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Field Order No. 12
Target: Dublon Island, Truk Atoll

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11 November 1944

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Hq 73d Bomb Wg
SAIPAN
1500Z 26 Oct 44

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1. No change.
2. 73d Wg executes Plan EASY DOES IT with following exceptions:
Route out: Direct to target area.
Route back: Direct to SAIPAN. Climb to 30,000 ft after leaving the target and remain at 30,000 ft for 45 min in close formation.
Cruise Control and Leading will be changed to comply with above changes.
Gp Commanders are directed to vary the following on each mission:
Routes, IP, Axise of Atk, Aiming Point, Take-off and Assembly Procedure, and Zero Hr.
3. x. (1) Each Bomb Gp 73d Bomb Wg executes plan EASY DOES IT individually as seen as practical. Each A/C will be dispatched once but not more than twice.
(2) Zero Hr will be determined by the Gp Commander. This Hqs will be notified 24 hrs in advance of Zero Hr and approximate strike time.
4. No change.
5. No change.

By command of Brigadier General O'DONNELL:

BRUGGE
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TACTICAL NARRATIVE

Field Order Number 12 of the 73rd Bombardment Wing directs that nine aircraft of the 500th Bombardment Group depart the Base 11 November 1944 to bomb the submarine base on Dublon Island, Truk Atoll. Alternate Target: Dublon Island Harbor shipping.

In compliance with this order, the first aircraft departed from the home Base at 110059Z, the last aircraft at 110107Z.

Seven aircraft were loaded with a total of 66,500 pounds of GP bombs, while each of two others carried 20 clusters of fragmentation bombs, an aggregate bomb load for the Group of 86,500 pounds.

Following the assembly, eight aircraft (one having returned to Base) proceeded without escort directly to the Initial Point, 27 miles southeast of Ruo Island, in the Murillo Group. Three aircraft made a radar approach on the aiming point, although all eight aircraft bombing the target made a visual release from approximately 25,000 feet, where the visibility was found to be good. The lead bombardier sighted for range and deflection and the others for range only, dropping their bombs on the leader. One of the aircraft carrying the fragmentation clusters had difficulty releasing its bombs; one cluster had broken and its bombs were loose in the bomb bay. Good bomb coverage was effected over the target area, on which a total of 76,000 pounds was dropped (20,000 pounds fragmentation). One aircraft returned to Base with one 500-pound GP bomb.

Opposition from the enemy in the target area, and beyond, was limited to the unaggressive activity of five ZEKEs which maneuvered at altitudes ranging from 8,000 feet to approximately 25,000 feet; one of those identified as a ZEKE, Model 32.

Four single passes by enemy aircraft were reported coming in from 11 o'clock to 2 o'clock, high to level. Attacks were not pressed, enemy aircraft opening fire at more than 1000 yards and breaking away at a minimum distance of 800 yards. One unidentified twin-engine aircraft was sighted about 20 miles from the target on the return course.

Flak bursts were observed over the target area; heavy caliber, inaccurate, and meager, trailing and 1000 feet short. Some gun flashes were observed from the interior of Dublon Island. Several white phosphorus air-to-air bombs were observed over the target, bursting approximately level with our aircraft and at a distance of 500 yards to one mile.

Two fires were seen in the target area; thick black and white smoke was observed.

Photo interpretation showed 50 bomb bursts, 15 of them within 1000 feet of the aiming point. There were four bursts on barracks buildings, and several within close proximity of four munition storage buildings.

The return from Dublon Island to Base was made as planned and without incident.

The first aircraft landed at 110635Z and the last one at 110700Z.

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Weather: Weather during the mission was found as briefed except for a strong front rising to high altitudes across course to target.

Losses or Damage: No losses to our personnel or damage to friendly aircraft. Two ZEKES reported damaged.

Sightings: Two AK and one small escort, possibly a DE, seen about one hour before the Group arrived over the target. Approximately 30 small ships were seen in Dublon Island Harbor, most of which headed for the sea as our aircraft approached.

Materiel Failures: Number 2 engine on one B-29. (Returned to Base, 20 x GP bombs jettisoned.)

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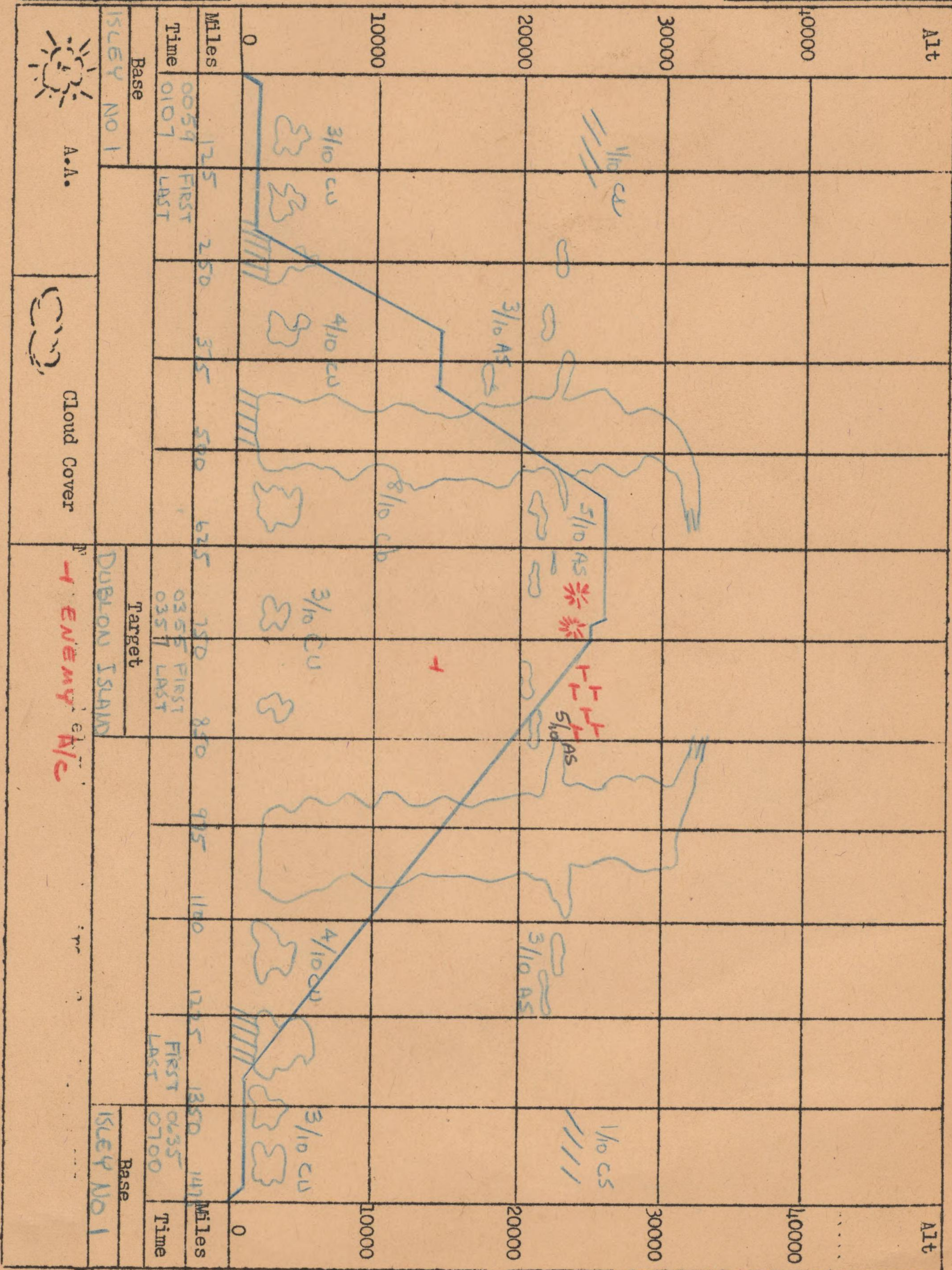
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Mission No. 6-B

