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Organizational History, 19th Fighter Squadron, 318th Fighter Group,
VII Fighter Command, Seventh Air Force. *AAFPOA*

July 1, 1944 - July 31, 1944

1. Organization:

Negative.

2. Strength:

46 Officers
248 Enlisted Men

3. Date of arrival and departure from each station occupied in this theater:

Negative.

4. Losses:

Capt. ROBERT T. VILES - Killed in Action
Lt. ALBERT C. SCHAFFLE - Killed in Action
Lt. JAMES H. PORTER - Killed in Action

5. Awards and Decorations:

The Order of the Purple Heart awarded to:

2nd Lt. HOWARD H. BARRETT
Sgt. Robert W. Amos
Cpl. George T. Cooper

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY, 19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF, APO # 244. (CONT'D)

Narrative History of the 19th Fighter Squadron for the month of July, 1944;

The 31st of July marked the end of the 19th Fighter Squadron's first full month of combat flying in World War II. Logging a total flying time of 2,298:30, a daily average of 74:05, the pilots put their P-47 aircraft to every conceivable combat use other than the one for which they were originally and primarily intended, that of high altitude escort and cover. (Inclosure #1). 82 scheduled missions resulted in a total of 667 individual sorties against the enemy. A breakdown of these missions reveals that the various available means of attacking the enemy were fairly evenly employed. The Dive-bombing and Strafing mission was most widely used resulting in 33 attacks of this nature against varied targets. 22 Strafing missions and 18 Bombing missions were the next most popular forms of attack. The remainder of the missions was made up of 4 Search missions and 5 efforts involving the use of Rockets. Though extremely effective against certain types of target the use of rockets has not been popular because of the extreme difficulty in gaining accuracy with the weapon. The rocket projectile is in a highly experimental stage and there has been a dearth of technical information in the CPA on their use. It was observed that in numerous instances and under similar conditions the trajectory of the rocket was very erratic. This Squadron used rockets unsuccessfully against gun emplacements and similar pin-point targets. It is felt that in their present stage of development greater effectiveness could be achieved against larger targets and target areas.

The armament expended against the enemy during July amounted to 199 1/3 tons of bombs, 95 (M-8, 4.5) Rockets and 459,100 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition. 669 500lb. G.P. bombs were dropped for a total of 167 1/4 tons. The remainder of the total bomb tonnage dropped was made up of 8-1,000lb. bombs, 2-130lb. Japanese bombs and 52-1,100lb. Fire-Bombs. Use of the 130lb. Japanese G.P. bombs was necessitated by an impending shortage of fuzes for our 500lb. bombs. They were comparable in effect to our 100lb. missiles but their further use was unnecessary following the timely arrival of bomb fuzes in quantity.

There are two types of Fire-Bombs in use in this area at the present time. One type uses a 165 gallon belly tank filled with a mixture of 2 parts diesel oil to one part 100 octane gasoline with a WP grenade attached. The other type uses the same tank filled with the new Napalm and gasoline mixture (22 lbs. of Napalm to 55 gallons of 100 octane gasoline) with the WP grenade. These two types were found to be equally effective and their continued use was highly recommended by the pilots. The first Fire-Bombs to be used against the enemy by any 7th AAF pilots took place July 22nd when Major HARRY E. McAFEE and Capt. CHARLES E. TENNANT dropped four bombs on Tinian Island (Mission Report # 7-53). From this and subsequent missions it was found that great accuracy could be achieved with this new weapon and that it is unusually effective against cane fields, wooded areas, undergrowth, and frame buildings.

Unfortunately, the Squadron's record of action against the enemy was not without loss of both personnel and aircraft. In the course of the month we lost 3 pilots and 5 planes, two of the former and two of the latter as a direct result of enemy action. One pilot and three planes were listed as operational losses.

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1st Lt. ALBERT C. SCHAFFLE was forced to bail out about 20 miles due south of Aguljan Island after probably having suffered a hit by enemy A/A fire on a strafing run against Rota Airfield, Rota Island, 2 July 1944. He was seen to parachute into the water, climb aboard his life-raft and start paddling toward the oil slick left by his plane (Mission Report # 7-13). A DD was dispatched to the scene and the next day four Search missions were flown but Lt. SCHAFFLE was never sighted again and is listed as Missing in Action.

Capt. ROBERT T. VILES was killed while on a Strafing mission against enemy CD guns on Tinian Island, 28 July 1944 (Mission Report # 7-76). The exact cause of the crash is unknown but it was believed that in his strafing run Capt. VILES hit a cliff causing his plane to crash on a plateau above the target. The aircraft was seen to explode and burn fiercely making Capt. VILES' survival impossible. He is listed as Killed in Action.

1st Lt. JAMES H. PORTER was the third 19th Fighter Squadron pilot to lose his life during July (Mission Report # 7-80). Armed with two 1,100lb. Fire-Bombs, Lt. PORTER, on his takeoff, was unable to clear a bulldozer at the end of the strip. His tail section struck the dozer and was torn off causing the plane to crash and burn. Lt. PORTER is listed as Killed in Action.

Three awards of the Order of the Purple Heart were made to personnel of the Squadron during July. On 13 July 1944 Cpl. George T. Cooper (History - June 1944) and Lt. HOWARD H. BARRETT, who was slightly wounded by a bomb fragment during a night raid a few days after arriving on the field, 22 June 1944, were awarded this decoration by Major General Jarman in a mass formation at Isely Field. On 20 July 1944 Sgt Robert W. Amos was also awarded the Purple Heart. He was injured by sniper fire while on a water run for the Squadron, 12 July 1944.

The month of July has been a momentous one in the history of the Marianas campaign. During the 31 days, Saipan was secured and Tinian Island and Guam were invaded. By the end of the month the capture of Tinian was considered to be a matter of hours and it finally fell August 1st. Despite almost daily strikes against their two nearest bases, Rota and Pagan Islands, the Japanese were able to mount several nuisance raids at the beginning of the month. The climax came the morning of 7 July when at 0030, just after an air raid "all clear" had been sounded, several shore batteries on Tinian Island subjected Isely Field to a severe ten minute shelling. Our first experience under enemy shell fire was a memorable one - fortunately we suffered no casualties. The 73rd Squadron lost one Enlisted Man and three Enlisted Men injured by shrapnel. There was no reported damage to any aircraft.

What appeared to be the last desperate effort of the enemy air arm against Saipan came the night of 7 July. Several bombs were dropped with no damage to our installations followed by a spectacular strafing attack by a single Japanese plane. Flying through a hail of ground fire the pilot strafed


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the length of the runway only to be caught and shot down by Navy A/A fire as he tried to clear the island. At the time it was believed that this suicidal attack was designed to distract attention from the north end of the island where, it was reported, attempts were being made to evacuate high ranking Japanese personnel by plane. Prompt and complete coverage of the area by Naval aircraft precluded any possibility of success in such a venture.

On 17 July 7 planes of the 19th Fighter Squadron in conjunction with planes of the 73rd Squadron engaged in a mission reminiscent of Oahu days when they met and escorted in to Isely Field the aircraft bringing Admirals KING, NIMITZ, and SPROUANCE and their staffs. They were met by Lt. General HOLLAND SMITH, USMC, and Major General JARMAN of the Army Garrison Forces on Saipan. The entire party left the field for a twenty-four hour stay on the island. This was the last item of unusual interest during July. The end of the month found the Squadron making preparations for its coming move to East Field, the new 5,000 foot strip on Kagman Point.

INCLOSURES: # 1 - Newspaper Article - Honolulu Advertiser
Squadron Mission Reports 7-1 to 7-82


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SUBJECT: Newspaper article from The Honolulu Advertiser, Honolulu, T.H.,
6 July 1944.

FIGHTERS RUN INTERFERENCE FOR SAIPAN INFANTRY BACKFIELD

A 7th AAF FIGHTER BASE IN THE MARIANAS, July 4 (Delayed): - The Thunderbolt fighters of the 7th AAF Fighter Command based here are seeing action daily but have yet to be called on to engage the enemy in aerial combat, the duty for which they are primarily designed.

Instead they are running interference for the ground troops on Saipan, pin-pointing their bombing and strafing attacks within a few yards of the American lines, and pinning down the Japs on the airfields they still hold on Tinian and Rota, islands near Saipan.

As ground support, the 7th AAF Thunderbolts work closely with the Marines or Army infantry as the case may be and the missions are coordinated to split second timing. Accuracy is paramount since an error of several yards could result in casualties among our own troops.

Typical of this action was the Jap stronghold that was disposed of the morning of July 1. A Marine infantry unit was held up by a strong Jap force in the ridge area east of the town of Garapan on Saipan. Heavy Jap machine gun fire put the Americans in the position of being unable to advance and not being able to bring their own fire to bear on the enemy.

A call went back from the battleline for aerial assistance and the 7th AAF fighters worked out a plan of attack. Four Thunderbolts were directed to their pinpoint target and after two test runs over the area the Marines signalled that everything had been lined up correctly.

The third pass and the attack, followed immediately with 32 fifty caliber machine guns — eight to a plane — blazing in screaming crescendo the Jap positions were ripped into shreds.

So close did the P-47 pilots come to the Marine's front lines that the empty shell cases from the planes' machine guns fell among the American troops.

The Marines moved forward as the Thunderbolts zoomed away from the target, taking quick advantage of the confusion wrought by the fighter attack. A few minutes later jubilant Marine observers notified the 7th AAF Fighter Command that their ground forces were advancing successfully through the Japanese defenses in that particular area.

On the morning of July 4 four more of the 7th AAF Thunderbolts were called on for a similar mission when Army infantry were being held up by strong Japanese fire two and a half miles northeast of Garapan.

Again the P-47 pilots lined up the target in two passes and wiped out the Jap gun positions with their terrific fire power on the third. This

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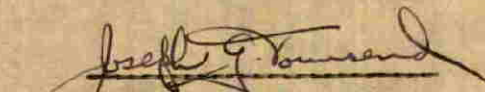
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time, however, they flew through heavy automatic weapon fire.

Shortly afterward the 7th AAF Fighter Command received this message from the Marines: "Thank P-47 pilots who made strafing attack. Attack excellently executed. Troops have driven ahead 200 yards as result".

In the regular attacks on the Rota and Tinian airdromes the Thunderbolts go in at low level carrying bombs under their wings and strafing with machine and rocket guns.

A TRUE COPY:


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1st Lt., AC

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1 JULY 1944

19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-1
 GROUP MISSION #7-1

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
 B. NONE
2. A. NONE
 B. NONE
3. STRAFE AND OBSERVE ENEMY ACTIVITY ROTA AIRSTRIP, ROTA ISLAND.
4. MAJOR MCAFEE, LTS. PETTY, JACOBSON, STAMPE. (BLUEGRASS 1)

TAKEOFF: 0455 - LANDING: 0625

FOUR PLANES, BLUEGRASS 1, TOOK OFF AT 0455 (LOCAL) TO OBSERVE AND STRAFE ENEMY ACTIVITY AT ROTA AIRSTRIP, ROTA ISLAND. AFTER TAKEOFF, FLIGHT TOOK UP A COURSE OF 280 DEGREES, AFTER TEN MINUTES, CHANGED COURSE TO 205 DEGREES FOR TWENTY MINUTES; CHANGED AGAIN TO 120 DEGREES. PLANES FLEW ON DECK THE ENTIRE DISTANCE. COURSE AND ALTITUDE DETERMINED PRIOR TO MISSION IN ATTEMPT TO AFFECT COMPLETE SURPRISE.

