

DEC. 11, 1944

#28

MURATAI, DUTCH EAST INDIES

TARGET: ILOILO, PANAY, P.I.

A real "hot" mission, perfect weather to
 from and down the target, good squadron +
 great formation and down good P-47 fighter
 cover, and most important good bombing.
 load was 6,000 pounds of 500 pounders. Target
 was runway. In our squadron we splashed
 three strikes right on the runway. Completely
 demoralizing it. No fire + no interceptors.
 Regular observer Carson, who is still in
 the hospital. Position A-2 of lead squadron
 of the group. Time logged 9:52 Ship 370.

HARRIS

MULLER

MAX

BLANKEN

CONNELL

LAWSON

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Patrick, very good friend of ours, told Harris
 former co. pilot took off at 1:00 AM. With
 co. of the group Colonel Hunter with more
 than capacity load, 4500 pounds of bombs, 3000
 gallons of fuel and 10,000 rounds of ammo. They
 crashed into low mountains of Palawan
 right minutes after take off. Quite a blow
 to the squadron. It was an old crew. 34
 missions out 2 good ones.

#13

SEPT. 1, 1944

WAKDE ISLAND, NEW GUINEA

TARGET: KOROK TOWN, FALAU

A very good mission for our squadron. We were lead squadron, going in at 16,600.

Flock was barge type, heavy, intense, accurate as to course. Shot 500' below 100% bomb hits in our assigned target area. Blew up a number of buildings including two large warehouses. Good weather, no interception.

One plane from 42nd was hit in #2 engine caught fire & wing fell off. Four more perished. onto the water very near a small island.

Pilot was Bennett, (knows him at Guadalcanal).

Flown "Roger the Tods" with regular crew & they moved along to the "Skull" place & time logged 8:50.

ROOZIE
 MAZ
 LINNEY
 FOXTER
 RICE
 BAINLEY

#14 SEPT 10, 1944

WAKDE ISLAND, NEW GUINEA

TARGET: HATETABAKO AIRFIELD, HALMAHERA ISLAND

Six B-24's of 372nd Squadron dropped 38,000 lbs of bombs on the airfield. Results were almost nil as we bombarded through a cloud. Altitude was 17,500' and none too high at that. Fall was damaged thick and accurate. Many close bursts, but only one hole in the tail. A couple of other of our ships were killed but no serious damage. No interception. Flew 354 in A-3 position. A tough day work due to heavy load, high altitude, poor AFOE and poor airplane. Time logged 9:35

HARRIS
 MCKENZIE
 ROWLES
 LEWIS

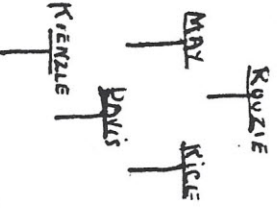
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WARTLE ISLAND, NEW GUINEA

TARGET: PALAU

Slipping primary target, no hits, very inaccurate mission. Eighteen B-24's from our group, followed two 20 minutes later by 18 B-24's from 5th Group. Also 7 Navy B-24's flying individually + taking photographs. Sinter-cepted by about 10 fighters. We lost two ships from our squadron, flying right behind us. Killed in a cloud about 18 minutes after bomb launch. One west down broken in two and flaming, the other west down opening. Pilots Nanno (26 mission) and Nimmle (2 mission) our next door neighbors. Nanny had one plane, and 5th Group lost one (back) No damage to our ship, original crew. Num-277. Time logged 8:35. Distance to target 720 miles



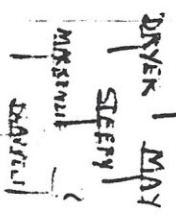
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8/28/44

WARTLE ISLAND, NEW GUINEA

TARGET: KOROR TOWN, PALAU.

Supposed to be lead squadron of group, but due to intense front before target, planes were mixed. Due to severe ring at assigned altitude we came down to 11,500. Went across with seven ships as second squadron. Few through heavy attack yet; but type barrage; heavy caliber intense accurate. Our squadron saw marker Capt Dixon on where wing I was flying got direct hit in main fuel tank. Ship burst with plane immediately went straight down breaking into a number of pieces. Stranded in Koror town. No chance for any survivors. Capt Nat Tanton (squadron leader) was alive long enough to radio his bombs after ship had fallen 500. He received no help but was brought around plenty by next mission. Good bomb coverage on the town much damage done. Had submachine gunner for D.alle, who quit, otherwise original crew. No interception. Time logged 8:10. Distance 720 miles.



Foley was
gunner.

an outstanding job with his bombs (30 #100's) got all in target and started one large explosion & fire. Had fun flying. Reentry formation all the way back. Time logged 8:40 for the 1st leg. The 1st leg crew plus extra bombardier and regular crew plus extra bombardier
8/2/44

#9. Target Yap airstrome on Yap Island. Turned B-24's in four squadrons from-
stens made 100% coverage runs on the target with 30 #100 apiece. Two planes destroyed on the ground. We had very good bombs. No intercession, big surprise. Twelve bombs of ack ack over altitude but not accurate. Turn B-1 position, Regular crew in Regs the 1st leg. Time logged 11:55.