Date of Mission 11 Nov 1944

VERTICAL CHART



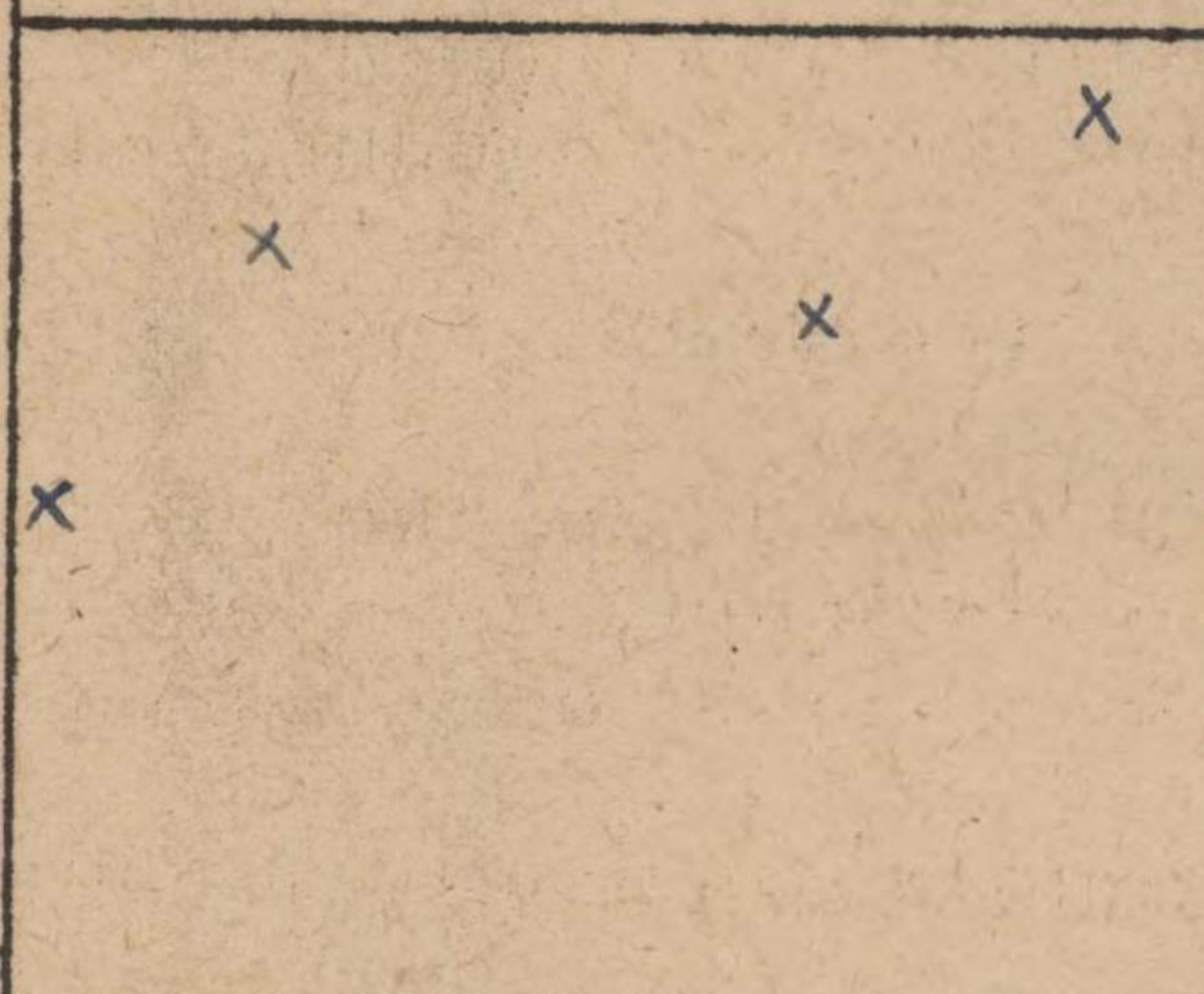
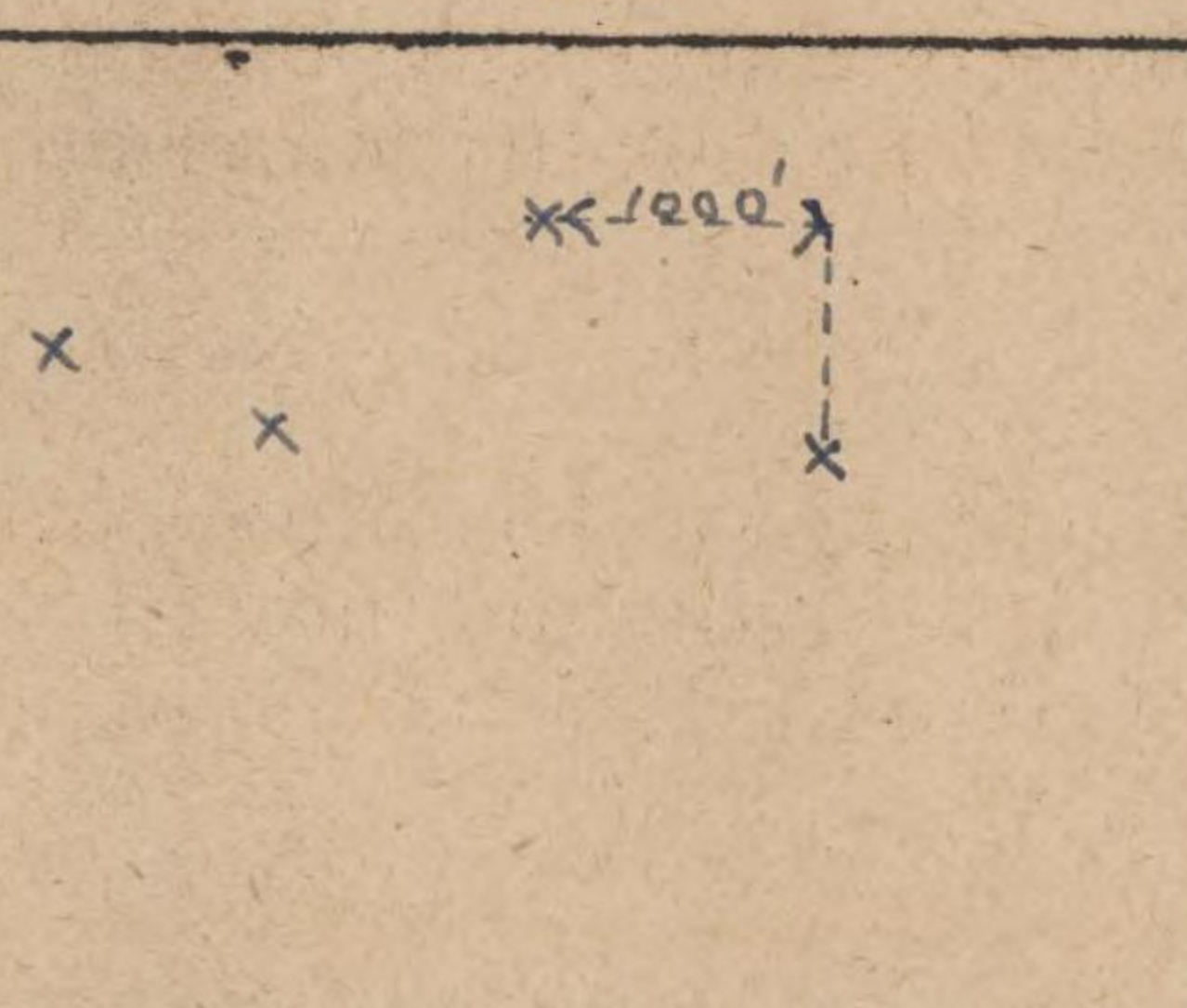
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CONSOLIDATED MISSION REPORT

FORMATIONS

OUT	OUT	I P
 <p>Vertical view of formation.</p> <p>Take-off: 1st A/C - 110059Z Last A/C - 110107Z</p>	 <p>1000' spacing varies during flight. Interval between elements is slightly over 1000'.</p>	<p>Formation same as Out.</p> <p>Time: 110347Z Heading: varied from 200° to 214° after turn.</p>
OVER TARGET NO. 1	OVER TARGET NO. 2	RETURN
<p>Same as Out.</p> <p>Time: 1st A/C - 110355Z Last A/C - 110357Z Heading - 200° to 214°</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>Maintain close formation for 40 min after leaving target, then individual return.</p> <p>Time Down: 1st A/C - 110635Z Last A/C - 110700Z</p>

COMMENTS: (Report position of your group to wing (a) according to F.O.; (b) deviations if any and reasons)

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BASIC DATA

1. Time of Take-off:

- a. Place: Isley Field, Saipan.
- b. Time: First A/C 110059Z.
Last A/C 110107Z.

2. Time of Landing:

- a. Place: Isley Field, Saipan.
- b. Time: First A/C 110635Z.
Last A/C 110700Z.

3. Squadron Assembly:

- a. Place: Point (15° 00' N - 146° 05' E).
- b. Altitude: 1500'.
- c. Time: 110117Z.