FLIGHT ARRIVED OVER THE TARGET AT 0530 (LOCAL). FIRST STRAFING PASS MADE FROM ON DECK, WEST TO EAST, RETIRING OUT TO SEA WHERE FLIGHT CLIMBED TO 8,000 FEET AND MADE A SECOND DIVING PASS ON TARGET. FLIGHT STRAFED BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS AROUND AIRSTRIP. NO ENEMY ACTIVITY OBSERVED. RUNWAY HAD BEEN MADE SERVICEABLE SINCE BOMBING MISSION 1500, 30 JUNE 1944. NO A/A FIRE RECEIVED.

FIRE STARTED IN CENTER AREA OF CENTER TAXI LOOP, NORTH SIDE OF FIELD. BELIEVED TO BE AIRCRAFT SET FIRE.

AFTER COMPLETION OF MISSION, FLIGHT WITHDREW AND LANDED AT BASE AT 0625.

5. A. CLEAR AND VISIBILITY UNLIMITED.
 B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 8,000 ROUNDS .50 CAL. - 700 GALLONS GAS.
8. ROTA RUNWAY NOW SERVICEABLE.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-2
GROUP MISSION #7-6

1. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. STRAFE ENEMY GUN POSITIONS AND AMMUNITION DUMP IN AREA 238XY,
SAIPAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. TENNANT, LTS. BACH, KENDLE, SHAFFER, (BLUEGRASS3)

TAKEOFF: 1300 - LANDING 1515

AFTER COMPLETION OF C.A.P. BLUEGRASS 2 WAS ASSIGNED BY CHEROKEE CONTROL TO STRAFE ENEMY GUN POSITIONS AND AMMUNITION DUMP IN AREA 238XY, SAIPAN ISLAND. TIME OVER TARGET, 1450.

FLIGHT DID NOT OBSERVE GUN POSITIONS IN AREA, ALTHOUGH DID LOCATE MANY DUGOUTS, CAVES, AND AN INSTALLATION THAT RESEMBLED A CELLAR ON TOP OF RIDGE IN AREA 238XY.

FLIGHT MADE FIVE STRAFING PASSES ON AREA. FIRES STARTED IN TARGET AREA. NOA/A RECEIVED.

OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE 30 - 40 OIL OR WATER DRUMS ON SOUTH SIDE OF BURNED OUT BUILDING IN AREA 259Y.

5. A. 8/10 COVERAGE AT 2,500 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 4,900 ROUNDS .50CAL. - 1120 GALLONS GAS.
8. FLIGHT LEADER RECOMMENDS BOMBS BE USED ON OBSERVED INSTALLATIONS IN AREA 238XY.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-3
 GROUP MISSION #7-7

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
 B. NONE
2. A. NONE
 B. NONE
3. DIVE BOMB GUN POSITIONS IN AREA 282P, Q, R, AND STRAFE ENEMY BARRACKS AND WAREHOUSES IN AREA 281K, L, M, SAIPAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. GUINNEE, LTS, DUNN, PORTER, DANYLO. (BLUEGRASS 2)
 TAKEOFF: 1415 - LANDING: 1540

FOUR PLANES OF BLUEGRASS 2 ARRIVED OVER TARGET AREA 282, SAIPAN AT 1450 (LOCAL). BOMB RUN WAS MADE FROM SOUTH TO NORTH FROM 8000 FEET WITH RELEASE AT 3,000 FEET. ONE BOMB OBSERVED TO LAND IN AREA 282R, AND ONE IN AREA 288Y. BLUEGRASS LEADER DID NOT CARRY BOMB AND BLUEGRASS 23 HAD DIFFICULTY RELEASING BOMB: HAD TO JETTISON BOMB OVER MARPI POINT AIRFIELD.

MEAGRE M/G FIRE RECEIVED FROM AREA 282R. BLUEGRASS 23 STRAFED POSITION AND IT CEASED FIRING. AFTER BOMB RUN WAS COMPLETED, CHEROKEE GAVE FLIGHT STRAFING MISSION IN AREA 281KLM. FLIGHT MADE ONE PASS FROM SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST, STRAFING ENEMY BARRACKS AND WAREHOUSES. FIRES STARTED IN INSTALLATIONS. MEAGRE M/G FIRE RECEIVED FROM BUILDING IN AREA 281-I.

5. A. 4/10 COVERAGE 4,000 TO 10,000 FEET.
 B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 2,600 ROUNDS .50 CAL. - 3 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS, 1/10 SECOND DELAY FUSE.
8. NONE

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-4
GROUP MISSION # 7-8

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. GROUND SUPPORT MISSION AGAINST ENEMY TROOPS IN AREA 210G, H,
SAIPAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. VOGT, LTS. DUNNING, BYRAM, SHAFFER. (BLUEGRASS 5)

TAKEOFF: 1540 - LANDING: 1710

FOUR PLANES BLUEGRASS 5 TOOK OFF AT 1540 FOR GROUND SUPPORT
MISSION AGAINST ENEMY TROOPS IN AREA 210G, H, AT 1540.

SMOKE WAS CLEARED IN AREA 210H BY GROUND FORCES. FLIGHT MADE
DRY OVER SMOKE AND AFTER RECEIVING O.K. FROM GROUND FORCES, MADE
A STRAFING PASS FROM THE EAST TO THE WEST OVER AREA 210G, H.
FLIGHT THEN DIVE-BOMBED AREA 210H FROM 4,000 FEET WITH RELEASE AT
2,000 FEET. OBSERVED TWO BOMB HITS IN NORTH HALF OF AREA 210G AND
ONE IN LOWER HALF OF 210G. LT. SHAFFER HAD MECHANICAL DIFFICULTY
WITH BOMB RELEASE AND JETTISONED BOMB OVER CLIFFS IN AREA 291J
MEAGER HEAVY A/A FIRE (40MM OR 75MM), ACCURATE FOR DEFLECTION
INACCURATE FOR ALTITUDE. COULD NOT LOCATE GUN POSITIONS FIRING.

5. A. 8/10 CPVERAGE AT TARGET, 2,000 FEET TO 9,000 FEET.
B. NOISY
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 4 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS, 1/10 SECOND DELAY FUSE, 1150 ROUNDS
.50 GAL. - 920 GALLONS GAS.
8. COMMUNICATIONS AND COOPERATION WITH GROUND FORCES EXCELLENT.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-5
GROUP MISSION #7-9

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. GROUND SUPPORT AGAINST ENEMY TROOPS IN TARGET AREA 211R, SAIPAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. VILES, LTS. LUSTIG, STAMPE, RODY. (BLUEGRASS 4)

TAKEOFF: 1145 - LANDING: 1315

FOUR PLANES, BLUEGRASS4, TOOK OFF FROM ASLITO AIRFIELD AT 1145 TO SUPPORT GROUND TROOPS PREPARING TO MAKE AND ADVANCE AGAINST ENEMY POSITIONS IN AREA 211P, SAIPAN ISLAND.

FLIGHT OVER TARGET AT 1240. CAPT. VILES, FLIGHT LEADER, MADE TWO DUMMY RUNS FROM NORTH TO SOUTH ON TARGET AND WAS INFORMED BY CHEROKEE CONTROL THAT HIS APPROACH WAS EXCELLENT.

FLIGHT THEN MADE STRAFING RUN ON TARGET IN STRING FROM SOUTH TO NORTH. PILOTS OBSERVED JAP TROOPS LEAVE SEVERAL BUILDINGS IN AREA AND ATTEMPT TO SEEK COVER. AFTER STRAFING RUN, FLIGHT CLIMBED TO 8,000 FEET. 2 X 500 LB. G.P. 1/10 SECOND DELAY FUSE BOMBS LANDED IN TARGET AREA 211P AND ONE OVERSHOT AND EXPLODED IN AREA 219K; LT. STAMPE COULD NOT RELEASE BOMB AND HAD TO LAND WITH BOMB STILL SLUNG UNDER SHIP.

AFTER COMPLETION OF MISSION CHEROKEE NOTIFIED FLIGHT THAT MISSION HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AND GROUND TROOPS WERE ADVANCING IN THAT AREA.

MEAGER M/G FIRE RECEIVED FROM AREA 210T.

5. A. 4/10 CUMULUS AT 3,500 FEET OVER TARGET AREA.
B. EXCELLENT COMMUNICATIONS
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 3 X 500 LB. G.P. 1/10 SECOND DELAY FUSE BOMBS. 2,200 ROUNDS
.50 GAL. - 500 GALLONS GAS
8. WHEN FLIGHT LEADER CALLED FOR SMOKE IT WAS RECEIVED IN FROM 30 SECONDS TO A MINUTE: EXCELLENT COOPERATION FROM GROUND TROOPS.

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-5
GROUP MISSION #7-12

1. A. FOURTEEN (14) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE-BOMBING AND STRAFING OF ROTA AIRFIELD.
4. MAJOR WILLIAMS, Lts. MATTISON, SNYDER, ANDERSON. (BLUEGRASS 12)
CAPT. NELSON, Lts. DEVONA, SHEPARD, BARNHILL, N (BLUEGRASS 14)
Lts. SPENCER, MILLER, WILSON, GREEK (BLUEGRASS 14)
CAPT. SLEPECKY, LT. LUSTIG. (19TH FIR. SQDN.)

TAKEOFF: 1500 - LANDING: 1630

TOOK OFF FROM ASLITO AT 1500. BLUEGRASS 20 AND THE 19TH SQUADRON ELEMENT FLEW HIGH COVER WHILE BLUEGRASS 12 AND 14 ATTACKED FROM THE WEST, DIVE-BOMBING FROM 10,000 TO 4,000 FEET. TEN HITS WERE SCORED ON THE RUNWAY, MOSTLY ON THE WEST END AND THE REST WERE ON EITHER SIDE. THESE SAME FLIGHTS THEN STRAFED FROM THE WEST ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY WHICH WERE BUILDINGS WAREHOUSES SOUTH OF THE FIELD, POSSIBLE DRUMS AMONG TREES SOUTH OF EAST END OF RUNWAY AND BARRACKS AREA NORTHEAST OF RUNWAY. THEN BLUEGRASS 20 AND THE 19TH SQUADRON ELEMENT DIVE-BOMBED FROM THE WEST, EIGHT BOMBS HITTING THE RUNWAY, ONE LANDING IN BUILDING AREA SOUTH EAST OF RUNWAY, AND THREE FAILING TO EXPLODE. THIS FLIGHT THEN MADE A STRAFING PASS FROM THE WEST ATTACKING TWO M/G POSITIONS IN HOUSING AREA SOUTHEAST OF RUNWAY IN 192H (NOT MANNED), BUILDINGS IN 192G, AND TWO TRUCKS NORTHEAST OF JUNCTION OF RUNWAY AND TAXI STRIP. ONE MAN WAS SEEN AND STRAFED. NO A/A WAS RECEIVED. LANDED AT 1630.

