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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON
318TH FIGHTER GROUP
VII FIGHTER COMMAND, SEVENTH AIR FORCE
ARMY AIR FORCES, PACIFIC OCEAN AREA
A.P.O. # 244

ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY
SUPPLEMENT NUMBER TWELVE
1 MARCH 1945 - 31 MARCH 1945

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1. DATE OF ARRIVAL AT AND DEPARTURE FROM EACH STATION OCCUPIED IN THIS THEATRE:

Air Echelon (41 officers and 51 enlisted men) departed Kagman Point Field 25 March 1945 and arrived Kessler Field same date.

2. LOSSES IN ACTION (KILLED, WOUNDED AND MISSING).

Negative.

3. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS.

See Appendix #2.

4. ORGANIZATION.

Negative.

5. STRENGTH, PERSONNEL.

Seventy (70) officers.
Two hundred and forty five (245) enlisted men.

6. STRENGTH, AIRPLANES.

1 March - Fifteen (15) P-47D-11-RE
Seven (7) P-47D-11-RA
Two (2) P-47D-20-RA
Eight (8) P-38L-0

31 March - Fourteen (14) P-47D-11-RE
Five (5) P-47D-11-RA
Two (2) P-47D-20-RA
Two (2) P-47E-2

7. LOSSES, AIRPLANES

One (1) P-47D-11-RE lost at sea when pilot bailed out after engine cut out on 9 March 1945.

Two (2) P-47D-11-RA transferred to Air Depot, APO 246.
Eight (8) P-38L-0 transferred to Air Depot, APO 246.

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAFNARRATIVE

Early in March the 73rd reached an all-time high in officer strength. Twelve new pilots and one ground officer were assigned and two pilots returned to the States on re-assignment for a net gain of eleven, bringing the officer total to seventy. The enlisted men strength remained at about the same level as the preceding month. Five men were returned to the States on regular thirty day furlough and one obtained an emergency furlough.

It was also in March that the Squadron received definite information that a move to a new forward area would soon be made and preparations which had started quietly during the latter part of February, got under way in earnest. Although the destination was not to be announced until some time later, a good percentage of the personnel formed rather sound conclusions based on the current situation in general.

As a result of the impending move and a continued lack of enemy air activity, flying time for the month again decreased, only 1046:15 hours being flown during the period. Of this total, 50:15 hours were combat time, and the remainder, 996 hours, consisted of C.A.P., training, etc. Of the five missions flown, four were Armed Reconnaissance to Pagan and the fifth was a bombing and strafing attack against Maug. One P-47D was lost on March 9th when Lt. SHEPARD's engine cut out while on high altitude patrol. He finally bailed out at about 900 feet over Magicienne Bay and was not injured. Two other P-47Ds and the Squadron's eight remaining P-38s were transferred to the Air Depot (A.P.O. #246) during the month. With the

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"D"s at the point of being nearly completely worn out, the pilots eagerly awaited arrival of the new P-47s. One other accident occurred when on March 15th, Major HUSSEY on returning from C.A.P. was unable to get his landing gear down and made a nice belly landing - he was un-injured.

As the month progressed, the various sections gradually ended all normal working routines and everyone concentrated on the great task of getting all equipment packed and ready to move. Squadron meetings were held from time to time to disseminate necessary information relative to the the movement to all personnel and personal gear of various types were replenished. All personnel went through a gas chamber to insure proper functioning of gas masks.

The air echelon, consisting of a majority of the pilots and approximately fifty key enlisted men, was chosen and the remainder of the men divided into squads to work as teams until such time as the Squadron was settled in its new home when operation by sections would be resumed. Enlisted men of the air echelon moved from Kagan Point Field to Kebler Field on 24th and 25th of March and on the latter date, pilots of the air echelon flew the old "D"s from Kagan to Kebler from which base they were to operate until departure for the new station. Due to shortage of equipment, vehicles, etc., servicing and maintenance at the temporary operating base constituted a real problem. On the last day of March, Major RASMUSSEN (Group Operations Officer) and Lt. HARBOUR ferried two "D"s to Guam Air Depot and returned with the first two P-47s. These first two were assigned to the 73rd and the remainder were to be delivered in April.