4. Group Assembly: None.

5. Wing Assembly: None.

6. Aircraft Returning Early:

- a. A/C No. 42-24660.
- b. Squadron No. - 883rd.
- c. Place: Isley Field, Saipan.
- d. Time: 110349Z.
- e. Reason: Cylinder head blown off #16 cylinder, #2 engine.

7. Route out:

From: Saipan	Time: 110059Z to 110107Z
To: Point (15° 00' N - 146° 05' E)	Time: 110117Z; Alt: 1500'
To: IP (08° 07' N - 152° 17' E)	Time: 110347Z; Alt: 26,000'
To: Target(07° 23' N - 151° 52' E)	Time: 110356Z; Alt: 25,000'

8. Route Back:

From Target, Dublon Island, direct to Isley Field, Saipan.

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BASIC DATA (contd)

9. Initial Point:

- a. Place: Point (08° 07' N - 152° 17' E).
- b. Time: 110347Z.
- c. Altitude: 26,000'.

10. Targets Attack Data:

- a. No. A/C attacking Target: 8.
- b. Time over target: First A/C 110355Z.
Last A/C 110357Z.
- c. Heading and altitude from IP to target:
Heading: 200° to 214°.
Altitude: 26,000'.
- d. Heading and altitude over target:
Heading: 200° to 214°.
Altitude: 25,000' to 26,600'.
- e. Breakaway:
Directly on to course to Saipan.
- f. Rally Point:
None.
- g. Extra runs over target:
None.
- h. Reasons for failure to attack:
None.

11. Escort Data:

No escort ordered.

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LOSS AND DAMAGE

12. Casualties - Personnel

	<u>Pil</u>	<u>CoP</u>	<u>Bom</u>	<u>Nav</u>	<u>Eng</u>	<u>Rdr</u>	<u>Rad</u>	<u>RSG</u>	<u>LGr</u>	<u>RGr</u>	<u>TGr</u>	<u>Other</u>
Number Participating	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	0	9	13
Missing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Killed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Badly Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slightly Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Casualties	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Comments: None.

13. A/C Lost:

None.

14. A/C Missing:

None.

15. Total A/C Failing to Return:

None.

16. Damage to A/C:

See paragraph #6.

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AA & AIR TO AIR BOMBING

17. ENEMY AA FIRE:

Flak was observed over target area and reported as heavy, meager, and inaccurate. No A/C were lost or damaged by flak. Bursts were largely behind A/C and below by 1,000 ft and more. A few bursts were observed level with A/C. Eight A/C made the attack at 25,000 - 26,000 feet. No information was obtained as to type of fire encountered over this target.

18. OUR TACTICS VS AA:

Changes of altitude.

19. AIR TO AIR BOMBING AND ROCKETS:

At least six white phosphorus bombs were dropped on the formation at about the same time as the fighter attacks described in the following paragraphs. The bombs were accurate as to altitude but from 500 yds to one-half mile away to the right and rear. No rockets were observed.

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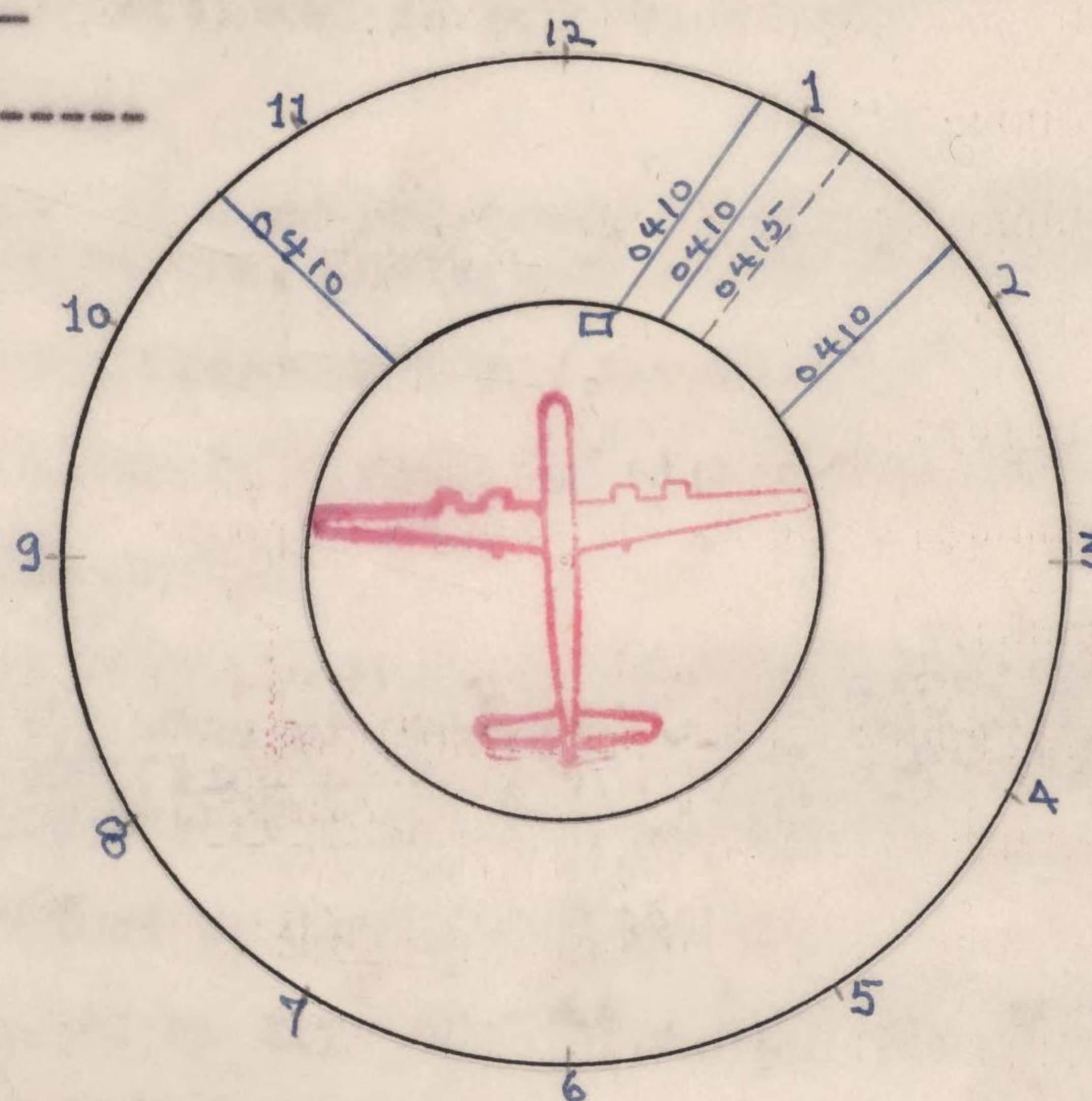
COMBAT DATA

20. Analysis of Attacks by Enemy Aircraft:

The following ^{Five H.C.T.} ~~one~~ uncoordinated attacks were made on the wing aircraft of the first flight and the leaders of the wing flights about 45 miles out from the target on return to Base:

Legend:

Level —————
From Above - - - - -
E/A Damaged - □



Totals:

Attacks:	
Level	4
Fr Above	1
High	0
Fr Below	0
Low	0
E/A Destrd	0
E/A Prob Destroyed	0
E/A Damaged	1

21. Yards at which E/A Opened Fire:

All of the attacking aircraft were estimated to have opened fire at a distance of 1000 yards or more.

22. Types of Enemy Aircraft Attacking:

Five ZEKES each made one attack against the formation. One of these was identified as a Model 32. Another had an "old, beat-up appearance".

22a. In addition to the attacking aircraft, one unidentified twin-engine airplane was observed about 20 miles after leaving target. It was on a course of approximately 320° and at an altitude of 15,000'.

23. Type and Accuracy Enemy Fire and Type Projectile:

Only machine gun fire was used against our formation by enemy aircraft which were not aggressive.

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COMBAT DATA (contd)

24. Enemy Aircraft Markings:

In addition to the customary red roundels, one crew reported that one ZEKE had red stars painted on its wings.

25. Enemy Tactics:

Tactics consisted of uncoordinated single frontal attacks. Breakaways consisted of dives beneath the formation. Air-to-air bombs were used as mentioned in paragraph 19.

26. Enemy Formations:

Enemy fighters all appeared to be on their own, with no particular formations before, during, or after attacks.