#10 8/6/44 - 1st Reg, Admiralty Island

TARGET: YAP ISLAND. Supply & personnel. Four squadrons of B-24's. Very good coverage with #100 bombs. We salvaged 80 bombs on the target. No further intercession. Just heavy barrage type job operate. A couple of #100's on our squadron were held, flew A-3 position. Bombed at 8900' - regular crew. The bombardier had to take plane diving 241 when target disappeared. Bomble of last minute. Cancelled at 4:30 minutes due to very bad weather and a near wheel that wouldnt come down. Logged 13:00 - down.

8/11/44
1st Reg, Admiralty Island
Ferry trip: To Pitt Morealey. Flew with new Co. Pilot's navigator; Washin & Stinger only regular crew. Trip uneventful except landing at Port Morealey - 500 feet sailing with hills in the pattern up to 1500'. Crossed over New Guinea. (Crossed Stanley mountain) at 15,000'. Faded over, Funchan - very big and very busy area.

One broke in half pluming, the other lost
the wing went down planking. The one parabolic
seen. Happened 5 miles front spot. (Plane on right
wing #2 engine on fire - feathered and returned.
Two other planes lost two engines. One ditched
close to base the other went to Noelle.
Roger the Lodger had about 15 holes in it.
Probably 7.7. Did about 5 from empty tanks.
One broke through pilot's windshield killing
me in the arm. One crew claimed one hole
(Noelle in by turret) hit the water with guns
still blazing. Flew with regular original
crew. Time 12:10. A very tough mission.
"Roger the Lodger" came through again
7/20.

6. Target YAP - All the airfield dispersed
and with 30-100 bombs. Had 15 planes
over the target. Interception light - Six
including a Top + possibly a Tom. They
went too early today. A couple of prob
titles. About 4 ~~thrust~~ bombs on us,
no flak. Stayed with us about 30 minutes

Very bad weather up to and back from target.
Logged 10 hours of maintenance out of 12:15 minutes
in the air. Had regular crew. Flew 266 w/ -
"Roger the Lodger".
7/25

7. A change in diet. Noelle Island
our target. Four squadron, six ship
to a squadron, strong formation. Very
good & easy formation mission. No flak
medium flak, excellent target coverage
with bombs in supply area. Flew with
regular crew plus extra bombardier.
No damage done to "Roger the Lodger". Time
logged 9:15. Flew 1000' on way back
on sea search for crew destroyed a
week ago. No luck.
7/29

8. Target Noelle Island - supply area.
Six ship, individual squadron formation
(4). A good mission, no fighter interception
heavy flak accurate, but not
much of it. Thank goodness. (we did

Log and diary

7/5
Took off to bomb Nap 800 North East of Moberang Field. Co. pilot for second crew. Returned quickly as we had no flight instruments. Take off time 0310. Logged time 1:00.

3. 7/7 MOKERANG FIELD, LOS NEGROS
IN THE PRIMARY 15000
Target North Nap town. Nap Island. Took off 6:10. Rendezvoused with 18 other B-24's at level 2 level (140 miles from Nap, 2 dropped 12 250 G.P. bombs. at 12:05. Between 15-20 planes intercepted but got 100% bomb coverage. 3 planes dropped phosphorus bombs in pairs at the formation. Attacked from all around the close high low and level. About 3 to 4 probable. Ed Kelly caught direct hit. Killed Miller (radio) and severely injured Rowan and some men (gunner). All caught medium hole in wing. Flaw so Co. pilot for Rowan. Time 12:15. Melnick, Randle & Kay also with us.

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10/3/44 (Balk)
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YOU WERE ON
THIS ONE

THIS IS THE 7/15/44
MISSION INVOLVING
KIZER #085 371
DIEDERICH #311 372
ALSO MISSING
SY/02 #055 370

4. 7/10/44 MOKERANG FIELD
LOS NEGROS
Another strike at Nap. Not returned and supply area of the airfield with 15 120 ± clusters of fragmentation bombs. We had 100% coverage of target. Had 20 planes over target. Light A.A. intercepted by 2025 Jokes and one long Joke pretty easy today. Some clear passed. All had two 7.7 shells in #1 engine, but no damage to it. Had regular original crew. Time 12:00
A number of damage showed never added. would have in middle, probably from air dropped phosphorus bombs.

7/15
#5 Target NAP. Bomb load 14-250 G.P. bombs 3100 gallons of gas. Distance over 1800 miles. Very poor weather going up. Bombs into clear perfect minutes before target. Formed a miserable, scattered great formation. Almost got clipped twice by 085. All way over target. Bombs always 1201. Hit unburned. Intercepted by 12-15 Jokes. Passed attacks clear and lower. The two young ones were seen. One B-24's calculated 50 feet from target. (see 372)

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