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In the meantime the ground echelon, under command of Captain SINAUER, completed the Squadron's packing and on 31 March, loading of ships began. Two ships, the U.S.S. KENMORE and the S.S.S. HALL YOUNG, were to provide transportation for the Group. The latter was to carry the bulk of the equipment plus details of men from each Squadron and Group Headquarters and the former was to carry the main body of men plus some priority equipment.

Health and morale of the "Barflies" was generally good though what was to be their last month on Saipan. Everyone worked hard but time was still found for some relaxation. The Squadron soft ball league games were completed with the "Commandos" (made up of the small sections) managed by Sgt POSNER, S-2 section chief, emerging victorious with five wins and no losses.

Although the definite date for leaving Saipan had not been announced, there was a strong feeling that before many days had passed in April, the outfit would be on its way again.

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CHRONOLOGY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

2 March: Cpl KENNETH M. SMITH fr dy to tdy cas dep CPBC APO 954 for shipment to U.S. for 30 day furlough.

3 March: Captain GERALD R. GRAEBER, O-662917, asgd fr Hq 318th Gp as of 2 March per par 1, SO 17 Hq 318th Gp, AAF, APO 244.

4 March: S/Sgt JONAH KLEINEBERG fr 30 day furlough to dy.

Cpl RALPH A. ASHER asgd fr Hq 318th Gp as of 3 March.

Following listed men leave on furlough to U.S:

S/Sgt RAO EASTWOOD

Sgt DONALD D. ROBERTS

Sgt CHARLES F. SMITH

6 March: Following officers asgd fr Hq 318th Gp off 2 March per par 2, SO 18, Hq 318th Gp, APO 244

1st Lt. WILLIAM S. HARRIS O-742868

2nd Lt. JAMES R. CLARK O-832792

2nd Lt. DANIEL R. CLARKE O-832347

2nd Lt. CHARLES F. CONCORAN O-832796

2nd Lt. FREDERICK S. JOHNSON O-832613

2nd Lt. FREDERICK B. LEWIS, JR. O-834242

2nd Lt. JAMES A. SINCLAIR O-825502

2nd Lt. ELLIS A. WALLENBERG O-708901

F/O JOHN W. COOK T-127256

F/O JOSEPH D. MENZA T-63511

F/O HOWARD D. MERRICK T-63025

7 March: Following enlisted men join Sq per par 1, SO 47, Hq 13th Repl Dep, APO 969:

M/Sgt

GULLION, ELIC E. 6250709

JOHNS, JACOB J. 17018090

LIMA, EDWARD 11021548

T/Sgt

ATKINS, GEORGE E. 6957471

KATZ, LEWIS 6919915

MCCAULLA, URAL L. JR. 15817959

NIEDHAM, MARVIN K. 17004065

NORTHINGTON, BEN A. 18048712

OLDS, ROGER H. 12023295

OVERCASH, DONALD E. 6919431

POLEN, CLYDE R. 13012838

SPRINGER, FLOYD P. 20902811

S/Sgt

ADAMS, FRANK L. 37137988

BAROSKY, JOHN W. 33087648

BOWMAN, CLARENCE W. 34188677

S/Sgt

CALIA, NICHOLAS 12022265

DEIVAUX, ARTHUR L. JR. 39234756

DUCHAN, LEONARD J. 16009718

FAWCETT, CHARLES P. 17014490

KRAUSS, JOHN J. 15074412

LAMFORD, FRED E. 34407011

MOKRZYCKI, WALTER S. 32276692

NAYLOR, GEORGE T. 18050998

OLSON, KENNETH G. 17026205

PEREZ, MARTIN 18043246

RABALAIS, AARON S. 34155285

REBSAMEN, LLOYD G. 32521894

Sgt

BARTILL, ROBERT J. 36023266

SYLVESTER, BURNIS E. 18118248

Pvt

NICHOLSON, GORDON E. 19180462

URSINI, VINCENT H. 11136596

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8 March: 1st Lt. GEORGE F. HOLLY, JR. O-579996, asgd and jd fr Hq 318th Gp as of 7 March per par 3, SO 19, Hq 318th Gp, APO 244 and assumed prim dy as asst S-2.