27. Our Tactics and Firepower versus Enemy A/C:

Three of our aircraft fired at attacking planes.

28. Results of Hits on E/A:

One plane dove with black smoke coming from around spinner. Particles broke off the wing of another ZEKE before going into a sharp dive and after being fired on by the right wing flight leader. Final disposition was not observed in either case.

28a. Claims by A/C and by Gun Positions:

One ZEKE damaged by fire from Bombardier in A/C #652. Particles broke off wing.

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OBSERVATIONS AND CREW COMMENTS

29. Expenditure of Ammunition:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Exp. per Plane</u>	<u>Exp. per Wing</u>
Upper Front	210	
Lower Front	125	
Upper Rear	80	
Lower Rear	119	
.50 cal Tail	100	
Total .50 cal	634	5220
20-mm Tail	15	127

30. Our Observed Losses by E/A:

None.

31. Our Observed Losses by AA:

None.

32. Observations:

See Paragraph 22a.

In addition, two AA guns were observed 500 yards apart at east end of Dublon Island.

33. Comments on Maps, Charts, and Photos Used:

None.

34. Crew Suggestions:

None.

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GENERAL TECHNICAL DATA

35. FUNCTIONING OF OXYGEN SYSTEM:

Satisfactory.

36. FUNCTIONING OF CLOTHING AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT:

Satisfactory.

37. CAMERAS:

Satisfactory

38. MECHANICAL FAILURES:

None.

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BOMBING DATA

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39. BOMB DATA (NO. & TYPE BY A/C)											11 Nov 1944		
A/C NO.	SQ. NO.	BOMB LOAD H.E.			BOMB LOAD I.B.			NO BOMBS DRPD.			NO BOMBS JETTISONED	NO BOMBS BROKE	
		NO.	SIZE	FUSE	NO.	SIZE LB.	FUSE	H.E.	I.B.	TARGET NO.			
				NOSE	TAIL			NOSE	TAIL				
4643		20	500#	Inst	Non Delay					20		1	
4652		20	"	"	"					20		1	
* 4686		20	-----							20		1	
* 4680		20	-----							20		1	
4672		14	"	"	"					14		1	
4653		20	"	"	"					20		1	
4660		20	"	"	"								20
4656		19	"	"	"					19		1	
4671		20	"	"	"					19		1	1
TOTALS													

COMMENTS:

* 500# frag clusters set to open 3000' below release.

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BOMBING DATA (CONTINUED)

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Target no.	A/C NO.	TIME	ALT.	HDG.	LAS	TARGET		ATTACK		DATA						
						WIND VELOC	WIND DIR.	BOMB SPACING	LGTH OF RUN TIME	SIGHTED RANGE	DEFL	MAN.	CI.	ELEC	HCW TCGGLE	
	4643	0357	26600	200	195	15	95°	200	6min	X						
	4652	0357	26400	200	195	15	"	"	"	X						
	4686	0350	25000	210	195	15	"	"	"	X						
	4680	0356	26400	210	195	15	"	"	"	X						
	4672	0356	24372	202	195	15	"	"	"	X						
	4653	0355	26800	210	195	15	"	"	"	X						
	4656	0356	27100	214	195	15	"	"	"	X	X					
	4671	0356	26500	210	195	15	"	"	"	X						
TOTALS →																

COMMENTS:

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BOMBING DATA

41. CONDITIONS OVER TARGET.

Weather over target was very much as forecast. Cumulus clouds, 2/10 to 3/10 cover, and a few scattered cirrus were encountered. Visibility over target was 20 miles. Wind was 90 degrees, eight knots. Smoke observed was due to bombing and resultant fires. Thick smoke, both white and black, was observed. No camouflage was reported. Five e/a were observed in the target area and beyond. Four were identified as Zekes, and one as a Zeke Model 32. Several passes were made at our a/c, but no damage was sustained.

42. I. P. AND A. P.

No comments.

43. REASONS FOR FAILURE TO BOMB.

One a/c aborted and returned to base when 350 miles out, due to No. 2 engine failure. Bomb load of 20 x 500 lb. G. P. was jettisoned.

44. RESULTS OF BOMBING OBSERVED.

Photo interpretation indicated the bombing was Fair. Fifteen bomb bursts were visible within 1000 feet of A. P. Two fires were observed by crews, and thick smoke, white and black, was seen over target area; columns from 1000 to 3000 feet high.

45. POSSIBLE SOURCES OF ERROR IN BOMBING.

No comments.

46. USE OF RADAR AND EFFICIENCY.

Three a/c made radar approach to target but made visual bomb release. Some radar sets were inoperative.

47. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

Climatic conditions made receiving difficult on radio.

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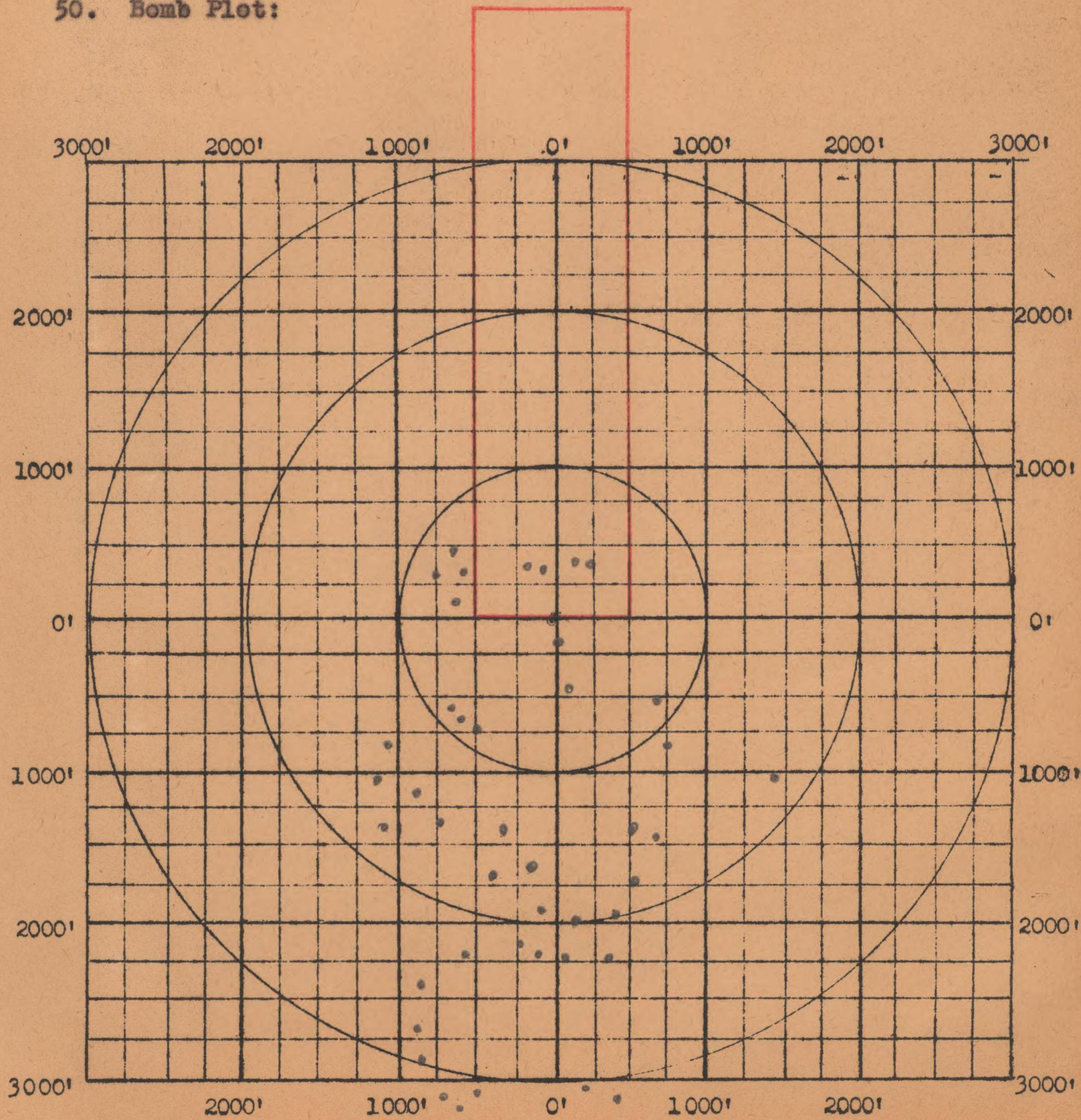
48. Description, Dimensions, and Area (in Sq Ft of Target):

The target was the area of the defense unit and the submarine base on the western side of Dublon Island in the Truk Atoll. The total area is 1000 by 4000, or 4,000,000 square feet. The defense unit is located in the northern half of the area. This is composed of barracks and probable officers' quarters, all buildings being of frame construction. The submarine base with its various storehouses and shops of frame and light steel construction is located in the southern part of the target area. North of the target are four storage buildings.

