597	Lt. Faircloth	A/P 577
	Lt. Durbahn	104	Lt. Treadwell	031
	Lt. Heimann	305	Lt. Kimble	000

c. There was nil opposition and nil damage received.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

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5. STATISTICS

- a. Take off: 0930/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.
Attack: 1050/I to 1055/I, FUSINA, LUZON.
Landing: 1310/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.
- b. Route
Direct.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

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23 May, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FFO 145-A-8, 23 May, 1945.
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six A/P's dropped 36 x 260 lb. free falling frags 1000 yards SW of SANTA PE, LUZON, (1610 deg. North 12057 deg. East) in a medium altitude, 8600', attack the morning of 23 May, 1945. All bombs were in the target but results were unobserved.

2. OBJECTIVE

Enemy troops and supplies in wooded area NW of SANTA PE in support of ground operations in BALETE PASS area.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron led by Lt. Kimble was in number four position. The six B25 J's flew in two flights of three planes each. Bombs were released on a B25 of the 38th Group which was equipped for medium altitude bombing and which led each squadron across the target. The bombing run was made on a heading of 60 degrees at 8600' altitude.

<u>b.</u>	Lt. Kimble	A/P 262	Lt. Stone	A/P 597
	Lt. Green	577	Lt. R. G. Wilson	104
	Lt. Heimann	031	Lt. Berg	567

c. There was nil opposition and nil damage received.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

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5. STATISTICS

- a. Take off: 0915/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.
Attack: 1114/I to 1120/I, SANTA FE, LUZON.
Landing: 1154/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.
- b. Route
Direct.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

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24 May, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 144-A-3, 24 May, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Five A/P's dropped 30 x 260 lb. free falling frags on an enemy occupied area at FUSINA, LUZON, (1815 deg. North - 12143 deg. East) in a medium altitude attack at noon 24 May, 1945. Bombing was excellent with all bombs in target. Results were unobserved. SANTA FE, LUZON, the primary target was not hit due to weather.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of enemy supplies and personnel and disruption of lines of communications.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron led by Lt. Jarmen flew in number three position in the Group formation. Five B25 J's dropped the frags "on" a B25 of the 38th Group which was equipped for medium altitude bombing. The run was made on a heading of 345 degrees in two flights of three and two planes.

b. Lt. Jarmen A/P 567 Lt. Beiga A/P 577
Lt. Durbahn 104 Lt. Shotwell 262
Lt. Jordan 597 Lt. Trohimovich 000*

* Returned before reaching target due to engine trouble.

c. There was nil opposition and nil damage received. Nil photos received.

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4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 0920/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.
Attack: 1200/I, FUSINA, LUZON.
Landing: 1335/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.

b. Route

CAGAYAN RIVER VALLEY direct to target.

c. Fighter cover nil.

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26 May, 1945.

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 146-A-10, 26 May, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PFAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Two large fires and several small fires were started in oil refinery and storage installations and additional small fires were started in an assembly plant and two railroad cars in a minimum altitude attack on BYORITSU, FORMOSA, the morning of 26 May, 1945. Bombs fell among buildings and on switch yard but damage was not assessable. Twenty five quarter ton para frags were dropped on the target and 12,800 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended by five A/P's. A/P 192 crashed at the target with nil survivors. Plane believed to have been hit by A/A at beginning of run. One other A/P was holed.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of oil storage and refinery installations at BYORITSU, FORMOSA.

3. ATTACK

a. The attack was made on a heading of 270 degrees in two flights of three B25 J's each in trail. The first flight attacking the oil refinery and storage installations made a perfect run over the target but the #2 wingman was apparently hit by A/A and crashed at the southern edge of target. The A/P destroyed several small buildings and damaged rolling stock in the switch yards before coming to a stop.

b.	Maj. McClure	A/P 305	Lt. Beiga	A/P 597
	Lt. Knauf	192	Lt. Wilson	R. G. 567
	Lt. Holdener	262	Lt. Heimann	031

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c. Seven bombs fell among buildings in assembly plant, nine on rolling stock and switch yard on west side of target and nine in oil refinery. Photos show several fires in all three areas with small fires in oil storage tanks caused by strafing. A/P destroyed is shown crashing at edge of target. Plane was on fire and badly damaged prior to crash.

d. There was light A/A of meager intensity from the target and from highway bridge one and one-half miles East of target. One A/P was holed and one lost over target.

Personnel killed in crash.