9. March: 1st Lt. ROBERT H. AMON trfd in gr to POA unasgd and atchd (AC-RO) to cas dep CPBC APO 954 for further disposition per par 1, SO 60, Hq AAFFOA, APO #953.

1st Lt. ROBERT L. SHEPARD bailed out at 900 feet over Magicienne Bay when engine failed as he was flying high altitude patrol. Plane lost.

10 March: S/Sgt JOHN R. MCMAHAN fr DS Dep CPBC, APO 954 (30 day emergency furlough to U.S.) to trfd in gr to AAF unasgd reporting to Sep Cen for discharge fr the Army, per par 1, Ltr O, Hq CPBC, APO 958

11 March: M/Sgt EDWARD LIMA trfd in gr to Hq 318th Gp per par 1, SO 21, Hq 318th Gp as of 10 March.

Cpl DEAN C. MC CONNICK pmtd to Sgt (temp) per par 2, SO 21, Hq 318th Gp as of 10 March.

Captain HERBERT W. MARTIN fr DS to Bomber Command, APO 246, to dy.

Following 4 officers fr DS w/AAFFOA Rest & Rec center, APO 953 to dy.

1st Lt. EARL H. HARBOUR,
2nd Lt. ROBERT G. O'HARA
2nd Lt. THEODORE J. SYKES
F/O JAMES D. HANDLY, JR.

14 March: Following listed 2 officers and 3 enlisted men fr dy to DS w/Air Depot, APO 953 as of 13 March per par 6, SO 68, Hq 7th AF, APO 244.

1st Lt. JOHN S. MOFFATT
2nd Lt. ROBERT B. MILLER
S/Sgt HAROLD E. BARGER
S/Sgt EMMET L. GILMER
S/Sgt ROBERT W. YOUNG

15 March: Following listed enlisted men pmtd to Pfc (temp) as of 14 March per par 3, SO 22, Hq 318th Gp, APO 244.

Pvt JACK R. HAIZLIP
Pvt FRANK HESS, JR.

Cpl LEO W. DALLAIRE fr dy to DS Cas Dep APO 968 to await T to US for 30 day emergency furlough per par 1, Ltr O Hq Is Com APO 244

16 March: Following officers from dy to DS w/Air Depot, APO 953 per par 1, SO 67, Hq 7th AF, APO 244.

1st Lt. ROBERT L. SHEPARD 2nd Lt. ALBERT I. BRYANT

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2nd Lt. JOSEPH W. CECI
F/O ALBERT C. GAMACHE

2nd Lt. RODNEY W. SELFIDGE

18 March: 2nd Lt. FRANK J. GRAHAM trfd to AAFPOA unasgd & atchd unasgd to AAFPOA Rest and Rec center, APO 953, per par 1, SO 67 Hq 7th AF, APO 244.

22 March: Following enlisted men fr dy to DS Air Depot APO 246 per par 3, SO 74, Hq 7th AF, APO 244.

S/Sgt TEMPLE, A.F. ALLEN
FRANK W. CIENSKI
GEORGE W. DEADWILEY
WILLIAM R. HARMUTH
FRANCIS L. KELLEY

S/Sgt JACOB NASRALLAH and Pfc PAUL W. MCHENRY presented the Soldier's Medal for heroism. Awards presented by General Douglass in a ceremony at Kagman Point Fld on 20 March 1945.