49. Aiming Point and Description:

The aiming point was the administration building, approximately 55' x 75', located in the center of the northern edge of the target area.

50. Bomb Plot:



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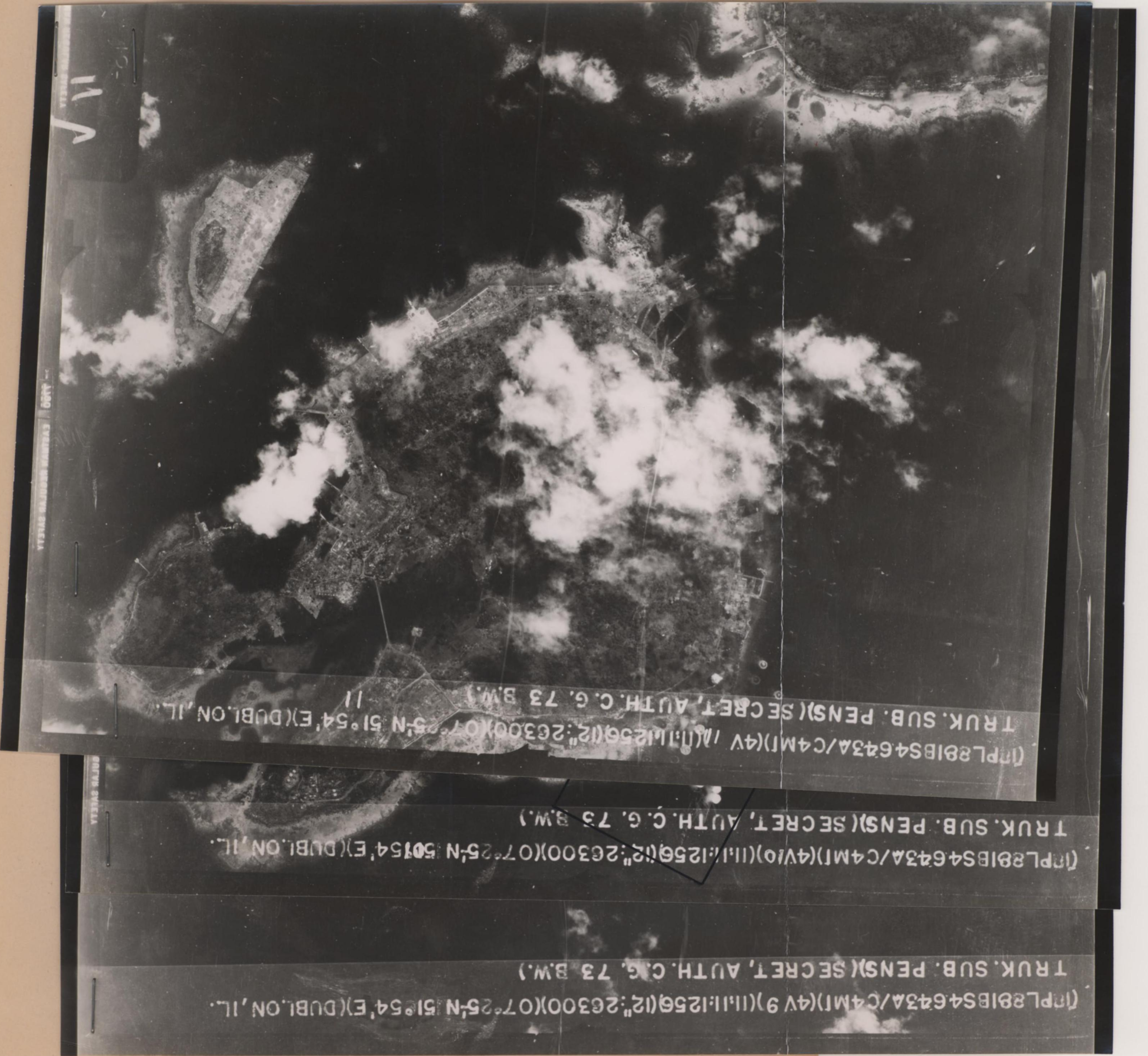
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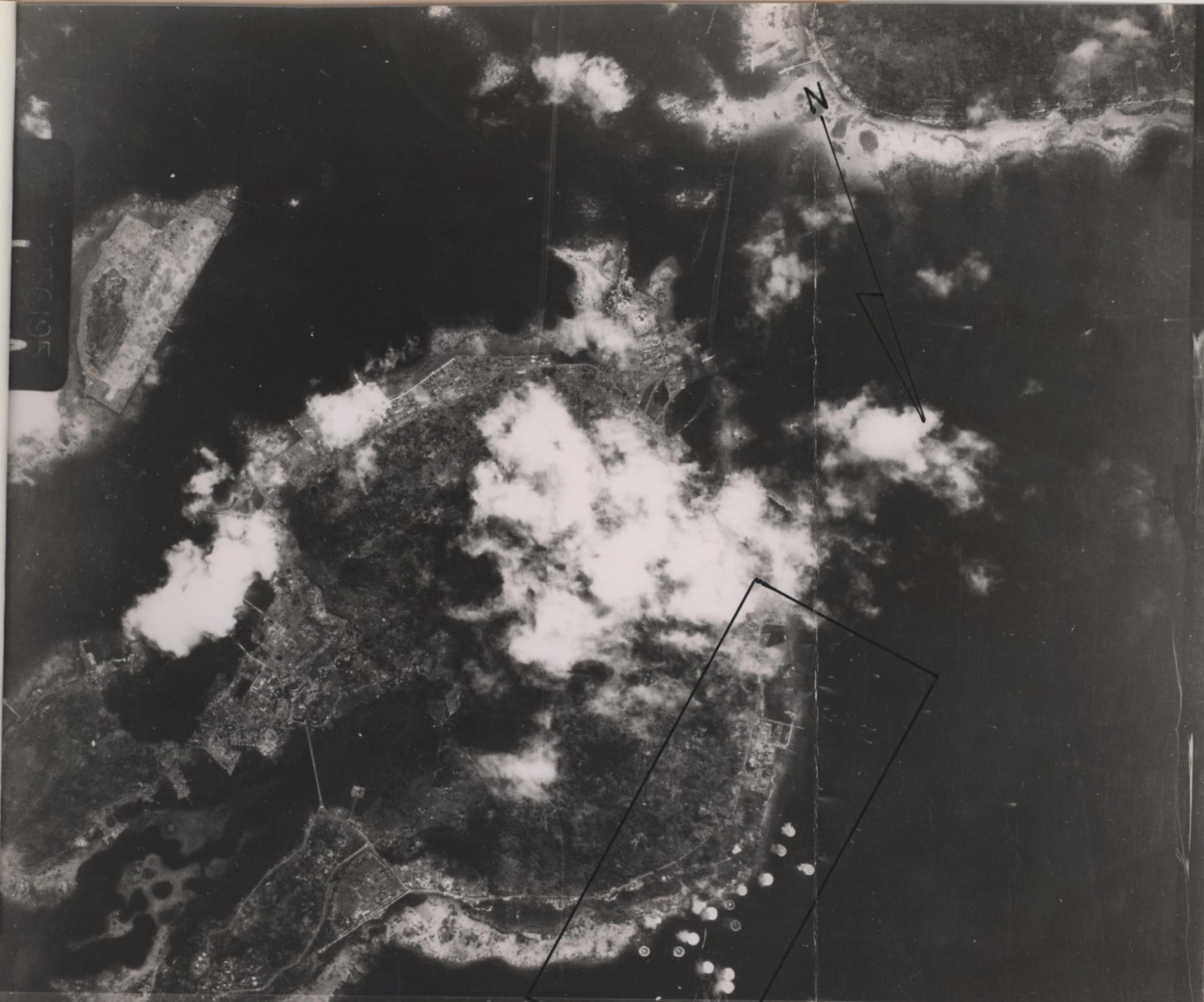
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P. I. REPORT

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DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

SUMMARY

The quality and coverage of the photographs are good. The scale of the photographs is approximately 1:12,500 and 1:26,800. The aiming point was the large building located at the northern end of the defense unit on the western side of Dublin Island.