2nd Lt. Knauf, Robert J. O-786413 - Pilot
2nd Lt. Mulner, Martin H., Jr. O-2067790-Co-pilot.
1st Lt. Bodell, Lloyd E. O-1041507 - Navigator.
Cpl. Wentville, Harold O. 11037123 - Eng. gunner.
Sgt. Harrell, Tennyson C. 34921478 - Radio gunner.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: 0730/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.
Attack: 1120/I, BYORITSU, FORMOSA.
Landing: 1530/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.

b. Route

West coast of FORMOSA approaching target from Northeast. Return direct.

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28 May, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 147-A-4, 27 May, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.F.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Twenty four 500 lb. demo bombs were dropped on KOKO VILLAGE (2330 deg. North - 12010 deg. East). Bombs were seen to hit among buildings destroying several and starting a few small fires. GI-GO VILLAGE and several villages in area were also strafed with 10000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition.

2. OBJECTIVE

The primary target HOKUSEI RR junction was not bombed because of bad weather.

3. ATTACK

a. Six B25 J's made a single pass in two flights of three planes each. The attack was led by Capt. Gowan.

<u>b.</u>	Capt. Gowan	A/P 115	Lt. C. M. Wilson	A/P 262
	Lt. Shotwell	597	Lt. Trohimovich	031
	Lt. Nelson	577	Lt. Durbahn	305

c. Nil A/A was received.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 0645/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.
Attack: 1035/I to 1040/I, KOKO VILLAGE.
Landing: 1430/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.

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b. Route

Direct.

c. Nil fighter cover.

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28 May, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 148-A-4, 28 May, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PFAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

BYORITSU oil refinery and storage installations were covered with smoke and flames following a minimum altitude strike by 6 B25 J's the morning of 28 May, 1945. Hits with quarter ton bombs were scored on central refinery resulting in a sheet of flame of short duration. A bamboo shack exploded violently suggesting probable camouflaged oil storage. Other hits were made on buildings surrounding refinery and on RR tanks. Target was obscured by smoke and dust preventing assessment of most of the damage. Target had been damaged badly by the attack of 25 May. 24 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped and 14,200 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition expended.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of oil refinery and storage installations on FORMOSA with BYORITSU the specific target for this Squadron.

3. ATTACK

a. The attack on BYORITSU was executed by six B25 J's of the 498th Squadron. Three other Squadrons of the 345th Group hit similar targets in western FORMOSA. The planes attacked in two flights of three A/P's in trail on a heading of 235 degrees. The target was approached from the northeast after crossing the coast North of KORYU.

<u>b.</u>	Capt. Cooper	A/P 305	Lt. Cornwell	A/P 104
	Lt. Treadwell	262	Lt. Green	031
	Lt. Berg	115	Lt. Heimann	567

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c. Photos show the refinery blanketed with gray smoke and dust. Absence of all fed fires is as reported by observation. Bombs were also dropped among buildings of assembly plant East of refinery causing smoke and dust clouds obscuring results.

d. Opposition was limited to light A/A of meager intensity holding one plane, #567.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 0645/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.
Attack: 1036/I, BYORITSU, FORMOSA.
Landing: 1435/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.

b2 Route

West coast of FORMOSA to a point on coast five miles North of KORYU. Return direct.

c. Nil fighter cover.

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31 May, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 149-A6-VF 314,
29 May, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Thirty six 250 lb. para demo bombs were dropped on enemy installations and 12,000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended in strafing. The target MAGAPIT (1807 deg. North - 12141 deg. East) was well covered by bombing and strafing starting four to five small fires emitting white smoke.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of enemy personnel and installations at MAGAPIT, LUZON (1807 deg. North - 12141 deg. East).

3. ATTACK

a. Six B25 J's made two passes in two flights of three planes each. The attack was made on a 150 degree heading. The Squadron was led by Lt. Faircloth.

b. Lt. Faircloth A/P 597 Lt. Kelly A/P 305
Lt. Pennington 262 Lt. Durbahn 115
Lt. Beiga 031 Lt. Devinney 000

c. Ground fire of meagre intensity, accurate from target area. A/P #597 was holed.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

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5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: 1015/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.
Attack: 1130/I to 1140/I, MAGAPIT, LUZON.
Landing: 1355/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.

b. Route
Direct.

c. Nil fighter cover.

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4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: 0845/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.
Attack: (5 A/P's) SOYUNG, LUZON.
Landing: (5 A/P's) 1045/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.
(1 A/P) 1100/I, ~~CLARK~~ ^{LONG} FIELD, LUZON.

b. Route

Direct.

c. Nil fighter cover.

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