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AIR MISSION BY 307TH BOMB GROUP

NOV. 8, 1944 / BY HARRY G. MORGAN

- THE NIGHT BEFORE - NERVOUS & SOMEWHAT APPREHENSIVE.
- BRIEFING - AIR STRIKE TO ALICANTE AIR FIELD - NEGROS ISLAND IN PHILIPPINES, MAY ENCOUNTER JAP ZEROS & FLAK.
- EARLY BREAKFAST & GEAR PREP. - ADRENALIN FLOWING. WE ARE READY TO GO!
- TRUCK RIDE TO FLIGHT LINE - A FEW JOKES CRACKED, BUT MOST OF THE CREWS IN SERIOUS THOUGHTS.
- PRE-FLIGHT CHECK - EACH CREW MEMBER CHECKED OUT HIS ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY. NOSE TURRET & GUNS ALL O.K. PLenty AMMO -
- TAKE OFF - OUTSTANDING TAKE-OFF BY LT. HANSON & LT. LACY. WE ARE OFF - WHAT A CREW!
- FLIGHT TO TARGET - ALL OVER WATER. AS I RECALL, EVERYTHING WAS NORMAL. LT. HORTH & SGT. MANKY GAVE US A GOOD BEAR & HEADING TO TARGET.
- RENDIVOU - MET UP WITH OTHER B-24'S OF FORM ATTACK FORMATION. NOW GETTING INTO ENEMY TERRITORY WITH FOUR SQUADRONS OF B-24'S = 24 PLANES. LT. HANSON GIVES ORDERS TO BE ALERT / MAN TURRETS & RECHECK GUNS. WE ARE NOW APPROXIMATING TARGET - ALICANTE AIR BASE.

Notes

- Spot  
 • ENEMY AIRCRAFT 10:00 HIGH - AS WE TIGHTEN FORMATION, THE JAP ZEROS ATTACK. THEY SEEMED TO BE COMING OUT OF THE SUN AT FIRST & THEN "ALL HELL BREAKS OUT" - JAP ZEROS EVERYWHERE. WE FIGHT THEM OFF AS WE BEGIN THE ALL IMP. BOMB RUN. WE ARE THEN HIT ~~BY~~ HARD BY JAP ZERO GUNS. SMITHIE, GOLDIE & MANLEY ARE HIT BAD WITH SERIOUS WOUNDS. WE CONTINUE TO FIGHT ZEROS OFF. LINDSEY KNOCKS A ZERO DOWN. WE MAKE OTHER HITS, BUT THEY DON'T GO DOWN.
- BOMBS AWAY. WE PLOSTER THE JAP AIR FIELD. GOLDIE MOVES TO TAIL TURRET, BOMBARDIER MANS WAIST GUN TO KEEP ZEROS OFF OUR TAIL. COOPER & I KEEP FIRING AT ZEROS APPROXIMATING NOSE OF OUR B-24. LINDSEY PROTECTS BELOW.
- CONTROLS HIT BY ENEMY FIRE. HANSON & ~~Lacy~~ Lacy DO A TERRIFIC JOB OF FLYING OUR PLANE ON AUTO PILOT. CONTROLS NOT FUNCTIONING PROPERLY. WE TIGHTEN FORMATION AS WE LEAVE TARGET & HEAD FOR HOME. ENEMY ZEROS SEEM TO BACK OFF I DON'T LIKE OUR CONTINUED FIRE POWER.
- WE LOOK AFTER WOUNDED, AS WE FLY OUT OF TARGET AREA THE ZEROS LEAVE US & WE BEGIN LOOKING AFTER SMITH, GOLDIE & MANLEY. SMITH DIES ON WAY HOME. WE LIMP HOME

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4 Lt. Hanson & Lt. Lacy make a terrific  
Landing on Auto Pilot.

- ATTEND Post Flight Briefing - &  
WENT INK A Jap Air Raid. We  
HAD TO RUN & DIVE FOR ANY FOX HOLE  
NEAR BY.
- WE BURIED SMITH THE NEXT DAY NOV. 9,  
1944. WE LOST A GOOD MAN. HE WAS A  
GOOD FRIEND & A JOY TO BE AROUND.  
OUR CREW ALWAYS HAD THE RIGHT  
CHEMISTRY. WE REGROUPED & FLEW A  
TOTAL OF 40 MISSIONS.

MING, I HOPE THIS WILL HELP YOU  
SOME. I AM STILL HAVING PROBLEMS.  
I MISS HELEN SO VERY MUCH.

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