5. A. CLEAR AND VISIBILITY UNLIMITED
B. GOOD. CHEROKEE WAS CONTROL.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 10,210 ROUNDS .50 CAL. - 24 X 500 LB. BOMBS - 2400 GALLONS GAS. (DOES NOT INCLUDE 19TH SQUADRON ELEMENT)
8. 38 HOLES WERE EASILY VISIBLE IN THE RUNWAY. THERE SEEMS TO BE LITTLE PURPOSE IN INDISCREIMNATE STRAFING WITHOUR SPECIAL TARGETS.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-6
GROUP MISSION #7-10

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE BOMB AND STRAFE LIGHT GUN EMPLACEMENTS IN AREA 514J & O,
TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. MOHR, LTS. ANDERSON, LIEBGOTT, DOHERTY. (BLUEGRASS 6)
TAKOFF: 1300 -- LANDING: 1425

FLIGHT REACHED TARGET AREA AT 1330 AND ORBITED TARGET AREA AT 3,000 FEET OBSERVING ASSIGNED TARGET. AFTER OBSERVATION, FLIGHT CLIMBED TO 10,000 FEET AND DIVE-BOMBED TARGET FROM SOUTH-EAST TO NORTHWEST. BOMBS ALL LANDED LONG, NO HITS IN TARGET AREA. FLIGHT THEN MADE FIVE STRAFING PASSES ON TARGET. TRACER WAS SEEN TO ENTER EMPLACEMENTS. CANE FIELDS IN AREA 514J & O SET AFIRE. FIRE ALSO STARTED IN SMALL GROUP OF BUILDINGS IN AREA 515L. NO A/A FIRE OBSERVED.

5. A. 3/10 COVERAGE AT 2,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 4 X 500 LB. G.P. 1/10 SECOND DELAY FUSE BOMBS. 7,400 ROUNDS
.50 CAL. - 945 GALLONS GAS.
8. NONE

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-7
GROUP MISSION #7-11

1. A. SEVEN (7) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. STRAFE INSTALLATIONS AT ROTA AIRFIELD, ROTA ISLAND.
4. MAJOR MCAFFEE, LTS. DELP, RUFF, MARGINKO. (BLUEGRASS 1)
MAJOR MENG, LTS. LOFLIN, RHODY. (BLUEGRASS 33)

TAKEOFF: 1730 - LANDING: 1850

SEVEN PLANES OF BLUEGRASS 1 AND 33 TOOK OFF AT 1730 ON STRAFING MISSION AGAINST ENEMY INSTALLATIONS AT ROTA AIRFIELD.

FLIGHTS FLEW ON VECTOR 270 DEGREES FOR FOURTEEN MINUTES, AND THEN CHANGED COURSE TO 165 DEGREES TO TARGET, ALTITUDE 200 FEET. ARRIVED OVER TARGET AT 1802 (LOCAL). FLIGHTS MADE ONE STRAFING PASS FROM WEST TO EAST ACROSS RUNWAY AND AIRDROME INSTALLATIONS. SMALL FIRES STARTED ON NORTH SIDE OF RUNWAY AND IN BRUSH JUST WEST OF RUNWAY.

OBSERVED NO OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT, CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, OR A/A FIRE.

5. A. 5/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 3,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 13,300 ROUNDS .50 CAL. - 1200 GALLONS GAS.
8. RUNWAY OBSERVED TO BE UNSERVICEABLE.

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1. A. EIGHT (8) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. STRAFE ENEMY INSTALLATIONS IN VICINITY OF MARPI POINT AIRFIELD, SAIPAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. GUINNEE, LTS. DUNN, PORTER, DANYLO. (BLUEGRASS 2)
CAPT. VOGT, LTS. RHODY, LOFLIN, DUNNING. (BLUEGRASS 5)
TAKEOFF: 0520 - LANDING: 0730

AFTER COMPLETION OF O.A.P., BLUEGRASS 2 AND 5 WERE ORDERED BY CHEROKEE CONTROL TO OBSERVE AND STRAFE ENEMY INSTALLATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF MARPI POINT AIRFIELD, SAIPAN ISLAND. PLANES WERE OVER TARGET AT 0710 (LOCAL). BOTH FLIGHTS STRAFED INSTALLATIONS IN AREAS 281E, D, 287X, Y, T, 288K, F, AND 292P, K.

IN AREAS 277B AND 283V, BLUEGRASS 5 LEADER OBSERVED THREE CONCRETE INSTALLATIONS WITH JAPANESE TROOPS (15 PLUS) STANDING OUTSIDE OF ONE OF THE INSTALLATIONS. HE STRAFED THE AREA THOROUGHLY.

OBSERVED DIRT MOUNDS AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE EITHER A SMALL POWER UNIT OR COMPRESSOR ON MARPI POINT RUNWAY IN AREA 287E. IT APPEARED THAT JAPANESE ARE WORKING ON THE RUNWAY IN AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE IT SERVICEABLE.

MEAGRE M/G FIRE RECEIVED FROM AREA 288R AND S.

5. A. 3/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 4,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 6,000 ROUNDS .50 CAL. - 1600 GALLONS GAS.
8. NONE

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1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. BOMB AND STRAFE TWO ENEMY COAST GUN EMPLACEMENTS IN AREA 646P, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. SLEPECKY, LTS ANGELLE, RUFF, DECHARY. (BLUEGRASS 7)
TAKEOFF: 0800 - LANDING: 0910

FOUR PLANES, BLUEGRASS 7, TOOK OFF AT 0800 TO BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY COAST DEFENSE GUNS IN AREA 646P, TINIAN ISLAND. FLIGHT WAS OVER THE TARGET AT 0815 (LOCAL).

BOMB RUN MADE FROM SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ALONG COAST FROM AN ALTITUDE OF 9,500 FEET WITH RELEASE AT FROM 2,000 TO 5,000 FEET. TWO BOMBS LANDED IN AREA 646P, NEAR MISSES, ONE EXPLODED IN THE WATER IN AREA 645T, AND ONE OVERSHOT TARGET AND LANDED IN AREA 646 O. EMPLACEMENTS STILL INTACT AFTER BOMBING. FLIGHT THEN MADE FIVE STRAFING PASSES IN STRING ON GUN EMPLACEMENTS AND BUILDINGS IN AREAS 646P, 646U, AND 640A. THERE ARE ONLY TWO OTHER BUILDINGS STANDING INTACT IN AREAS ADJACENT TO TARGET AREA 646P. ONE IN AREA 646P AND ONE IN 646U. OTHER INSTALLATIONS IN THE GENERAL AREA APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED ON PREVIOUS MISSIONS OR BY NAVAL SHELLING. NO A/A FIRE RECEIVED. OBSERVED NO FIRES STARTED.

5. A. 8/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 5,000 FEET OVER TARGET AREA.
B. EXCELLENT
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 4 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS, 1/10 SECOND DELAY FUZE. 6,800 ROUNDS .50 CAL. - 600 GALLONS GAS.
8. OBSERVED HEAVY CRUISER OFF SHORE SHELLING AREA 646P.

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GROUP MISSION #7-17

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY CONCRETE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TARGET AREA 624K, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. VILES, LTS. LUSTIG, STAMPE, ROHDY. (BLUEGRASS 4)

TAKEOFF: 0920 - LANDING: 1030

FOUR PLANE OF BLUEGRASS 4 TOOK OFF AT 0920 TO BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY CONCRETE UNDERGROUND STORAGE IN TARGET AREA 624 K, TINIAN ISLAND. OVER THE TARGET AT 0950. BOMB RUN MADE FROM 9,000 FEET WITH RELEASE AT 2,500 FEET. ONE BOMB WAS OBSERVED TO EXPLODE IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS: 6230, 624K, 623J.

FLIGHT THEN MADE THREE STRAFING PASSES ON TARGET AREA. AS A RESULT OF STRAFING AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN AREA 624K FOLLOWED BY A FIRE WHICH APPEARED TO BE AN OIL FIRE. SEVERAL OTHER SMALL FIRES STARTED IN TARGET AREA.

MEAGER M/G FIRE RECEIVED FROM AREAS 624Y AND 624F,A.

5. A. SCATTERED CLOUDS AT 3,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 4 X 500 LB. G.P. 1/10 SECOND DELAY FUSE BOMBS. 4,900 ROUNDS .50 CAL. - 800 GALLONS GAS.
8. NONE

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GROUP MISSION # 7-18

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. STRAFE ENEMY GUN POSITIONS IN TARGET AREA 283U&V, SIAPAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. TENNANT, LTS. SHAFFER, COX, BACH. (BLUEGRASS 3)

TAKEOFF: 0910 - LANDING: 1120

AFTER COMPLETION OF G.A.P., FOUR PLANES OF BLUEGRASS 3 WERE ORDERED TO STRAFE ENEMY GUN POSITIONS IN TARGET AREAS 283U, V AND 277B. FLIGHT WAS OVER THE TARGET AT 1050. TWO STRAFING RUNS WERE MADE ON BOTH TARGET AREAS. PILOT OBSERVED 3"-5" GUNS IN TWO EMPLOYMENTS IN AREA 283U & V. TRACERS WERE SEEN TO ENTER THESE EMPLOYMENTS. ALSO OBSERVED SMALL EXPLOSION IN ONE GUN EMPLOYMENT.

COULD NOT OBSERVE GUNS IN EMPLOYMENTS IN AREAS 277B, BUT DID OBSERVE 4-5 EMPLOYMENTS. TRACERS ALSO SEEN TO ENTER THESE POSITIONS.

FIRES STARTED IN HOUSES AND BRUSH IN AREAS 277B AND 283V.

BUILDINGS IN IMMEDIATE TARGET AREAS APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE AND NOT DAMAGED BY PREVIOUS SHELLING OR BOMBING.

NO A/A FIRE OBSERVED.

OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE TWELVE ENEMY TRUCKS PARKED IN AREA 270C OR H, AND NUMEROUS LARGE TIN STORAGE SHEDS AND OTHER BUILDINGS IN AREAS 287Y, 281E, AND 288V, WHICH HAVE NEVER BEEN HIT.