Approximately 50 bomb bursts can be seen, 15 being within 1000 feet of the aiming point. Of these, 2 bursts scored direct hits on the road 800 feet north of the aiming point. In the target area 4 bursts can be observed scoring hits on a barracks building. This building appears to be burning.

The majority of the bursts found more than 1000 feet from the aiming point fell north of it. 15 of these bursts are visible in the water. In the area of the 4 munitions storage buildings several hits can be observed, one of these munitions buildings is burning. The remainder of the bursts are to the east of the munition buildings.

CONCLUSION

The mean point of impact appears to be 1600 feet short of the aiming point but since 30% of the total bursts visible fell within 1000 feet of the aiming point the results of the bombing were fair.

OBJECTIVE INTELLIGENCE DATA

There are approximately 25 small vessels west of Dublin Island. The road along the eastern side of the defense unit and to the south east of the defense unit has been completely restored. The two piers have been partially repaired and can be used. The causeway damaged during the Mission No. 4 has been repaired too. Other areas damaged in previous missions cannot be seen due to cloud cover. Thus the degree to which those areas have been restored cannot be determined.

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13 Nov 1944

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NAVIGATIONAL DATA

1. Nine scheduled A/C departed during the period 0059Z to 0107Z.
2. Assembly of the squadron was accomplished according to plan.
3. The entire mission was flown according to briefed plan - Radar was used to and from the target as a navigational aid.

Basic Data

1. Time of take off from Isley Field Saipan:
First A/C 0059Z
Last A/C 0107Z
2. Initial Point:
08° 07'N 152° 17'E
0347Z 26,000 ft.
3. Target - Briefed
0356Z 25,000 ft.
4. Time of landing:
First A/C 0635Z
Last A/C 0700Z
5. A/C returning early:
A/C #42-24660 returned with cylinder head blown off #16 cylinder, #2 engine.

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13 Nov 1944

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BOMBING DATA

1. Weather conditions in the target area were better than briefed enabling the squadron of eight aircraft to bomb visually.
2. The leader made a radar approach but sighted visually for range and deflection before releasing bombs. The other seven aircraft sighted for range only.
3. Bombing results are considered fair. Strike photographs indicate fifteen bombs hit within 1000 ft. of the aiming point. Direct hits were scored on a barracks building and several munition storage buildings setting them on fire.

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CONSOLIDATED MISSION REPORT

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WEATHER SUMMARY.

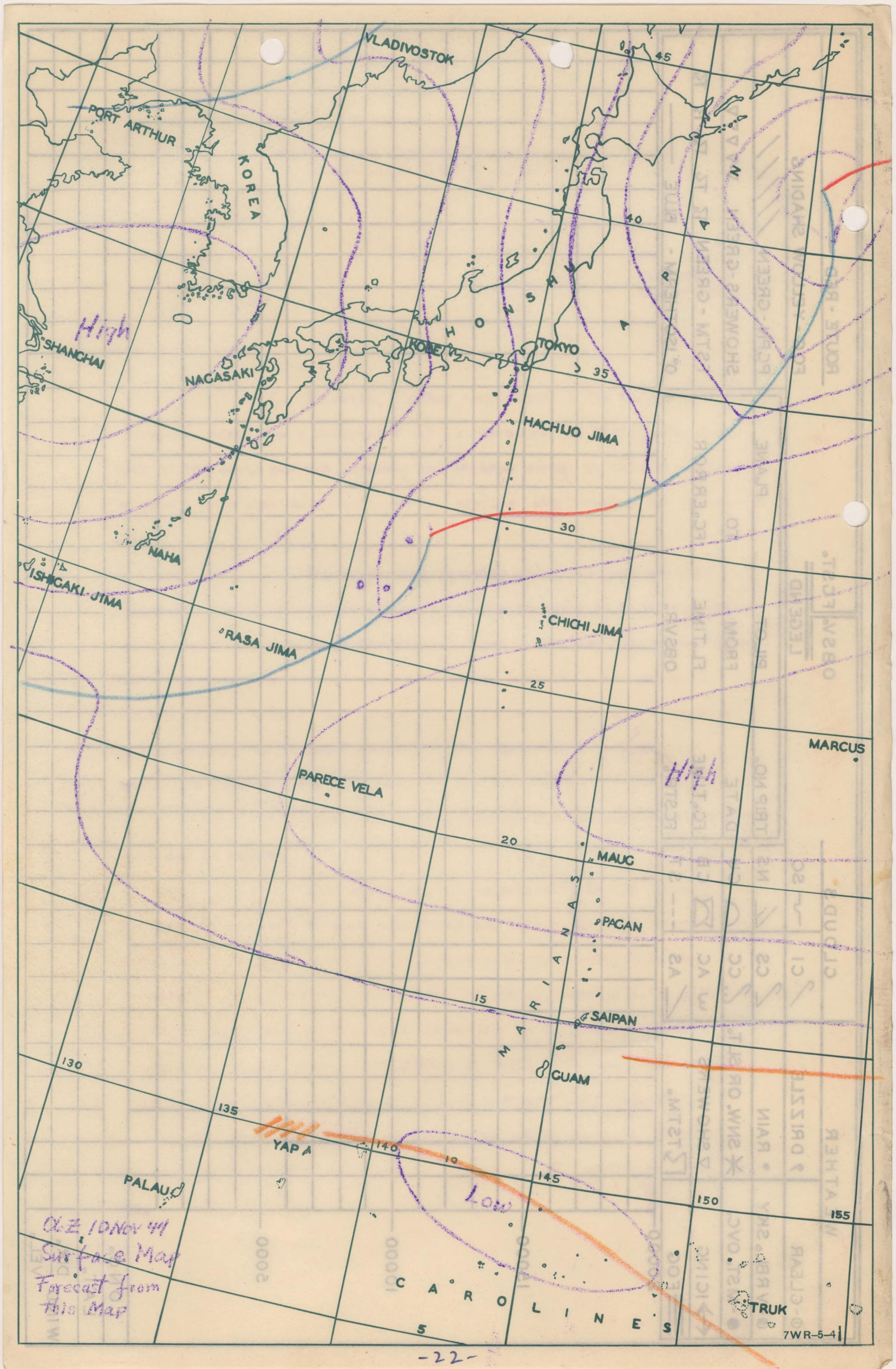
Improving weather conditions at the target were forecast since the equatorial front to the south was moving away from Truk to the south and was forecast to continue moving in this direction. On this basis then only scattered low cumulus were forecast for the target area.

The shear line crossing the route just south of Saipan at the time the forecast was made was forecast to cross the route at 10 deg N at the time of the mission. When this shear line passed over the base it appeared to be of only moderate intensity with moderate showers lasting a half hour or so. Also a/c reports showed no increase in its activity so it was forecast to give scattered C bs with tops at 25-27000ft oriented in a line E-W.

Scattered light afternoon showers were forecast for the base at return.