23 March: Following men leave on 30 day furlough to US.

Sgt KENNETH A. JARVIS
Cpl DEWEY ISAACS

Captain ALAN B. SINAUER detailed as Commanding Officer (Ground Echelon) (add dy) as of 20 March.

1st Lt. EARL H. HARBOUR reld fr Element Ldr and detailed to Flt Comdr "B" Flt as of 20 March.

Following listed pilots detailed to Element Ldr (prim dy) as of 20 March:

Captain GERALD R. GRAEBER
1st Lt. JOHN W. AYLER
2nd Lt. J. T. SPIVEY
2nd Lt. HENRY J. YAEGER, JR.

CWO ARTHUR N. ALDRIDGE detailed to asst Engr O (prim dy) as of 14 January 1945.

25 March: Following listed men fr dy to DS Air Depot APO 953 per par 3, SO 74, Hq 7th AF, APO 244.

Sgt SAM S. RIZZUTO
Sgt RICHARD S. ROCHER
Sgt HAROLD H. WORKMAN

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28 March: Following Officers fr dy to DS Air Depot APO 953 per par 8,
SO 73, Hq 7th A F, APO 244:

1st Lt. DONALD C. KANE
2nd Lt. DELMAR A. HORNER
2nd Lt. THOMAS D. MARTIN, JR.
2nd Lt. KEITH W. MATTISON
2nd Lt. ROBERT W. REDFIELD.

TOTAL STRENGTH: 245 Enlisted Men
70 Officers

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HEADQUARTERS
318TH FIGHTER GROUP AAF
APO 244

APPENDIX # 1

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 28)

31 March 1945

1. Eff 1 Apr 45 the following Offs and EM (Air Echelon) orgns indicated, are placed on DS with Det, Hq 318th Ftr Gp AAF at APO 244. WP. Upon completion of the DS will return to proper orgn and sta.

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73RD FIGHTER SQ AAF

MAJ JOHN J HUSSEY JR
CAPT HERBERT W MARTIN
CAPT LEWIS A. NELSON
CAPT JOHN B STEWART
1ST LT JOHN W AYLER III
1ST LT ALFORD J BABCOCK
1ST LT WALTER K BYERS
1ST LT JOHN R GALT
1ST LT EARL H HARBOUR
1ST LT DONALD C KANE
1ST LT JOHN S MOFFATT
1ST LT ROBERT H NESER
1ST LT ROBERT L SHEPARD
1ST LT JOHN M STEVENS
2ND LT GLENN L ANDERSON
2ND LT EUBANKS BARNHILL
2ND LT VICTOR C BESCHE
2ND LT HORACE D BENNETT
2ND LT MARSHALL C BLACKWOOD
2ND LT ALBERT I BRYANT
2ND LT JAMES E CAMPBELL
2ND LT JOSEPH J DE VONA
2ND LT JOSEPH W CEGI
2ND LT GERALD J HEAGNEY
2ND LT DELMER A HORNER
2ND LT THOMAS R. MARTIN
2ND LT KEITH W MATTISON
2ND LT ROBERT B MILLER
2ND LT LLOYD R MILLET
2ND LT ROBERT G O'HARA
2ND LT KARL A PACK
2ND LT ROBERT REDFIELD
2ND LT RODNEY W SELFRIDGE
2ND LT ROBERT P SCHUM

