

MISSION DIARY OF

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- LEFT STATES - July 30, 1944 - Fairfield, California
- ARRIVED - Hawaii, July 30, 1944 - LEFT August 2, 1944
- " - Canton Is., August 2, 1944 - LEFT August 3, 1944
- " - Fiji Is., August 4, 1944 - LEFT August 5, 1944
- " - Townsville, Aust., August 5, 1944 - LEFT August 8, 1944
- " - Port Moresby, N.G., August 8, 1944 - LEFT Aug. 19, 1944
- " - Los Negros, Admiralty Is., August 19, 1944 - LEFT August 21, 1944
- " - Wakde Is., August 21, 1944 - LEFT September 25, 1944
- " - Noemfor, September 25, 1944 - LEFT November 17, 1944
- " - Morotai Is., November 17, 1944 - LEFT March, 1945
- " - Leyte Is., March, 1945 - LEFT May 18, 1945
- " - San Francisco, June 7, 1945.

MISSIONS

- No. 1 - Target - Palau (Mission incomplete) September 3, 1944.  
Lost No. 3 engine - Turned back 40 minutes from target.  
Time - 6:50.
- No. 2 - Target - Halmaheras-Lolobato A/D. September 10, 1944.  
Weather - Fair. Mission uneventful. Time - 9:30.
- No. 3 - Target - Halmahera-Miti A/D. September 13, 1944.  
Weather - Bad; Hit a front (thunderhead). Indicated  
airspeed OMPH-400MPH-0. Cables and control surface  
damaged; flight indicator out. Went around front on  
way back. Time - 10:05.
- No. 4 - Target - Ceram-Supply Area. September 16, 1944.  
Weather - Fair. Cloudy over target. Made three runs  
on target to find it in clouds. Time - 9:20.
- No. 5 - Target - Balikpapan, Borneo (Refinery). October 10, 1944.  
Weather - Fair. Fighter cover - P-47, P-38. Inter-  
cepted by about 25-32 Jap fighters. Ack-Ack & Phos.  
bombs. Time - 15:45.
- No. 6 - Target - Balikpapan, Borneo (Wax Works). October 14, 1944.  
Weather - Good. Fighter cover over targets - P-47 &  
P-38. Intercepted about 5-8 passes at us. Landed at  
Middlesburg Is., and came home October 15.  
Time - 14:30, 2:05 - 16:35.
- No. 7 - Target - Shipping off Northwest coast of Borneo.  
October 25, 1944. Weather - Fair. Found three ships-

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two Sugar Dog vessels and one Barge. Sank one Sugar Dog. Only opposition, one 7.7 machine gun. Gassed up at Morotai on way back. Time - 14:45, 3:10 - 17:55.

- No. 8 - Target - Nip Task Force (Search) Mindanao Sea. November 2, 1944. Weather - Good. Did not find Task Force. Salvaged bombs on way home. Gassed up at Morotai on way back. Time - 11:00, +2:55, =1355.
- No. 9 - Target - Carolina A/D, Negros Is. November 6, 1944. Weather - Good up to target. Target was 9/10 covered by clouds. Results were unobserved. Fighter cover - 8 P-47. Interception 6-8 Hamps. Four enemy planes shot down by P-47. Gassed up at Morotai on way back. Time - 15:15.
- No. 10- Target - Damaguente A/D, Negros Is. November 11, 1944. Weather - Fair. (Secondary target) Primary target was covered by clouds. Fighter cover - 22 planes - P-38 & P-47. No interception. Gassed up at Morotai on way back. Time - 13:50.
- No. 11- Target - Shipping-Celebes. November 14, 1944. Weather - Good. Circled Celebes. Found no enemy shipping. Bombed docks at Manado town on Celebes (Secondary target). Left tire blew out on landing at Morotai. Stayed there overnight. Time 12:15, 3:30, 15:45.
- No. 12- Target - Alicante A/D, Negros Is. November 24, 1944. Weather - Good. Fighter escort - about 10-15. Interception 5-6 Hamps & Zekes. Escorts shot down two. No passes at formation. Time 9:50.
- No. 13- Target - La Carlota A/D, Negros Is. November 26, 1944. Weather - Good. No interception. Left wheel brake locked on landing; thought nose wheel had collapsed. Everyone raced for tail. No damage to plane or crew. Time - 9:40.
- No. 14- Target - Puerto Princesa A/D, Palawan Is. November 29, 1944. Weather - Good. No interception. Fighter cover - P-38; sky was full of them. Time 11:10.
- No. 15- Target - Bacolod A/D, Negros Is. December 1, 1944. Weather - Not so good. Left squadron formation just after we left target. The rest got interception by three enemy planes. Fighter stayed with us (P-47). Hit small front just after we left target. Time - 10:30.
- No. 16- Target - Malimpoeng A/D, Celebes. December 3, 1944. Weather - Good, but cloudy. No interception. Fighter escort failed to show up. Target was clear (no clouds