5. A. SCATTERED CLOUDS AT 2,600 FEET
B. LOUD AND CLEAR
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 5,600 ROUNDS .50 CAL. - 900 GALLONS GAS.
8. NONE

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 GROUP MISSION # 7-19

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
 B. NONE
2. A. ONE (1) P-47D DAMAGED PROPELLOR.
 B. NONE
3. DIVE-BOMB ENEMY WOODEN BRIDGE IN TARGET AREA 242P, SAIPAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. GUINNEE, LTS. DUNN, PORTER, DANYLO. (BLUEGRASS 2)
 TAKEOFF: 1030 - LANDING: 1155

FOUR PLANES OF BLUEGRASS 2 TOOK OFF AT 1030 (LOCAL) TO DIVE-BOMB SMALL WOODEN BRIDGE ON ROAD IN TARGET AREA 242P. FLIGHT OVER THE TARGET AT 1045. FLIGHT LEADER CALLED FOR SMOKE ON TARGET AREA; GROUND FORCES WERE UNABLE TO SUPPLY AS THEY WERE NOT IN POSITION TO OBSERVE TARGET. FLIGHT LEADER MADE THREE DRY RUNS ON TARGET. BOMB RUN WAS MADE FROM SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST. ONE BOMB WAS OBSERVED TO HIT SOUTHWEST CORNER OF BRIDGE, ONE EXPLODED ABOUT 50 YARDS NORTH OF BRIDGE, AND TWO HAD TO BE JETTISONED OVER ENEMY TERRITORY DUE TO MECHANICAL DIFFICULTY.

IT WAS DIFFICULT AT FIRST TO PICK OUT TARGET AS IT BLENDED IN WELL WITH THE ROAD.

NO A/A OBSERVED. ALTHOUGH CAPT. GUINNEE HAD HIS PROPELLOR DAMAGED BY FIRE OF SOME SORT, AS QUITE A LARGE PIECE WAS KNOCKED OUT OF PROP.

OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE SMALL CARTS OR OTHER SMALL VEHICLES MOVING NORTH ALONG EDGE OF ROAD IN AREA 252W, X, AND S.

5. A. SCATTERED CLOUD OVER TARGET AT 3,000 FEET/
 B. LOUD AND CLEAR
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 4 X 500 LB. GP 1/10 SECOND DELAY FUZE BOMBS. - 820 GALLONS GAS.
8. BRIDGE APPEARS TO BE SERVICEABLE EVEN THOUGH ONE BOMB HIT CORNER, ALTHOUGH PILOT COULD NOT OBSERVE AMOUNT OF DAMAGE DONE TO SUPPORTS UNDER BRIDGE.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-13
GROUP MISSION # 7-25

1. A. TWELVE (12) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. ONE (1) P-47D
B. NONE
3. DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE ROTA AIRSTRIP, ROTA ISLAND.
4. MAJOR MCAFEE, LTS. SHAFFER, GRAY, ELENDR. (BLUEGRASS 1)
CAPT. VILES, LTS. ANDERSON, STAMPE, BYRAM. (BLUEGRASS 4)
LTS. SCHAFFLE, MALONE, PETTY, MARGINKO. (BLUEGRASS 9)

TAKEOFF: 1730 - LANDING: 1900

TWELVE PLANES, BLUEGRASS 1, 4, 9, TOOK OFF AT 1730 (LOCAL) FROM ASLITO AIRSTRIP AND RENDEZVOUSED WITH EIGHT PLANES OF 73RD SQUADRON OVER AGUIJAN ISLAND AT 9,000 FEET. SQUADRONS OVER THE TARGET AT 1810. BLUEGRASS 1, 4, 9, DROPPED THEIR BOMBS ON RUNWAY. OBSERVED 50% BOMBS HIT RUNWAY, AND 50% IN ADJACENT OPERATIONS AREA. AFTER COMPLETION OF BOMB RUN, FLIGHTS STRAFED AIRDROME INSTALLATIONS STARTING SMALL FIRES IN AREAS 207 AND 208.

ACCURATE MEAGER LIGHT A/A RECEIVED ON STRAFING RUNS. GAS LINES AND TANKS ON LT. SCHAFFLE'S SHIP HIT. OBSERVED BY LT. PETTY TO BE LEAKING GAS BADLY OVER TARGET. LT. PETTY INFORMED LT. SCHAFFLE WHO ACKNOWLEDGED. LT. PETTY IMMEDIATELY LEFT TARGET AREA WITH LT. SCHAFFLE AND REMAINED WITH HIM UNTIL HE BAILED OUT ABOUT TWENTY MILES DUE SOUTH AGUIJAN ISLAND. LT. PETTY OBSERVED LT. SCHAFFLE BAIL OUT, GET ABOARD RAFT AND START PADDLING TOWARD OIL SLICK. LT. PETTY HAD DIFFICULTY MAKING CONTACT (RADIO) WITH CONTROL AND BASE. HE ALSO TURNED ON EMERGENCY I.F.F. WHILE CIRCLING LIFE RAFT. LT. PETTY REMAINED IN AREA FOR 15 MINUTES AND RETURNED TO BASE. DD DISPATCHED TO SCENE. COULD NOT SEND DUMBO AS IT WAS LATE IN THE EVENING AND A LITTLE TOO DARK.

RUNWAY AT ROTA AIRSTRIP NON-OPERATIONAL. OBSERVED RAILROAD AND RAILROAD SPUR IN TARGET AREA 227P, Q, R, S, T, AND A WELL USED ROAD RUNNING PARALLEL TO RAIL SPUR.

AFTER COMPLETION OF MISSION SQUADRONS RENDEZVOUSED 5 MILES NORTH MOCHAN POINT, ROTA ISLAND AT 4,000 FEET AND RETURNED TO BASE.

5. A. SCATTERED CLOUDS AT 4,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.

BUN RUNWAY RENDERED NON-OPERATIONAL.

7. 24 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS 1/10 SECOND DELAY FUZE, 18,000 ROUNDS .50 CAL.

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6. OBSERVED BOMBS CRATERS ON RUNWAY FROM PREVIOUS MISSIONS PRIOR TO BOMB RUNS ON THIS MISSION.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-14
GROUP MISSION #7-27

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE (1) P-47D DAMAGED.
B. NONE
3. STRAFE ENEMY INSTALLATIONS AT ROTA AIRSTRIP, ROTA ISLAND.
(BLUEGRASS 3)
4. CAPT. TENNANT, LTS. COX, KENDLE, SHAFFER. (BLUEGRASS 3)

TAKEOFF: 0500 - LANDING: 0645

FOUR PLANES, BLUEGRASS 3, TOOK OFF FROM ASLITO AIRFIELD AT 0500 ON STRAFING MISSION AGAINST ROTA AIRSTRIP, ROTA ISLAND. ROUTE FLOWN - 300 DEGREES FOR 5 MINUTES, 200 DEGREES TO TARGET. ALTITUDE 50 FEET. OVER TARGET AT 0600.

FLIGHT MADE SIX STRAFING PASSES FROM WEST TO EAST AND NORTH TO SOUTH, STRAFING BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF THE RUNWAY. NO FIRES STARTED. NO A/A FIRE ENCOUNTERED.

RUNWAY OBSERVED TO BE WELL CRATERED AND NON-OPERATIONAL. NO OPERATIONAL ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

DURING STRAFING RUN, LT. KENDLE HIT TREE IN TARGET AREA AND DAMAGED PROPELLOR SLEEVES, COYLING AND ENGINE FAIRING ON HIS SHIP.

5. A. LOW SCATTERED CLOUDS AT 2,000 FEET.
B. COMMUNICATIONS GOOD

UNDETERMINED.

7. 4,700 ROUNDS .50 CAL. - 800 GALLONS GAS
8. OBSERVED MANY 5 X 20, EITHER CORAL COVERED OR CONCRETE, INSTALLATIONS IN AREAS 228, 218. THEY WERE WHITE IN APPEARANCE AND RESEMBLED BOMB SHELTERS OF THE TYPE FOUND ON SAIPAN. ONE END OF THE STRUCTURES APPEARED TO HAVE AN ENTRANCE AT ONE END.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, MISSION #7-15
 GROUP MISSION #7-28

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
 B. NONE
2. A. NONE
 B. NONE
3. SEARCH AREA DUE SOUTH AND WEST OF AGUIJAN ISLAND FOR PILOT DOWN AT SEA.
4. MAJOR MCAFEE, LT. PETTY (BLUEGRASS 1)
 CAPT. VOGT, LT LOFLIN (BLUEGRASS 5)

TAKEOFF: 0515 - LANDED: 0855

TWO PLANES OF BLUEGRASS 1, AND TWO PLANES OF BLUEGRASS 5 TOOK OFF ASLITO AIRFIELD, SAIPAN 0515 (LOCAL) IN SEARCH OF LT. SHAFFLE DOWN AT SEA TWENTY MILES DUE SOUTH AGUIJAN ISLAND AS A RESULT OF BOMBING MISSION ROTA AIRSTRIP 2 JULY 1944.

INITIAL POINT OF SEARCH, A POINT TEN MILES DUE SOUTH OF AGUIJAN ISLAND. FLIGHT SEARCHED THE AREA TO THIRTY MILES SOUTH OF INITIAL POINT AND FORTY-FIVE MILES WEST OF INITIAL POINT A TOTAL OF TWELVE HUNDRED FIFTY SQUARE MILES SOUTH AND WEST OF AGUIJAN.

OBSERVED OIL SLICK ON 255 DEGREE BEARING, 20-25 MILES FROM AGUIJAN ISLAND. COULD NOT LOCATE MISSING PILOT.

BLUEGRASS 5 RETURNED TO BASE AND LANDED AT 0820/ BLUEGRASS 1 CONTINUED SEARCH UNTIL 0845, RETURNED TO BASE PANGAKED AT 0855.

5. A. 8/10 CLOUDS AT 4,000 FEET.
 B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. NONE
7. 1200 GALLONS GAS
8. MISSING PILOT COULD NOT BE LOCATED. SEARCH TO BE CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-18
 GROUP MISSION #7-29

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
 B. NONE
2. A. NONE
 B. NONE
3. SEARCH AREA DUE SOUTH AND WEST OF AGUIJAN ISLAND FOR PILOT DOWN AT SEA.
4. CAPT. VOGT, LT LOFLIN. (BLUEGRASS 5)

TAKEOFF: 0835 - LANDED: 1110

TWO PLANES, BLUEGRASS 5, TOOK OFF FROM BASE AT 0835 TO CONTINUE SEARCH FOR LT. SHAFFLE DOWN AT SEA TWENTY MILES DUE SOUTH AGUIJAN ISLAND.

FLIGHT COVERED AREA FROM A POINT FIFTEEN MILES SOUTH OF AGUIJAN ISLAND TO THIRTY MILES SOUTH OF AGUIJAN AND WEST OF I.P. TWENTY-FIVE MILES. TOTAL AREA COVERED THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE SQUARE MILES FROM THE INITIAL POINT FIFTEEN MILES DUE SOUTH AGUIJAN ISLAND.

MISSION UNSUCCESSFUL. PILOTS RETURNED TO BASE AT 1110.