2ND LT J T SPIVEY
2ND LT KENNETH W TITUS
2ND LT JOE D WOODS
2ND LT ROY H WEBSTER
2ND LT HENRY J YAEGER JR
PLT OTALBERT C GAMACHE JR
PLT O JAMES D HANDLY JR
M Sgt Jacob J Johns
T Sgt Donald Stebaugh
S Sgt Temple A F Allen
S Sgt Harold E Barger
S Sgt Frank W Cienski
S Sgt George W Deadwiley
S Sgt Emmet L Gilmer
S Sgt William R Hagmuth
S Sgt Francis L Kelley
S Sgt William L Lawson
S Sgt Martin Perez
S Sgt Claude W Rhodes
S Sgt Alfred H Schmid
S Sgt Joseph E Slattery
S Sgt William J Sovak
S Sgt Otto W Starkey
S Sgt Joseph E Turczyn
S Sgt Robert W Young
Sgt Lawrence W Berrier
Sgt Thomas J Betker
Sgt George H Biggie
Sgt Herbert E Handy
Sgt Ross C Jolivette
Sgt James A Liss
Sgt Dean C McCormick
Sgt Floyd E Meacham
Sgt Raymond E Murphy

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SO 28 3/31/45, Extract Cont'd

Sgt Carl J Ratz
 Sgt Sam S Rizzuto
 Sgt Ernest E Roberts
 Sgt Richard S Recher
 Sgt Andrew G Solensky
 Sgt Kenneth H Steiner
 Sgt Joseph C Whitehead
 Sgt Frank R Williams
 Sgt Raymond F Wilson
 Sgt Harold H Workman
 Sgt James M Wright

Cpl Bob E Drake
 Cpl Orvin E Ellestad
 Cpl Clyde M Ewers
 Cpl John H MacInnis
 Cpl Clarence L McKean
 Cpl Frank Meditz
 Cpl Andrew E Offner
 Cpl Wallace F Osborne
 Cpl Eldon W Peterson
 Cpl Gene A Silicani
 Pfc Frank Hess Jr
 Pfc Joseph L Hughes

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By Order of Lieutenant Colonel CGK:

JOHN H. TALBOT,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ John H. Talbot
 /t/ JOHN H. TALBOT
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

A TRUE COPY:

John N. Blair
 JOHN N. BLAIR,
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Intelligence Officer.

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SECRETHEADQUARTERS ARMY GARRISON FORCE
APO 244APPENDIX # 2

AG 370.5

9 March 1945

SUBJECT: Movement Order, Shipments Number 94945, 94946, 94948, 94949,
94489, 94970, and 94491.

TO : Commanding General, Seventh Air Force.

References: (a) C&GPOA classified serial 000168 29 January 1945 as changed
by C&GPOA classified serial 000276 24 February 1945.(b) Letter, this Headquarters, file AF 370.5-D, subject: Warning
Orders, to CG Seventh A.F., dated 21 February 1945.

(c) Annex 13, Tenth Army Operation Plan 1-45.

1. Recission. Paragraph 1, reference (b) is cancelled.2. Shipment Numbers. Pursuant to authority contained in reference (a)
you will take the necessary action for which you are responsible to prepare
the units listed below for movement from present station to a new destination.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>T/O & E</u>	<u>Auth Strength</u>			<u>Shipment</u>	<u>Mounting Point</u>
		<u>Off</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Civ</u>	<u>Number</u>
*	*	*	*	*	*	*
73d Ptr Sq	1-27 22 Dec 43 w/Ch 1 dtd 26 Feb 44 & Ch 2 dtd 1 Dec 44	26	178			94948
						Saipan
*	*	*	*	*	*	*

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL JARMAN:

/s/ R. O. Danielson
/t/ R. O. DANIELSON,
Capt., A. G. D.,
Asst Adj General.

A TRUE COPY:


JOHN N. BLAIR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY GARRISON FORCE
APO 244

AG 370.5-D

21 February 1945

Subject: Warning Orders

To : Commanding General, Seventh Air Force.

Reference: (a) Classified Radio, Commander Forward Area, Central Pacific,
180511 February 1945.1. In accordance with reference (a), the units listed below are alerted
for movement to a new destination.

<u>Shipment Number</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>T/O & E</u>
*	*	*
94487	73d Fighter Squadron	1-2 7 Dec 43
*	*	*

By command of Major General JARMAN:

/s/ R. O. Danielson
/t/ R. O. DANIELSON,
Capt., A. G. D.,
Asst Adj General.