covered target). Went back to Noemfor. They were expecting an attack on Morotai, either Jap suicide squads or Jap Commandos. Time - 11:10.

- No. 17- Target - Galela A/D, Halmaheras Is. December 5, 1944.  
Weather - Good. Bombs fell short of runway. Flak - Heavy but was above, below, and a little behind us. No damage to plane. First time I could see our base from any target. Time - 4:35.
- No. 18- Target - Recco-Mission (Sulu Sea). December 7, 1944.  
Weather - Fair. Search for part of Jap Fleet - One Cruiser, two Destroyers. Went up around Tawi-Tawi, Is., in the Philippines. Did not find them. Time - 7:30.
- No. 19- Target - Manduiriano A/D, Panay Is. December 11, 1944.  
Weather - Very good. Fighter cover, P-47. Saw seven of them, but did not get full count. Bomb pattern was very good. Time - 9:50.
- No. 20- Target - Carolina A/D, Negros Is. December 13, 1944.  
Weather - Good. Made second run on target before dropping bombs. Swell bomb pattern. No interception. No Ack-ack. Time - 10:10.
- No. 21- Target - Batanges A/D, Luzon Is. January 13, 1945.  
Weather - Good. Primary target covered with clouds. Hit tertiary target. No interception. No Ack-Ack. Time - 12:15.
- No. 22- Target - Jesselton A/D, Borneo. January 15, 1945.  
Weather - Fair. Bomb pattern and hits were very good. Fighter escorts, P-38, did not show up. No interception. No Ack-Ack. Time - 11:10.
- No. 23- Target - Miti Supply Area, Borokoe Is. January 18, 1945.  
Weather - Good. No interception nor Ack-Ack. Time - 1:20.
- No. 24- Target - Oil Storage Tanks, Canacao Point, peninsula off Luzon Is. January 28, 1945. Weather - Fair.  
Ack-Ack over Corrigedor. I guess the Japs thought we were after their large naval guns. About ten to twenty bursts of Ack-Ack with phosphorous bombs. The squadron leader told the pilot to leave the formation, so we circled Ack-Ack. The rest of the formation (five) went over Corrigedor to drop their bombs. No damage done to formation. No interception. Time - 12:35.
- No. 25- Target - Cavite, Luzon Is. (Primary), Corrigedor (Secondary), Luzon Is. There was also a tertiary target which was also on Luzon. All three of them were socked in with clouds so we couldn't bomb them. We

went after our fourth target which was on Negros Is. We ran into a front just before we got to Negros Is., and lost the formation. We had to salvo the bombs. Didn't find the fourth target because of the front. There was no interception nor Ack-Ack. January 30, 1945. Time - 12:25.