5. A. 10/10 COVERAGE AT 100 FEET ALTITUDE.
 B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. NONE
7. 650 GALLONS GAS
8. MISSING PILOT COULD NOT BE LOCATED. SEARCH CONTINUES.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-17
GROUP MISSION # 7-30

1. A. TWO (2) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. SEARCH FOR PILOT DOWN AT SEA TWENTY MILES DUE SOUTH OF AGUIJAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. GUINNEE, LT. RUFF. (BLUEGRASS 1)

TAKEOFF: 0930 - LANDED: 1115

TWO PLANES OF BLUEGRASS 1 TOOK OFF ASLITO AIRFIELD AT 0930 TO CONTINUE SEARCH FOR LT. SCHAFFLE DOWN AT SEA, TWENTY MILES SOUTH OF AGUIJAN ISLAND SINCE 1840, 2 JULY 1944. FLIGHT STARTED SEARCH FROM A POINT FIFTEEN MILES DUE SOUTH OF AGUIJAN AND PATROLED AREA TWENTY MILES SOUTH OF INITIAL POINT, WEST FIFTY MILES, NORTH TWENTY MILES, EAST FIFTY MILES TO INITIAL POINT. FLIGHT KEPT SEARCHING NORTH-SOUTH OVER THIS AREA. TOTAL AREA COVERED 1,000 SQUARE MILES.

MISSION UNSUCCESSFUL.

5. A. SCATTERED AT 4,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR
6. NONE
7. 500 GALLONS GAS
8. MISSING PILOT COULD NOT BE FOUND; SEARCH CONTINUES.

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1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S - ONE PBV
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. ESCORT PBV IN SEARCH OF PIDOT DOWN AT SEA TWENTY MILES DUE SOUTH OF AGUIJAN ISLAND.
4. MAJOR MCAFEE, LTS. DELP, GRAY, ELENDER, (BLUEGRASS 1)

TAKEOFF: 1240 - LANDING: 1622

FOUR PLANES OF BLUEGRASS 1 AND ONE NAVY PBV TOOK OFF FROM ASLITO AIRFIELD AT 1240 TO SEARCH FOR LT. SHAFFLE DOWN AT SEA TWENTY MILES SOUTH OF AGUIJAN ISLAND SINCE 1840 2 JULY 1944.

FLIGHT PICKED UP OIL SLICK TWENTY MILES SOUTH OF AGUIJAN ISLAND. PLANES FLEW A COURSE 252 DEGREES FOR 128 MILES, THEN CHANGED COURSE TO 0 (ZERO) DEGREES FOR 10 MILES, AND RETURNED TO A POINT TEN MILES SOUTH OF AGUIJAN ON A COURSE OF 72 DEGREES.

PBV FLEW AT AN ALTITUDE OF 1,000 FEET AND WAS ABLE TO COVER AN AREA 40-50 MILES EITHER SIDE OF LINE OF FLIGHT.

SEARCH WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. PBV AND ITS ESCORT BLUEGRASS 1, RETURNED TO BASE AFTER HAVING BEEN AIRBORNE FOR THREE HOURS AND FORTY-TWO MINUTES.

5. A. CLEAR AND VIVIBILITY UNLIMITED.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR
6. NONE
7. 1200 GALLONS GASOLINE
8. SEARCH WILL BE RECONTINUED BY NAVY PLANES 4 JULY 1944.
ALL NAVAL VESSELS IN AREA ALSO NOTIFIED.

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 GROUP MISSION # 7-32

1. A. EIGHT (8) P-47D'S
 B. NONE
2. A. NONE
 B. NONE
3. DIVE-BOMB NORTH-SOUTH RUNWAY, GURGUAN POINT AIRFIELD, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. TENNANT, LTS. COX, KENDLE, BACH (BLUEGRASS 3)
 LTS. JACOBSON, MATHIS, KENDILL, FLAGERMAN. (BLUEGRASS 8)
 TAKEOFF: 1650 - LANDED: 1910

EIGHT PLANES, BLUEGRASS 3 AND 8, TOOK OFF AT 1650 TO DIVE-BOMB NORTH-SOUTH RUNWAY, GURGUAN POINT AIRFIELD AT TINIAN. BLUEGRASS 83 DEVELOPED ENGINE TROUBLE BEFORE REACHING TARGET. BLUEGRASS 82 AND 83 RETURNED TO BASE. DROPPED BOMBS ON AREAS 852-1, 860T, AND 858R. ONE BOMB OBSERVED TO HIT MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENT SOUTHEAST CORNER AREA 852-1.

SIX PLANES, BLUEGRASS 3 AND 8, REACHED TARGET. DIVE-BOMBED FROM 10,000 FEET, RELEASE AT 4,000 FEET. BOMB RUN MADE FROM SOUTH TO NORTH. FIVE BOMBS OBSERVED TO EXPLODE ON RUNWAY IN AREA 57B. ONE IN AREA 590 JUST NORTH OF END OF RUNWAY. SIX NEAR MISSES WEST OF RUNWAY IN AREA 57B.

NO A/A FIRE RECEIVED.

RUNWAY WAS NOT RENDERED UNSERVICEABLE BY THIS MISSION. EIGHT PLANES OF 73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON ASSIGNED SIMILAR MISSION AND BELIEVE RUNWAY WILL BE NON-OPERATIONAL AS A RESULT OF BOTH BOMBINGS.

5. A. SCATTERED CLOUDS AT 12,000 FEET.
 B: LOUD AND CLEAR
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 16 X 500 LB. OF 1/10 SECOND DELAY FUZE BOMBS - 1900 GALLONS GAS.
8. AFTER COMPLETION OF BOMB RUNS AT 1730, FLIGHT TOOK STATION ON C.A.P. OVER SAIPAN ISLAND.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-20
GROUP MISSION # 7-33

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE JAPANESE SEAPLANES IN KANAHA BAY AND/OR SHOMUSHEN BAY, PAGAN ISLAND.
4. LTS. PORTER, PETTY, RUFF, DEGHARY. (BLUEGRASS 10)
TAKEOFF: 1820 - LANDED: 1940

FOUR PLANES OF BLUEGRASS 10 TOOK OFF ASLITO AIRFIELD 1820 TO STRIKE PAGAN ISLAND AND DESTROY JAPANESE SEAPLANES AND OTHER TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY AT KANAHA BAY AND/OR SHOMUSHEN BAY.

SHORTLY AFTER TAKEOFF BLUEGRASS 10-2 HAD TO TURN BACK DUE TO MECHANICAL DIFFICULTY WITH BELLY TANK. LT. PETTY DROPPED HIS BOMBS IN TARGET AREA 529, TINIAN, JUST SOUTH OF SOUTH FIELD IN WAREHOUSE AREA.

REMAINING THREE PLANES BLUEGRASS 10 CONTINUED ON MISSION UNTIL THEY REACHED SARIGAN ISLAND WHERE THEY RAN INTO A WEATHER FRONT AND HAD TO RETURN TO BASE.

PRIOR TO LANDING, URAL CONTROL GAVE FLIGHT PERMISSION TO DROP THEIR BOMBS ON TINIAN, BOMBS WERE DROPPED IN AREAS 577N, Q AND I. FIRE STARTED IN AREA 577N. BOMBS DROPPED IN 577N BELIEVED TO BE NEAR MISS ON GUN EMPLACEMENTS IN THAT AREA.

MODERATE INACCURATE 20MM A/A FIRE RECEIVED FROM AREA 577N, BELIEVED TO BE FOUR GUNS IN AREA.

FLIGHT RETURNED TO BASE AND PANGAKED AT 1940.

5. A. FRONT ENCOUNTERED SARIGAN ISLAND.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 8 X 500 LB. G.P. 1/10 SECOND DELAY FUZE BOMBS. - 665 GALLONS GAS.
8. SQUADRON HAS LITTLE INFORMATION ON PAGAN, REQUEST ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING JAPANESE INSTALLATIONS THEREAT. THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF DOUBT AS TO THE ADVISABILITY OF A MISSION OF THIS NATURE IN VIEW OF THE MEAGRE INFORMATION, ON THE TARGET AREA, AND THE LATE HOUR THE MISSION WAS SENT OUT. REQUEST SQUADRON BE GIVEN DAYLIGHT MISSION BEFORE BEING SENT UP THERE AT NIGHT.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-21
GROUP MISSION #7-34

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY GUN POSITIONS IN AREA 516G,
TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. VILES, LTS. LUSTIG, STAMPE, MATHIS. (BLUEGRASS 4)

TAKEOFF: 0915 - LANDED: 1035

FOUR PLANES, BLUEGRASS 4, TOOK OFF ASLITO AIRFIELD AT 0915 TO DIVE BOMB AND STRAFE GUN EMPLACEMENTS IN TARGET AREA 516 H. DIVE BOMB RUN BEGAN AT 9,000 FEET WITH RELEASE AT 4,000 FEET. ONE BOMB SEEN TO EXPLODE IN AREA 516F-1. TWO BOMBS DID NOT EXPLODE. MEAGER INACCUATE 20MM FIRE RECEIVED FROM AREA 516G,H. TWO STRAFING PASSES MADE ON ASSIGNED TARGET AREA FROM WHICH A/A FIRE WAS SEEN TO EMINATE. TWO PASSES MADE FROM THE SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST, AND ONE FROM EAST TO WEST.

OBSERVED TWO GUN EMPLACEMENTS IN ASSIGNED TARGET AREA 516G,H, BUT DID NOT SEE GUNS IN THE POSITIONS.

5. 5/10 COVERAGE AT 3,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 2,700 ROUNDS .50 CAL. - 600 GALLONS GAS.
8. OBSERVATIONS: 5 NEW MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENTS IN AREA 635N, O, K, TINIAN. 2 CAMOUFLAGED EMPLACEMENTS WITH CONNECTING TRENCHES IN AREA 628R, S, T, AND 629P, TINIAN. USHI POINT AIRFIELD - NORTH RUNWAY APPEARS TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE. GURGUAN PT. NORTH SOUTH RUNWAY APPEARS 8/10 OPERATIONAL, CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OBSERVED ON RUNWAY. SOUTH FIELD AIRSTRIP NON-OPERATIONAL. THREE BLOCK HOUSES IN AREA 654V APPEAR UNDAMAGED. OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE NEW TRENCHES IN AREA 658, 655, 650, TINIAN., ABOUT 100 YARDS INSHORE. OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A TRUCK AND LOADER IN CORAL PIT IN AREA 521, TINIAN.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSIONS #7-22
 GROUP MISSION #7-35

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
 B. NONE
2. A. NONE
 B. NONE
3. GROUND SUPPORT AGAINST ENEMY TROOPS IN TARGET AREA 259L, M, I, SAIPAN.
4. CAPT. MOHR, LTS. ANDERSON, LIEBGOTT, DOHERTY. (BLUEGRASS 6)

TAKEOFF: 1030 - LANDED: 1200

FOUR PLANES, BLUEGRASS 6, TOOK OFF ASLITO AIRBASE AT 1030 ON GROUND SUPPORT MISSION AGAINST ENEMY TROOPS IN AREA 259L, M, I.

3 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON TARGET AREA. BOMB RUN MADE FROM 9,000 FEET. ONE BOMB OBSERVED TO EXPLODE IN AREA 259M OR L, ONE IN WATER 259I, AND ONE IN 259O. BLUEGRASS COULD NOT RELEASE BOMB OVER TARGET: RECEIVED PERMISSION TO DROP ON TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY IN AREA 287T. OBSERVED BOMB LAND IN GROUP OF BUILDINGS IN THAT AREA.