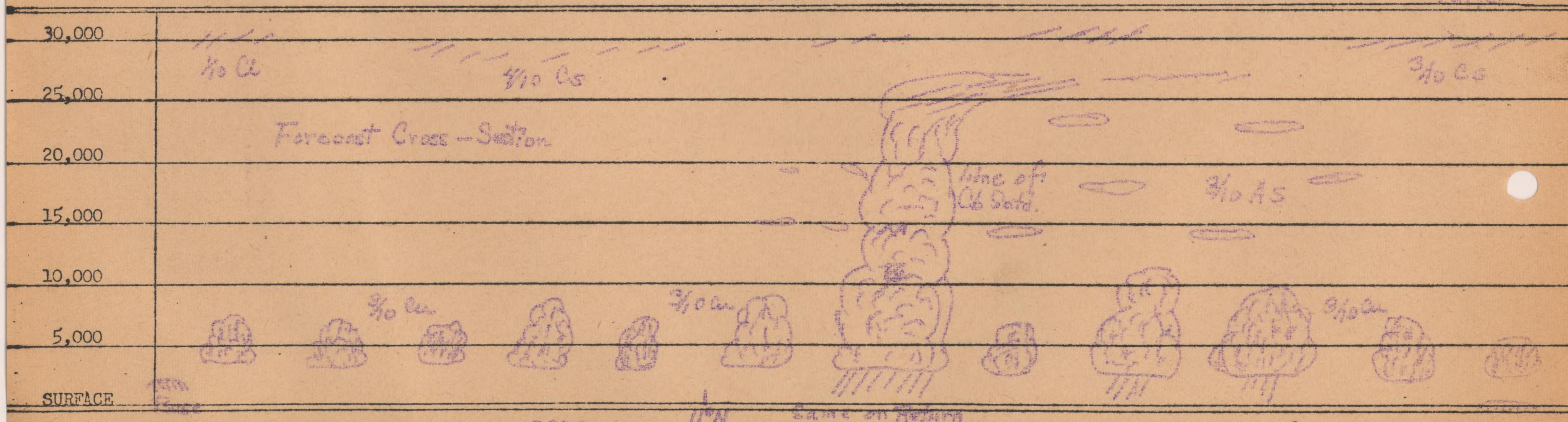
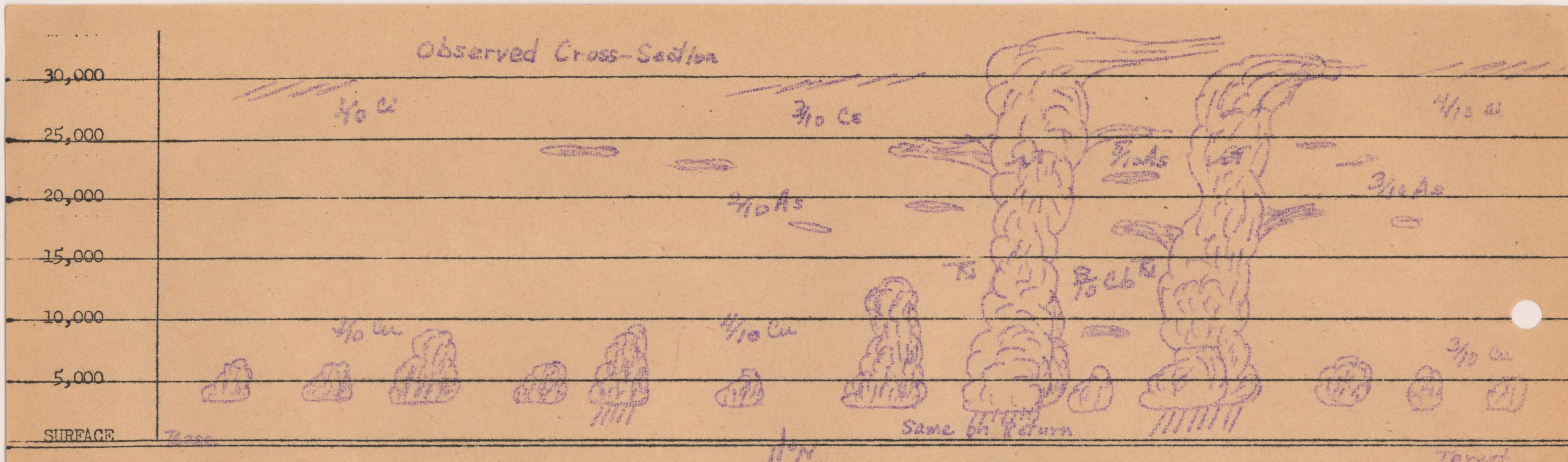
The shear line was encountered in the forecast position but was more intense than forecast with cloud tops reported of above 30000 ft in a zone about 100 miles wide. Apparently this zone was penetrated while climbing at the level of the altostratus layer giving a misleading impression of its width. Considerable lightning some of which struck a/c without damage and light icing were observed. The decrease in wind velocity south of this zone was encountered as forecast.

Weather at the target was as forecast with few low cumulus of fair weather and a few isolated Cirrus clouds. Bomb run was made visually.

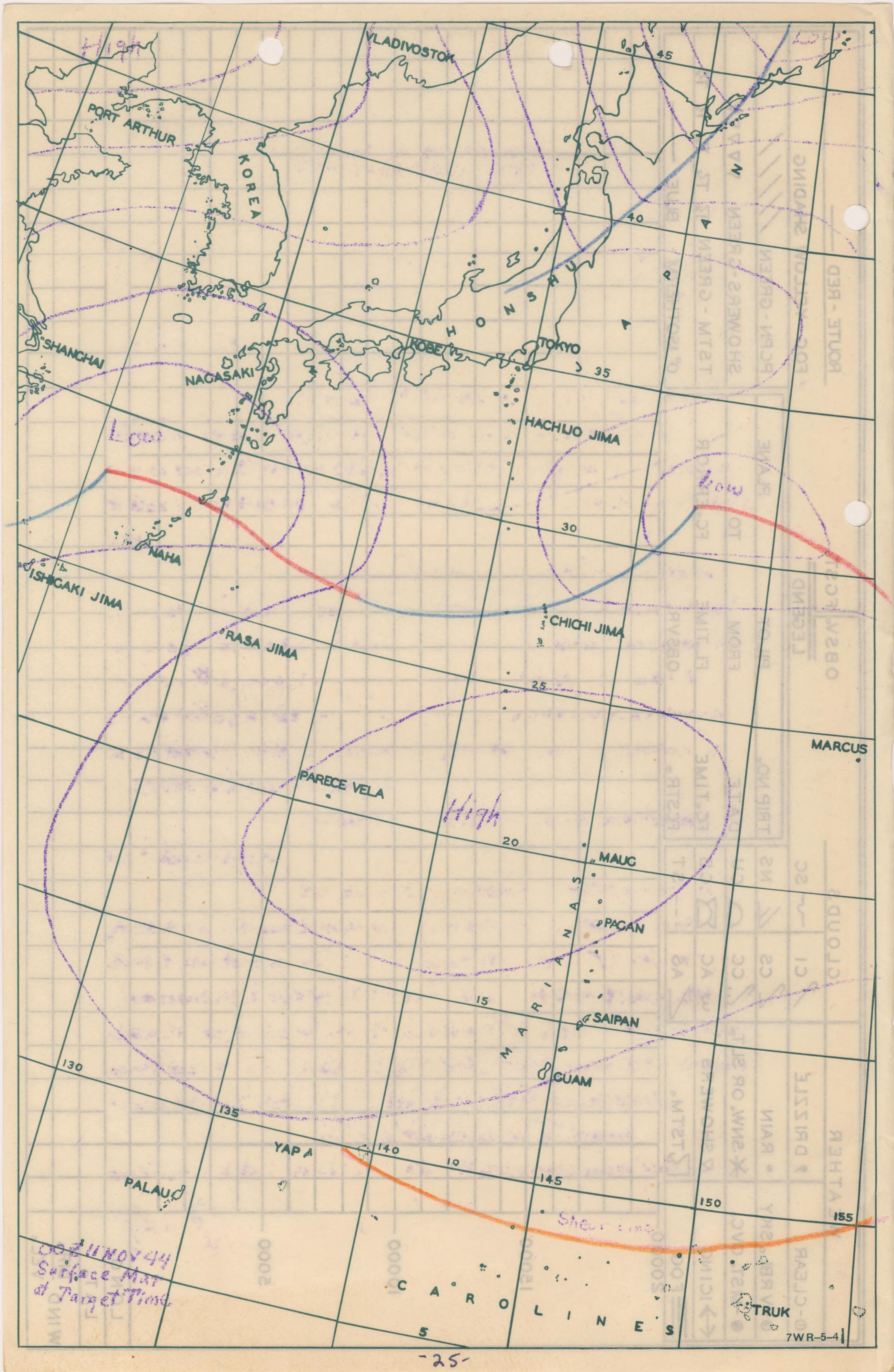


FORECAST		ZONE 1	ZONE 2	ZONE 3	ZONE 4	ZONE 5	ZONE 6
A	INTERVAL	Base to 11 N	11 N to Target	Return	Base on Return		
B	WEATHER	Partly Cloudy	Scattered Showers	Same on Return	Scattered Showers		
C	CLOUDS Amt, Type, Ht	3/10 Cu 6000 1200 4/10 Ci 26000	3/10 Cu 9000 2000 1/10 Cb 25000 1800 3/10 As 25000 14000 3/10 Cs 32000		4/10 Cu 8000 1800 2/10 Ci 22000		
D	VISIBILITY	15 Miles	18 Miles	Same	20 Miles		
E	CONTRAILS						
F	TURBULENCE	Slight	Moderate in Clouds		Slight		
G	FR'ZG LEVEL	16000	16000		16000		
H	ICING	None	In Cb's		None		
	WIND & TEMP	DIR. VEL. T.(°C)	DIR. VEL. T.(°C)	DIR. VEL. T.(°C)	DIR. VEL. T.(°C)	DIR. VEL. T.(°C)	DIR. VEL. T.(°C)
I	SURFACE	90 10			E-10k.		
J	2,000	90 15 23	110 12 23				
K	5,000	90 20 18	110 15 18				
L	10,000	90 20 10	110 15 10				
M	15,000	90 25 2	100 12 2				
N	20,000	90 30 -6	90 12 -6				
O	25,000	90 30 -15	90 12 -15				
P	30,000						

ALTIMETER SETTINGS : Takeoff: 29.86 Target: 29.76 Return: 29.77 .