- No. 26- Target - Canacao Peninsula, Radio Station, Luzon Is. February 1, 1945. Weather - Darn good. Target was wide open. Swell bomb pattern and hits. No interception nor Ack-Ack. Time - 12:05.
- No. 27- Target - Canacao Peninsula. February 3, 1945. Weather - Good. Target was wide open, bombs landed in water though. No interception nor Ack-Ack. Time - 12:00.
- No. 28- Target - Corrigedor (Naval Guns). February 11, 1945. Weather - Good. We missed the guns about a hundred yards but probably did some damage to them. No interception nor Ack-Ack. Time - 12:15.
- No. 29- Target - Kendari A/D, Dispersal Area. February 16, 1945. Weather - Not so good. Went through three or four fronts. Target was well covered with bombs. Ack-Ack was a little above and below us. No interception. Time - 7:45.
- No. 30- Target - Jesselton A/D, Borneo. February 20, 1945. Weather - Fair on way up - pretty bad on way back. Had to make three runs on target. No Ack-Ack nor interception. Time 11:25.
- No. 31- Target - Sandakan A/D, Borneo. February 23, 1945. Weather - Fair on way up - pretty bad on way back. Made three runs on target because of clouds. Looked for downed P-38 pilot on way back. No Ack-Ack nor interception. Time 9:40.
- No. 32- Target - Tawau A/D, Borneo. February 25, 1945. Weather - Fair. Looked for the downed P-38 pilot again; otherwise mission was uneventful. No Ack-Ack nor interception. Time - 9:05.
- No. 33- Target - Sandakan A/D, Borneo. February 28, 1945. Weather - Fair. Good bomb hits and pattern. Searched for B-24 crew from our squadron, that went down yesterday; did not find them. No Ack-Ack nor interception. Time - 10:00.
- No. 34- Target - Sepinggan A/D, Borneo. March 2, 1945. Weather - Fair. Bomb hits nor pattern were not good. Some of the planes' bombs missed target completely.

We were supposed to have fighter cover (P-51) but it didn't show up. Ack-Ack was right on us. Our ship got three holes. Did no damage to crew. This target was right next to one that we hit last year in October. The target was -- Balikpapan; that's where some of the Ack-Ack came from. Saw one fighter drop phosphorous bombs on other three squadrons. I don't think there was any damage done. Time - 10:05.

- No. 35- Target - Jolo Supply Area, Jolo Island. March 4, 1945. Weather - Fair. (Secondary). Primary was covered with clouds. Dropped bombs (1,000 lb.) from 4,500 feet because of undercast at 6,000 ft. The plane was rocked a little because of the impact caused by dropping them from 4,500 ft. No Ack-Ack nor interception. Time - 8:30.
- No. 36- Target - Zamboanga, Personnel and supply area, Mindanao. March 7, 1945. Weather - Good. Very good bomb hits and pattern. Had to make third run over target. No Ack-Ack nor interception. Time - 7:35.
- No. 37- Target - Calario A/D, Dispersal Area, Mindanao. March 9, 1945. Weather - Not so good. When we returned to base it was covered with a front. Saw one B-24 from another squadron blow up over target today; don't know what did it. Some say a bomb from a squadron above them. Nobody got out of the plane. Good bomb hits and pattern. No Ack-Ack nor interception. Time - 7:05.
- No. 38- Target - Tarakan, Borneo. March 11, 1945. Weather - Bad on way to target - Fair over target, and on way back. Circled three times at Round Avo Point, but couldn't find formation there or on way back. Made single ship run on target. No Ack-Ack nor interception. Time - 9:15.
- No. 39- Target - Davao Personnel Area, Mindanao. March 13, 1945. Weather - Fair. Made second run on target before dropping bombs. Bomb hits and pattern were very good. Started about four fires. No Ack-Ack nor interception. Time - 4:40.
- No. 40- Target - Weather Recon. Mission. March 14, 15, 1945. Weather - Good. Took off the 14th at 19:30 - landed 15th at 07:20. Went to Zamboanga, back to base, back again to Zamboanga, then returned to base. Time - 11:40.
- No. 41- Target - Sepinggan A/D, Borneo. March 16, 1945. Weather - Fair. Ack-Ack from Balikpapan again today. Ship was holed only once - no damage. Fighter