STRAFING RUN WAS MADE ON TARGET AREA 259L, M, I, FROM SOUTHWEST TO NORTH EAST.

AFTER COMPLETION CHEROKEE CONTROL INFORMED FLIGHT THAT MISSION HAD PRODUCED DESIRED EFFECT. NO A/A FIRE OBSERVED.

5. A. 8/10 CLOUD COVERAGE 1,500 TO 11,000 FEET.
 B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 4 X 500 LB G.P. 1/10 SECOND DELAY FUSE BOMB, 2,5000 ROUNDS .50 CAL. - 950 GALLONS GAS.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-23
GROUP MISSION # 7-36

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. STRAFE ENEMY GUN POSITIONS IN TARGET AREA 526-1, TINIAN.
4. MAJORE MCAFEE, LTS. DELP, GRAY, ELENDER. (BLUEGRASS 1)

TAKEOFF: 1030 - LANDED: 1200

FOUR PLANES OF BLUEGRASS 1 TOOK OFF AT 1030 (LOCAL) TO STRAFE ENEMY GUN POSITIONS IN AREA 526-1, TINIAN. FLIGHT RENDEZVOUSED WITH FOUR PLANES OF 73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON (BLUEGRASS 20) AT LALO POINT, TINIAN.

BLUEGRASS 1 STRAFED TARGET AND DROPPED BELLY TANKS ON TARGET AREA. BLUEGRASS 20 THEN DROPPED 8 X 500 LB G.P. BOMBS ON TARGET AND SIX BOMBS WERE OBSERVED TO HIT TARGET.

ON RETURN FROM ASSIGNED TARGET BLUEGRASS 1 STRAFED TEN JAP TROOPS OBSERVED IN AREA 605U IN THE VICINITY OF THE RADIO STATION. TWO PASSES WERE MADE ON BUILDINGS IN WHICH TROOPS ENTERED TO SEEK COVER. FOUR TROOPS APPEARED TO BE HIT BEFORE GETTING UNDER COVER.

5. A. 3/10 COVERAGE AT 4,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 3,200 ROUNDS .50 CAL. - 800 GALLONS GAS
8. NONE

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19TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 7-24
GROUP MISSION #7-44

1. TEN (10) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE ROTA AIRFIELD, ROTA ISLAND, AND RENDER STRIP UNSERVICEABLE FOR NIGHT OPERATIONS.
4. CAPT. VOGT, LTS. BYRA, LOFLIN, DUNNING. (BLUEGRASS 5)
CAPT. MOHR, LTS. ANDERSON LIEBGOTT, DOHERTY. (BLUEGRASS 6)
CAPT. SLEPECKY, LTS. ANGELLE. (BLUEGRASS 7)

TAKEOFF: 1606 - LANDED: 1720

TEN PLANES OF BLUEGRASS 5,6,7, TOOK OFF FROM ASLITO AIRFIELD AT 1606 TO DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE ROTA AIRFIELD, ROTA ISLAND. AFTER RENDEZVOUS WITH FOUR PLANES OF 73RD FGRON, FLIGHT PROCEEDED DIRECTLY TO TARGET AREA. OVER TARGET 1632

20 X 500 LB. G.P. 1/10 SECOND DELAY FUSE BOMBS WERE DROPPED OVER TARGET AREA. 15 BOMBS OBSERVED TO EXPLODE ON RUNWAY, 3 BOMBS OFF EAST END OF RUNWAY, AND 2 BOMBS WERE UNOBSERVED.

ONE STRAFING PASS WAS MADE FROM EAST TO WEST, STRAFING BUILDINGS AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS.

AS THE FOUR PLANES OF THE 73RD FGRON CAME IN ON A STRAFING RUN, THREE LARGE EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED ON EAST END OF RUNWAY. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THESE EXPLOSIONS WERE LAND MINES, SET OFF AS THE PLANE WENT OVER THE POSITION. THE EXPLOSIONS APPEARED TO BE LARGER THAN A 500 LB BOMB. NO A/A FIRE OBSERVED. RUNWAY UNSERVICEABLE.

5. A. 7/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 1500 - 2500 FEET
B. LOUD AND CLEAR
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 20 X 500 LB G.P. BOMBS, 1/10 SECOND DELAY FUSE, 5500 ROUNDS .50 CAL - 2300 GALLONS GAS
8. OBSERVATIONS: THREE NEW BUILDING BELOW CLIFF, INLAND FROM HAANIYA PT. TWO NEW BUILDINGS AND LUMBER 1000 FEET INLAND FROM FUNTANASUPANIE POINT. ONE PILOT CHECKED NEW CLEARING RUNNING IN A SOUTHEAST DIRECTION FROM SOUTHEAST TAXI LOOP. APPEARS AS THOUGH ENEMY IS BUILDING NEW RUNWAY. HEAVY CONCRETE PILLBOX OBSERVED IN AREA 209B OR C.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-25
GROUP MISSION # 7-49

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY GUN EMPLACEMENTS IN TARGET AREA 281C AND D, SAIPAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. GUINNEE, LTS. DUNN, FLAGERMAN, DANYLO, (BLUEGRASS 2)
TAKEOFF: 1143 - LANDED: 1325

FOUR PLANES BLUEGRASS 2, TOOK OFF AT 1143 (LOCAL) TO DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY GUN EMPLACEMENTS IN TARGET AREA 281C & D. BLUEGRASS 21 CARRIED 2 X 130 LB. ENEMY ANTI-PERSONNEL BOMBS CAPTURED ASLITO AIRFIELD. REMAINDER OF FLIGHT 1 X 500 LB. G.P. 1/10 SECOND DELAY FUZE BOMB. OVER TARGET 1230 (LOCAL).

BLUEGRASS 21 AND 22 DIVE-BOMBED ENEMY POSITION WHILE BLUEGRASS 23 AND 24 OBSERVED. 2 X 130 LB. JAP BOMBS OBSERVED TO EXPLODE IN AREA 281D. 1 X 500 LB BOMB HIT ON INTERSECTION OF AREA 281C & D. BLUEGRASS 21 AND 22, AFTER COMPLETION OF BOMB RUN, THEN STRAFED TARGET AREA. RECEIVED INTENSE RETURN MACHINE GUN FIRE FROM AREA 281D.

BLUEGRASS 24 THEN DROPPED HIS BOMB ON AREA WHERE MACHINE GUN FIRE WAS SEEN TO EMANATE. RUN WAS MADE FROM 9,000 FEET WITH RELEASE AT 4,000 FEET. DURING DIVE, BLUEGRASS 24 ALSO STRAFED AREA. BOMB WAS SEEN TO EXPLODE IN AREA 281D.

BLUEGRASS 23 HAD DIFFICULTY RELEASING BOMB. AFTER FINALLY GETTING IT OFF WAS UNABLE TO OBSERVE RESULTS.

OBSERVED MEAGRE 20MM FIRE FROM AREA 288E AND 289K.

5. A. SCATTERED CLOUDS AT 3,000 - 4,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 2 X 130 LB. JAPANESE ANTI-PERSONNEL BOMBS. 3 X 500 LB. G.P. 1/10 SECOND DELAY FUZE. 2200 ROUNDS .50 CAL. - 800 GALLONS GAS.
8. FLIGHT OBSERVED 2 EXPLOSIONS IN WATER IN AREA 276V. SOURCE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED BUT THE SIZE OF THE EXPLOSION WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS THOSE CAUSED BY A 500 LB. BOMB. THIS OBSERVATION MADE AFTER COMPLETION OF MISSION.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-26
GROUP MISSION #7-50

1. A. TWELVE (12) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE-BOMB RUNWAY AT ROTA AIRSTRIP, ROTA ISLAND.
4. MAJOR MOAFEE, LTS. DELP, GRAY, ELENDER (BLUEGRASS 1)
CAPT. VOGT, LTS. BYRAM, LOFLIN, DUNNING (BLUEGRASS 5)
LTS. PORTER, SHAFFER, PETTY, MARGINKO, (BLUEGRASS 10)

TAKEOFF: 1730 - LANDED: 1811

TWELVE PLANES, BLUEGRASS 1, 5, AND 10 TOOK OFF AT 1702 (LOCAL TO DIVE-BOMB RUNWAY AT ROTA AIRFIELD, ROTA ISLAND. FLIGHTS RENDEZVOUSED WITH TWELVE PLANES OF 73RD SQUADRON OVER BASE. 73RD SQUADRON FLEW HIGH COVER AT 12,000 FEET, 19TH AT 10,000 FEET. OVER TARGET AT 1740.

BLUEGRASS 1, 5, AND 10, DIVE-BOMBED TARGET FROM 10,000 FEET WITH RELEASE 3,000 - 4,000 FEET. DROPPED 24 X 500 LB G/P/ BOMBS ON TARGET, 95% OF WHICH EXPLODED ON RUNWAY. AFTER COMPLETION OF BOMB RUN BY 19TH, 72RD SQUADRON WENT INTO BOMB WHILE 19TH ACTED AS HIGH COVER.

NO A/A FIRE RECEIVED.

5. A. 6/10 AT 2,000 FEET OVER TARGET
B. LOUD AND CLEAR
6. RUNWAY RENDERED UNSERVICEABLE.
7. 24 X 500 LB G.P. 1/10 SECOND DELAY FUSE BOMBS, 1800 GALLONS GAS
8. OBSERVATIONS: FIELD UNSERVICEABLE PRIOR TO BOMB RUN. OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A RUNWAY IN AREA 203 AND 204 RUNNING EAST WEST. RECOMMEND ONLY EIGHT SHIPS PER DAY BE UTILIZED TO BOMB RUNWAY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS THE JAPS HAVE NOT REPAIRED RUNWAY AS THEY HAVE HERETOFORE.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-27
GROUP MISSION # 7-51

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE TWO CD GUNS (POSSIBLY (L) 155MM), TARGET AREA 653L, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. MAJOR MOAFEE, LTS. PETTY, KENDALL, STAMPE. (BLUEGRASS 1)
TAKEOFF: 0750 - LANDED: 0831

FOUR PLANES, BLUEGRASS 1, TOOK OFF AT 0750 TO DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY CD GUNS IN RTARGET AREA 653L, TINIAN ISLAND. OVER TARGET AT 0800. FLIGHT OBSERVED AREA FOR TEN MINUTES, COULD NOT DEFINITELY LOCATE GUNS POSITIONS. BOMB RUNS WERE MADE FROM 8,000 FEET FROM THE WEST WITH RELEASE AT 3,000 FEET. OBSERVED THREE BOMBS EXPLODE IN TARGET AREA 653L, ONE IN AREA 652-D. ONE BOMB NEAR MISS ON CONCRETE PERSONNEL SHELTER IN AREA 653L.

TWO STRAFING PASSES WERE MADE ON THE AREA FROM EAST TO WEST. CANE FIRES STARTED IN AREA 653D AND E.