ADDITIONAL TARGET DATA: Altimeter Setting: 29.76 in. ; Mean Temperature from Surface to 26,000 feet: 5 ° C. TARGET
 TAKEOFF Alt. 29.86 Return 29.77



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GUNNERY AND C. F. C. REPORT

1. Nine aircraft participated in the mission. Eight airplanes reported no malfunctions.
2. 100% of turrets and 99% of guns used were operative. A total of 5220 rounds of cal. 50 and 282 rounds of 20 m.m. ammunition was expended.
3. The only reported malfunctions were two link jams.

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FUEL CONSUMPTION DATA

A/C No.	Fuel Aboard	Position El.	To Target			Total For Mission			Landed		
			No.	Flying Time	Dist. Air Mi.	Fuel Used	Time	Dist. Air Mi.		Fuel Used	Fuel Remain
4656	5580	1	1	3:00	674	2484	5:83	1284	3920	1660	Saiyan
4643	5550	1	2	2:94	701	2533	5:74	1341	3500	2050	"
4680	5640	1	3	2:90	680	2499	5:72	1292	3746	1894	"
4652	5490	2	1	2:83	660	2495	5:59	1248	3725	1765	"
4686	5640	2	2	2:85	658	2696	5:53	1260	3834	1806	"
4672	5480	2	3	2:92	660	2550	6:00	1310	3605	1875	"
4671	5480	3	2	2:78	700	2445	5:68	1240	3988	1492	"
4653	5480	3	3	2:77	678	2595	5:88	1368	3936	1544	"
*4660	5820	3	1				2:78	558	2212	3608	"
<u>Tot. 50160</u>				<u>Tot. 20297</u>			<u>Tot. 17694</u>				

* A/C aborted due to engine failure.

	Maximum	Minimum	Average
a. Air miles flown	1368	1240	1304
b. Fuel used	3988	3500	3744

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SUMMARY OF ABORTIVES AND LOSSES

1.	A/C scheduled to take off	9
2.	A/C failing to take off	0
3.	A/C airborne	9
4.	A/C returning to home base early	1
5.	A/C failing to reach target	* 1
6.	A/C reaching target	8
7.	A/C failing to return to home base from target	0
	a. Weather	
	b. Insufficient fuel	
	c. Mechanical difficulty	
8.	A/C returning to home base from target	8
9.	* Operational losses	0

* - A/C #4660 - Head blown from #16 cylinder on #2 engine.

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PHOTOGRAPHS DATA

	K-18	K-19	K-20	K-22	K-	K-	Total
a. Cameras installed	1	0	0	3	0	0	4
b. Cameras in aborting A/C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
c. Cameras in lost A/C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d. Camera in A/C not lost but not returning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
e. Cameras with malfunctions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
f. Cameras in operating condition not taking photos	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
g. Camera taking photos	1	0	0	3	0	0	4

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Field Order No 19
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COMMUNICATIONS

1. Strike Report: Complete radio silence was ordered for this mission.
2. Fox Messages: No Fox messages were transmitted.
3. Radio Frequencies: Facilities of the 30th Bombardment Group were used.
4. Enemy Transmissions: None.
5. Equipment Malfunctions: None.

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MISSION NO. 7

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Consolidated Statistical Summary

Primary Target Dublin Island
(Truk)

Table I Aircraft Participating

	NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT				
	TOTAL WING	GROUP			
		497	498	499	500
A/C Scheduled to Take-off	9				9
A/C Failing to Take-off	0				0
A/C Airborne	9				9
Number of Non-Effective Sorties	1				1
Percent of Airborne A/C Non-Effective	11%				11%
A/C Reaching Target	8				8
A/C Bombing Target	8				8
A/C Failing to Return to Home Base	0				0

Table II Breakdown of Non-Effective Aircraft by Cause

CAUSE	NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT				
	TOTAL WING	497	498	499	500
Mechanical Failure	1				1*
Personnel Failure					
Flight Conditions					
Enemy Action					
Unknown					
Other					
Total	1				1

* A/C 660 - Blown cylinder head #16 Cylinder, #2 Engine.

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Consolidated Statistical Summary
Bombing Data - Effective A/C

Target Dublon Island Table III Bombing Run
(Truk)

	TOTAL WING	NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT			
		GROUP			
		497	498	499	500
A/C Reaching Target	8				8
A/C Dropping Bombs					
In Formation	8				8
Individual	0				0
Total	8				8
Time of Release:					
Earliest	0355 Z				0355 Z
Latest	0357 Z				0357 Z
Altitude of Release:					
Lowest	25000				25000
Highest	26600				26600
Visual Bombing - A/C Sighting for:					
Range & Deflection	1				1
Range	7				7
A/C Dropping on Leader	0				0
Radar Bombing:					
A/C Sighting	0				0
A/C Dropping on Leader	0				0
A/C Operated by:					
C - 1	1				1
Manual	7				7

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Bombing Data - Effective A/C

Table IV Disposition of Bombs

Target Dublon Island
(Truk)

G R O U P	Type & Weight of Bombs	NUMBER OF BOMBS										Percent of Bombs Loaded Released on Target	
		Loaded		Released on Target		Jettisoned		Unknown		Returned			
		No.	Tons	No.	Tons	No.	Tons	No.	Tons	No.	Tons	No.	Tons
497													
498													
499													
500	500lb Gp AN-M64 500lb Frag T4E4	133 40	33.25 10.0	112 40	28.0 10.0	20	5.0			1	0.25	88%	88%
Total Wing	500lb Gp AN-M64 500lb Frag T4E4	133 40	33.25 10.0	112 40	28.0 10.0	20	5.0			1	0.25	88%	88%

NOTE: Fuse setting - Gp. Instantaneous nose, non-delay tail.
Frag. 14.8 sec. nose.

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Table V Bombing Accuracy

Target Dublon Island
(Truk)

G R O U P	Bombs Released On Target		Number of Hits and Distance from Target									
			0-500'		500-1000'		1000-2000'		2000-3000'		TOTAL	
	No.	Tons	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
500	152	38.0	6	4%	9	6%	16	11%	12	8%	43	22%

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Table VI - Encounters with Enemy Aircraft*

DIRECTION	Altitude																	
	HIGH				LEVEL				LOW				TOTAL					
	497	498	499	500	497	498	499	500	497	498	499	500	497	498	499	500	Totl Wing	
Left																		
Front								3									3	3
Right								1									1	1
Rear																		
TOTAL								4									4	4

* Includes only enemy A/C making passes

Table VII - Enemy Aircraft Destroyed & Damaged

GROUP	DESTROYED	PROBABLY DESTROYED	DAMAGED
497			
498			
499			
500			1
TOTAL WING			1

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Table ^{VIII} Fuel Consumption Data

	TOTAL WING	GROUP			
		497	498	499	500
Average Fuel Aboard	5543				5543
Average Flying Time	5:45				5:45
Average Distance - Statute Air Miles	1293				1293
Nautical Fuel Used:					
-Average	3782				3782
Median	3735				3735
Maximum	3988				3988
Minimum	3500				3500
Fuel Remaining:					
Average	1761				1761
Median	1786				1786
Maximum	2050				2050
Minimum	1492				1492
Av Gallons per Hour	658				658
Av Gallons per Mile	2.92				2.92
Total Gasoline Con- sumed & Lost	32466				32466

NOTE: Approximate gross weight 127,000 lbs. Altitudes 45 minutes at 1500 ft, climb to 26000 ft, 41 minutes at 26000 ft, descent to base.

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Table IX Ammunition Consumption Data

AMMUNITION EXPENDED PER GROUP					
	497th	498th	499th	500th	TOTAL
20 MM.					
Fired				127	127
On Lost A/C					
Total				127	127
.50 Cal.					
Fired				5220	5220
On Lost A/C					
Total				5220	5220

AMMUNITION EXPENDED PER PLANE					
	497th	498th	499th	500th	TOTAL
Upper front				210	210
Lower front				125	125
Upper rear				80	80
Lower rear				119	119
.50 Cal. Tail				100	100
Total .50 Cal.				634	634
20 MM Tail				15	15

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