A TRUE COPY:

John N. Blair
JOHN N. BLAIR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

APPENDIX #3

HEADQUARTERS
318TH FIGHTER GROUP, AAF
APO #244

APPENDIX # 3

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18 March 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : All Personnel, 73d Fighter Squadron, AAF, APO #244.

1. It is with great satisfaction that I commend all pilots and ground personnel of the 73d Fighter Squadron, AAF, who, through long hours and hard work, made possible the successful achievements accomplished by a low level strafing attack on Iwo Jima, 27 December 1944 by a P-38 Provisional Squadron from this Group.

2. An enemy Naval Transport was attacked by eight of our P-38 aircraft and was subsequently eliminated and beached. Two enemy aircraft were completely destroyed and two severely damaged. These were the consummate results of the fighter sweep strike mentioned herein.

3. I am proud of such achievements and for the splendid work of all of you as a team to maintain these efforts. Keep up the good work.

L. M. SANDERS
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

A TRUE COPY:

John N. Blair
JOHN N. BLAIR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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<u>TYPE OF MISSION</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	
		<u>PAGAN SORTIES</u>	<u>MAUG* SORTIES</u>
ARMED RECON	4	16	
**BOMBING & STRAFING	1		4
TOTALS	5	16	4

PLANES COMPLETING MISSIONS -- 20

* AS MISSIONS TO MAUG WAS FOR LONGER THEN 3-1/2 HOURS DURATION
IT IS THEREFORE CREDITED AS TWO SORTIES EACH PLANE.
THEREFORE, THE TOTAL ACCREDITED SORTIES FOR THE MONTH IS:

24

** ON RETURN FROM MAUG, FLIGHT MADE AN ARMED RECON MISSION TO
PAGAN.

EXPENDITURES FOR MONTH

50 CALIBER AMMUNITION 2,908 ROUNDS
250 LB GP BOMBS WITH 4 TO 5 SEC DEMOY
FUSES.. 4

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16 March 1945

318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 3-12
73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 3-5

1. A. Four (4) P-47D's -- Including one Josephine.
B. None.
2. A. None.
B. None.

3. Armed Reconnaissance of Pagan
4. Lts. BYERS, SYKES, DE VONA, BLACKWOOD

Take-off: 1400 Over Target: 1500 Landing: 1600

Lt. BLACKWOOD failed to take-off -- Engine cutting out.

Flight made two passes over runway and then searched the remainder of the island with negative results. Runway and taxi strips are non-operational. No activity noted. No A/A fire received.

5. A. Enroute: 3/10 cumulus at 3,000 feet from Saipan to Pagan.
Over target: 3/10 cumulus from 1,500 to 4,000 feet. Above this there was a solid overcast extending to 10,000 feet. Visibility 5 miles.
B. Loud and clear.
6. None.
7. No ammunition expended. 600 gallons gas consumed.
8. None.

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A.P.O. # 244

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318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION #3-10
73D FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #3-4

1. (A) FOUR (4) P-47D'S
(B) NONE.
2. (A) NONE
(B) NONE
3. BOMBING AND STRAFING OF MAUG (EAST ISLAND) AND ARMED RECON-
NAISSANCE OF PAGAN.
4. LTS. GALT, DE VONA, KANE, MATTISON.