NO A/A FIRE ENCOUNTERED

5. A. SCATTERED CLOUD AT 3,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 2,000 ROUNDS .50 CAL. - 400 GALLONS GAS.
8. OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE 4-5 SMALL RAILROAD CARS IN AREA 648E.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-28
 GROUP MISSION 7-52

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
 B. NONE
2. A. NONE
 B. NONE
3. DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY CAMOUFLAGED GUNS IN AREA 653U, V, K, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT, SLEPECKY, LTS. ANGELLE, RUFF, DECHARY. (BLUEGRASS 7)
 TAKEOFF: 0917 - LANDED: 1040

FOUR PLANES, BLUEGRASS 7, TOOK OFF ASLITO AIRFIELD, SAIPAN, TO DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY CAMOUFLAGED GUN EMPLACEMENTS IN TARGET AREA 653U, V, K, TINIAN ISLAND. OVER TARGET 0930. FLIGHT OBSERVED 3 EMPLACEMENTS IN TARGET AREA, THE CENTER EMPLACEMENT HAD IN IT WHAT APPEARED TO BE A DUMMY CAMOUFLAGED GUN. THE OTHER EMPLACEMENTS WERE EMPTY. ENTIRE AREA WELL COVERED BY PREVIOUS SHELL FIRE AND BOMBINGS.

3 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS DROPPED IN AREA 653U AND 1 X 500 LB. BOMB IN AREA 652Y; DID NOT HIT TARGET. SIX STRAFING PASSES WERE THEN MADE ON TARGET AREA, AND MUCH TRACER WAS OBSERVED TO ENTER GUN EMPLACEMENTS.

FLIGHT ALSO STRAFED RAILROAD CARS LOADED WITH STEEL DRUMS IN AREA 647E, A STORAGE SHED IN AREA 653U. ONE PILOT OBSERVED WHAT HE THOUGHT MIGHT BE AN OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT IN AREA 647J. HE STRAFED THE AREA WELL. IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE JAPANESE ARE PROPING UP ALL UNSERVICEABLE AIRCRAFT TO MAKE THEM APPEAR OPERATIONAL AND DRAW FIRE. FLIGHT ALSO STRAFED UNDERGROUND EMPLACEMENTS IN AREA 648A.

NO A/A FIRE RECEIVED.

5. A. 5/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 4,000 FEET.
 B. LOUD AND CLEAR
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 6,500 ROUNDS .50 CAL. - 4 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS (1/10 SEC. DELAY FUZE) - 600 GALLONS GAS.
8. FLIGHT OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A MOTOR BUS, AND A RADIO ANTENNA IN TARGET AREA 649J. SOUTH RUNWAY OF USHI PT. AIRFIELD APPEARS TO BE OPERATIONAL, ESPECIALLY ON SOUTH HALF OF RUNWAY. OBSERVED CAMOUFLAGED EMPLACEMENT INSTALLATION IN AREA 637, P OR Q.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-29
GROUP MISSION #7-58

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY INSTALLATIONS IN AREA 625N, O, K, TINIAN ISLAND. (BELIEVED TO BE GUN EMPLACEMENTS.)
4. CAPT. GUINNEE, LTS. DUNN, FLAGERMAN, DANYLO. (BLUEGRASS 2)
TAKEOFF: 1034 - LANDED: 1148

FOUR PLANES OF BLUEGRASS 2, TOOK OFF ASLITO AIRBASE, SAIPAN, AT 1034 TO DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY INSTALLATIONS IN AREA 625N, O, K, TINIAN ISLAND. OVER TARGET AT 1045 (LOCAL). BLUEGRASS 23 AND 24 MADE TWO STRAFING PASSES ON TARGET AREA FROM THE EASTWEST, WEST-EAST. OBSERVED MODERATE INACCURATE MACHINE GUN FIRE FROM AREA 625N, O, K. BLUEGRASS 21 AND 23 DIVE-BOMBED FROM 10,000 FEET, FROM WEST TO EAST, RELEASE AT 3,000 FEET. ONE BOMB OBSERVED TO EXPLODE 625-O AND ONE IN AREA 625MN. AFTER RELEASING BOMBS BLUEGRASS 21 AND 23 CONTINUED STRAFING AREA.

FLIGHT WAS THEN ORDERED BY CHEROKEE TO DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE TARGET AREA 629P, O: ENEMY CAMOUFLAGED EMPLACEMENTS. BLUEGRASS 21 AND 23 MADE A STRAFING PASS AND RECONNAISSANCE RUN ON THE INSTALLATIONS FROM EAST TO WEST.

WHILE STRAFING, ELEMENT WAS ABLE TO PICK OUT TARGET. BLUEGRASS 23 AND 24 DROPPED 2 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS AND SCORED DIRECT HITS ON TARGET.

MEAGRE INACCURATE MACHINE GUN FIRE RECEIVED WHILE STRAFING TARGET AREA 629P, Q. MEAGRE INACCURATE 20MM FIRE SEEN TO EMANATE FROM AREA 629A OR F. MODERATE INACCURATE MACHINE GUN FIRE RECEIVED FROM BUILDINGS ALONG ROAD IN AREAS 628F, O: 627H, I, J.

5. A. 3/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 4,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. DIRECT HITS ON CAMOUFLAGED EMPLACEMENTS TARGET AREA 629PQ
7. 4 X 500 LB G.P. BOMBS (1/10 SECOND DELAY FUSE). 4,800 ROUNDS
.50 GAL. - 800 GALLONS GAS.
8. NONE

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-30
 GROUP MISSION #7-59

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
 B. NONE
2. A. NONE
 B. NONE
3. STRAFE ENEMY 20MM GUN POSITION IN TARGET AREA 629A & F IN SUPPORT OF DIVE-BOMBING BY BLUEGRASS 12 (73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON).
4. CAPT TENNANT, LTS. COX, KENDLE, BACH. (BLUEGRASS 3)

TAKEOFF: 1030 - LANDED: 1219

AFTER COMPLETION OF ROUTINE C.A.P FOUR PLANES OF BLUEGRASS 3 WERE ORDERED BY CHEROKEE CONTROL TO STRAFE 20MM GUN POSITION IN TARGET AREA 629A & F, TINIAN ISLAND, IN SUPPORT OF DIVE-BOMBING BY FOUR PLANES OF BLUEGRASS 12 (73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON).

BLUEGRASS 3 MADE ONE DRY RUN OVER TARGET AREA, AND THEN TWO STRAFING PASSES. NO RETURN FIRE OBSERVED.

BLUEGRASS 12 INFORMED BLUEGRASS 3 THAT TARGET WAS IN AREA 629V. BLUEGRASS 123 MADE DIVE-BOMB RUN ON THE POSITION. BLUEGRASS 3 THEN STRAFED THE BUILDINGS IN THE AREA (629V) WHERE THE GUN WAS OBSERVED TO BE LOCATED. FIRES STARTED IN THE BUILDINGS. REMAINDER OF BLUEGRASS 12 THEN DIVE-BOMBED THE AREA.

5. A. SCATTERED CLOUDS AT 2,000 FEET.
 B. INTER-FLIGHT COMMUNICATIONS WITH 73RD GOOD - WITH BLUEGRASS 3, POOR.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 2,500 ROUNDS, 50CAL. - 900 GALLONS GAS.
8. OBSERVED TWO TRUCKS AND ENEMY TROOPS IN AREA 636V. ONE TRUCK APPEARED TO BE OIL OR GAS TANKER.

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6 JULY 1944

19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-31
GROUP MISSION # 7-80

1. A. TWELVE (12) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE BOMB ROTA AIRSTRIP, ROTA ISLAND.
4. CAPT. VILES, LTS. LUSTIC, STAMPE, FLAGERMAN (BLUEGRASS 4)
CAPT. SLEPECKY, LTS. ANGELLE, RUFF, DECHARY (BLUEGRASS 7)
LTS. JACOBSON, MATHIS, KENDALL, RHODY (BLUEGRASS 8)

TAKEOFF 1730 - LAND 1850

TWELVE (12) PLANES BLUEGRASS 4,7,8, TOOK OFF ASLTD AIRSTRIP AT 1730 TO DIVE BOMB ROTA AIRSTRIP AND RENDER RUNWAY UNSERVICEABLE FOR NIGHT OPERATIONS. OVER TARGET AT 1750. BOMB RUNS WERE MADE FROM 10000 FEET, RELEASE AT 4000 FEET. 24 X 500 GP BOMBS DROPPED, 60% OF WHICH WERE OBSERVED TO EXPLODE ON RUNWAY. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE BOMB, THE REMAINING HIT IN THE OPERATIONS AREA ADJACENT TO THE RUNWAY. BLUEGRASS 42 WAS UNABLE TO RELEASE ONE OF HIS BOMBS, RETURNED TO BASE AND LANDED WITH BOMB STILL SLUNG.

NO A/A FIRE RECEIVED.

PRIOR TO RAID PILOTS REPORT THAT EAST END OF RUNWAY APPEARED SERVICEABLE.

RUNWAY UNSERVICEABLE AS A RESULT OF RAID.

5. A. 4/10 COVERAGE AT 3000 - 4000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR
6. RUNWAY RENDERED UNSERVICEABLE
7. 24 X 500 GP BOMBS - 1/10 SEC. DELAY FUZE. - 2400 GALLONS GAS.
8. FLIGHTS SPENT ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES OBSERVING ENEMY INSTALLATIONS ON THE ISLAND. OBSERVED WHAT PILOTS BELIEVE THE ONLY OTHER POSSIBLE AREA THAT COULD BE USED FOR A RUNWAY IN TARGET AREA 172 AND 173.
OBSERVED SEVERAL FIRES BURNING IN TINIAN TOWN.
OBSERVED TWO MOTOR TRUCKS ON MAIN ROAD SOUTH OF AIRSTRIPS, ONE IN AREA 191 N AND ONE IN AREA 189 N.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-32
 GROUP MISSION # 7-86

1. A. THREE (3) P-47D'S
 B. NONE
2. A. NONE
 B. NONE
3. FIGHTER SWEEP AGAINST ENEMY POSITIONS, NORTH SAIPAN.
4. CAPT. GUINNEE, CAPT. MOHR, LT LIEBGOTT. (BLUEGRASS 2)
 TAKEOFF: 0650 - LAND: 0830

THREE PLANES BLUEGRASS 2 AIRBORNE ASLITO AIRBASE 0650 (LOCAL)
 ON FIGHTER SWEEP AGAINST ENEMY POSITIONS, NORTH SAIPAN.

FLIGHT REPORTED TO CHEROKEE CONTROL WHO INFORMED FLIGHT THAT
 THE ASSIGNED TARGET (AREA 281) HAD BEEN CHANGED, AS FRIENDLY
 TROOPS HAD MOVED INTO THE AREA.

AFTER ORBITING FOR ABOUT AN HOUR, CHEROKEE FINALLY ORDERED
 FLIGHT TO ATTACK ENEMY POSITIONS IN AREA 286Q, M, N, AND I.