TAKEOFF: 1225

OVER TARGET: 1430

LANDED: 1605

THE FLIGHT FIRST SEARCHED MAUG LAGOON CAREFULLY BUT FAILED TO FIND ANY TRACE OF REPORTED SUBMARINE. THEY DROPPED WING TANKS IN GROUP OF SMALL BUILDINGS AND SHACKS ON WEST SIDE OF NORTH TIP OF ISLAND AND STRAFED THEM, SETTING THEM GOOD FIRES IN THE AREA. THEY THEN MADE THEIR LOMB RUN FROM SAME DIRECTION (SOUTH TO NORTH) EACH PLANE DROPPING ONE (1) 250 LB. G.P. TWO BOMBS HIT IN OR NEAR CENTER OF GROUP OF BUILDINGS, ONE WAS LONG AND ONE SHORT ABOUT 50 YARDS. THE FLIGHT SEARCHED THE REMAINDER OF THE ISLAND AND REPORTED THAT THERE WAS NO SIGN OF ANY ACTIVITY OR LIFE. THEY ALSO STRAFED OLD RADIO STATION BUILDINGS ON TOP OF CLIFF SOUTH OF DESIGNATED TARGET. ON RETURN TRIP THE FLIGHT MADE A RECONNAISSANCE OF PAGAN - THE RUNWAY AND TAXI STRIP ARE NON-OPERATIONAL. NO A/A FIRE RECEIVED FROM EITHER ISLAND.

5. (A) MAUG - .8-.9 CUMULUS FROM 3000 FEET TO 5000 FEET.
ENROUTE - TWO FRONTS (NEARLY SOLID) BETWEEN PAGAN AND MAUG FROM DECK TO 9000 FEET.
(B) COULD NOT CONTACT EITHER DUMBO - DUMBO'S NOT SEEN.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 2300 RDS .50 CALIBER AMMUNITION, 4 X 250 LB. G.P. BOMBS - 4 TO 5 SECOND DELAY FUSES, 4X165 GALLON GAS TANKS, 1600 GALLONS OF GAS CONSUMED.
8. NONE.

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8 March 1945

318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 3-8.
73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 3-3

1. A. Four (4) P-47D's -- Including a Josephine.
B. None.
2. A. None.
B. None.
3. Armed Reconnaissance of Pagan.
4. Lts. BABCOCK, MARTIN, TR, DEVONA and Major RINEBERG

Take-off: 1330

Over Target: 1425

Landing: 1550

The flight made three passes over runway at 1,000 feet altitude. Runway and taxi-strips are non-operational. Searched the remainder of the island with negative results. No A/A fire received.

5. A. Enroute: 7/10 cumulus from 3,000 to 6,000 feet.
Over Target: 2/10 cumulus from 2,000 to 4,000 feet.
B. Loud and Clear.
6. None.
7. No Ammunition expended. 1,000 gallons gas consumed.
8. None.

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF.
A.P.O. # 244

5 March 1945.

318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 3-5.
73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 3-2.

1. A. Four (4) P-47D's, including one Josephine.
B. None.

2. A. None.
B. None.

3. Armed Reconnaissance of Pagan Island.

4. Lt. RESER, F/O GAMACHE, Lts. YEAGER, ANDERSON (Violet 64).

Take-off: 1445 Over Target: 1540 Landing: 1700

Flight made three passes over runway -- runway and taxi strips are non-operational. Search of remainder of island had negative results. No A/A fire received.

5. A. Over Target -- CAVU.
Enroute - 9/10 cumulus from deck to 11,000 feet.
B. Poor.

6. None.

7. No ammunition expended. 800 gallons gas consumed.

8. None.

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF.
APO # 244

2 March 1945

318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 3-2
73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 3-1

1. A. Four (4) P-47D's.
B. None.
2. A. None.
B. None.
3. Armed Reconnaissance of Pagan.
4. Lts. STEVENS, WOODS, GRAHAM, SEIFRIDGE (Violet 64).

Take-off: 1620 Over Target: 1625 Landing: 1745

Flight made three passes over runway area at minimum altitude. Runway and taxi strips are non-operational. Strafed covered gun position on east end of cliff. It appeared to have guns in it. No A/A fire received.

5. A. Enroute: 6/10 cumulus from 1,800 to 6,000 feet as far as Guguan.
Over target: 3 to 4/10 cumulus from 1,800 to 5,500 feet.
B. Loud and clear.
6. None.
7. 600 rounds .50 cal ammunition. 800 gallons gas consumed.
8. None.

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