NINE (9) X 4.5 ROCKETS WERE LAUNCHED IN AREA 286Q AND M.
 AREAS 286M, N, AND I WERE STRAFED. TWO STRAFING PASSES WERE
 MADE, ONE FROM SOUTH TO NORTH AND ONE FROM WEST TO EAST. DUE
 TO THE WAY THE CLIFFS RUN IN THE TARGET AREA, PASSES WERE MADE
 IN LOOSE STRING. FIRES WERE STARTED IN AREA 286N. OBSERVED
 NO RETURN FIRE. FLIGHT COULD NOT OBSERVE ANY ENEMY ACTIVITY
 IN AREA. AREA HEAVILY WOODED.

5. A. CAVU
 B. LOUD AND CLEAR
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 9 X 4.5 ROCKETS - 720 ROUNDS .50 CAL. - 600 GALLONS OF GAS
8. CONTROL KEPT FLIGHT ORBITING FOR ABOUT AN HOUR BEFORE ASSIGNING
 ALTERNATE TARGET. BELIEVE TARGET COULD HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED SOONER.
 IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, REQUEST PRIMARY AND ALTERNATE TARGETS BE
 ASSIGNED BEFORE TAKEOFF. THIS WOULD FACILITATE BRIEFING AND
 RESULT IN MORE EFFICIENT PERFORMANCE BY AIRCRAFT.
 ASSIGNING TARGETS WHEN FLIGHT IS AIRBORNE AT TIMES LEADS TO
 SOME CONFUSION AS TO JUST WHAT OR WHERE THE TARGET IS LOCATED,
 ALSO CAUSES EXCESS RADIO CHATTER.
 REQUEST THAT FLIGHTS OR ELEMENTS BE CALLED FOR TO PERFORM
 MISSIONS RATHER THAN ODD NUMBERS.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-33
GROUP MISSION #7-70

1. A. TWELVE (12) P-47D'S
B. NONE
 2. A. NONE
B. NONE
 3. DIVE BOMB PAGAN AIRSTRIP, PAGAN ISLAND
 4. CAPT. VILES, LTS. LUSTIC, STAMPE, DUNN (BLUEGRASS 4)
CAPT. VOGT, LTS. BYRAM, LOFLIN, DUNNING (BLUEGRASS 5)
CAPT. MOHR, LTS. ANDERSON, LIEBOTT, DOHERTY (BLUEGRASS 6)
- TAKEOFF: 1638 - LANDING: 1900

TWELVE PLANES BLUEGRASS 4,5,6 TOOK OFF AT 1638 (LOCAL), AND RENDEZVOUSED WITH TWELVE (12) PLANES OF THE 73RD SQDN. OVER BASE. THE 73RD SQDN. ACTED AS HIGH COVER FOR THE 19TH, ALTITUDE 12,000 FEET. ROUTE OUT 360 DEGREES, USING ISLAND CHAIN FOR NAVIGATION LANDMARKS. OVER TARGET 1745.

24X500 LB. GP BOMBS RELEASED OVER TARGET AT 4000 TO 5000 FEET. 50% HITS ON RUNWAY, AND 50% ON TAXI STRIP AND OPERATIONS AREA. BOMB RUN FROM 12,000 FEET FROM EAST TO WEST. THREE LARGE EXPLOSIONS OBSERVED, ONE JUST SOUTH OF EAST END OF RUNWAY, ONE TO THE SOUTH, OFF CENTER OF RUNWAY, AND THE LAST NE OF EAST END OF RUNWAY.

INTENSE, INACCURATE HVY. A/A AND INTENSE MEDIUM AND LIGHT A/A OBSERVED TO EMANATE FROM GUN POSITIONS CONCENTRATED AROUND THE AIRDROME.

NO OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT OBSERVED, 5 NONOPERATIVE PLANES OBSERVED ON AIRSTRIP AND 1 DAMAGED SEAPLANE IN SHOMUSHON BAY. RUNWAY BOMB CRATED BY PRIOR SHELLINGS OR BOMBINGS.

5. A. SAVU OVER TARGET. 3/10 CLOUD COVERAGE ON ROUTE TO TARGET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 24 X 500 LB GP BOMBS 1/10 SECOND DELAY FUSE. - 2760 GAL. GAS

8. RECOMMEND TAXI STRIPS AS WELL AS RUNWAY BE BOMBED ON MISSIONS OF THIS NATURE, DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE TAXI-STRIP CAN ALSO BE USED AS RUNWAY. ENEMY A/A GUN POSITIONS HAVE BEEN PINPOINTED ON OVERLAY AND IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT IN FUTURE MISSIONS ONE FLIGHT BE ASSIGNED TO BOMB AND STRAFE THESE POSITIONS. PINPOINTED GUN POSITIONS AND GUN POSITIONS INDICATED IN PHOTOS 25 MAY 1944, ~~XREXIME SXMEXXINEXIXXEX~~ ARE IN THE SAME LOCATION INDICATING THAT THE JAPS HAVE NOT MOVED THE MAJOR PORTION OF THEIR BATTERIES. IN APPROACHING THE ISLAND IT IS DIFFICULT TO LOCATE THE NARROW AIRSTRIP UNLESS YOU ARE DIRECTLY EAST OR WEST OF THE STRIP DUE TO THE SURROUNDING TERRAIN FEATURES.

REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND AERIAL PHOTOS COVERING MILITARY ACTIVITIES ON PAGAN ISLAND.

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19 JULY 194419TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-34
GROUP MISSION #7-71

1. A. TWELVE (12) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. FIGHTER SWEEP AGAINST ENEMY GUN EMPLACEMENTS AREA 556R,
TINIAN ISLAND.
4. MAJOR MCAFEE, LTS. DELP, GRAY, ELENDER. (BLUEGRASS 1)
CAPT. MOHR, LTS. ANDERSON, LIEBGOTT, DOHERTY, (BLUEGRASS 6)
LTS. JACOBSON, MATHIS, KENDALL, RHODY, (BLUEGRASS 8)

TAKEOFF: 1505 - LANDED: 1545

TWELVE PLANES BLUEGRASS 1, 6, 8, TOOK OFF ISLEY FIELD AT 1505
FOUR PLANES BLUEGRASS 1 EQUIPPED WITH 6 X 4.5 ROCKETS, OVER
TARGET AT 1510. ELEVEN ROCKETS LAUNCHED ON TARGET AREA, FOUR
(4) OBSERVED TO BRACKET RANGE FINDER WITH NEAR MISSES, SEVEN
OVERSHOT TARGET. TWO STRAFING PASSES WERE MADE ON THE THREE GUN
POSITIONS AND LARGE CONCENTRATIONS OF TRACERS WERE OBSERVED TO
ENTER THE EMPLACEMENTS. BELIEVE RANGE FINDER KNOCKED OUT.
DAMAGE TO GUNS FROM .50 CAL. UNDETERMINED.
NO A/A FIRE RECEIVED.

5. A. 7/10 COVERAGE AT 2,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. RANGE FINDER DESTROYED
7. 11 X 4.5 ROCKETS, 4,800 ROUNDS .50 CAL. 1200 GALLONS GAS.
8. RECOMMEND 500 LB G.P. BOMBS BE USED TO DESTROY GUN EMPLACEMENTS,
ROCKETS FOUND TO BE INACCURATE. FLIGHT LEADER USED
AERIAL PHOTO TO PIN POINT GUN POSITIONS, OBTAINED BETTER
RESULTS THAN BY USING GRIDDED TARGET MAP WHICH HAS PROVEN
INACCURATE UPON MANY OCCASSIONS

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-8F 7-3X

Group Mission # 7-81

1. A. TWELVE (12) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY GUN EMPLACEMENTS AREA 556R &S,
TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. TENNANT, LTS. COX, KENDLE, BACH (BLUEGRASS 3)
CAPT. MOHR, LTS. ANDERSON, LIEBOTT, DOHERTY (BLUEGRASS 6)
CAPT. SLEPECKY, LTS. ANGELLE, RUFF, DEGHARY (BLUEGRASS 7)

TAKEOFF: 1057 - LANDING: 1155

TWELVE PLANES BLUEGRASS 3,6,7, TOOK OFF FROM ISLEY FIELD, SAIPAN, AT 1057 TO DIVE BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY GUN EMPLACEMENTS TARGET AREA 556R &S, TINIAN ISLAND. BLUEGRASS 2 AND 8 CARRIED 2 X 500 LB. BOMBS, SLUNG FROM WING RACKS. OVER TARGET AT 1125 (LOCAL). TWO BOMB RUNS WERE MADE FROM THE SW, ALTITUDE 7000 FEET, RELEASE 1500 TO 2000 FEET. ONE BOMB DROPPED ON EACH PASS OVER THE TARGET. 5 X 500 LB G.P. BOMBS OBSERVED TO EXPLODE WITHIN TWENTY FEET OF INSTALLATIONS AND 8 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS WITHIN AN AREA OF 100YARDS. 3 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS COULD NOT BE RELEASED OVER THE TARGET, AS THE PILOTS HAD DIFFICULTY WITH THE RELEASE MECHANISM.

AFTER BOMB RUNS THE THREE FLIGHTS MADE TWO STRAFING PASSES OVER THE POSITIONS AND OBSERVED HEAVY CONCENTRATIONS OF TRACER ENTER THE EMPLACEMENTS.

ON ONE STRAFING PASS THE SW EMPLACEMENT WAS SEEN TO EXPLODE. NO A/A FIRE OBSERVED.

5. A. 9/10 COVERAGE AT 10,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR
6. GUN POSITIONS DESTROYED.
7. 12,000 RDS. .50 CAL. - 1860 GALLONS GAS
8. AS A RESULT OF THIS MISSION AND ROCKET MISSION PERFORMED 7/9/44, ON THESE INSTALLATIONS IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE POSITIONS HAVE BEEN RENDERED NON-OPERATIONAL AND NEED NOT BE HIT AGAIN.
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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-36
GROUP MISSION # 84

1. A. SEVEN (7) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE BOMB, AND LAUNCH ROCKETS, ENEMY HEAVY A/A GUNS, TARGET AREA S16G, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. LTS. JACOBSON, MATHIS, KENDALL (BLUEGRASS 8)
LTS. PORTER, MALONE, PETTY, MARGINKO (BLUEGRASS 10)

TAKOFF-1346 - LAND-1443

SEVEN PLANES BLUEGRASS 8 & 10, TOOK OFF FROM ISLEY FIELD AT 1346 (LOCAL) TO DIVE BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY A/A GUN EMPLACEMENTS TARGET AREA S16G TINIAN ISLAND. OVER TARGET AT 1400 (LOCAL). TWO BOMB RUNS WERE MADE. ONE FROM NW TO SE, AND THE OTHER FROM NE TO SW. ALTITUDE 10,000 FEET. RELEASE AT 3,000 FEET. ONE BOMB DROPPED BY EACH SHIP ON EACH PASS. TWO NEAR MISSES OBSERVED ON TWO EMPLACEMENTS. 3 X 500 LB BOMBS EXPLODED 500 FEET FROM TARGET, 1 X 500 LB BOMB EXPLODED 1000 YARDS FROM TARGET, AND TWO WERE DROPPED IN THE WATER EAST OF THE ISLAND DUE TO MECHANICAL DIFFICULTY WITH BOMB RELEASE. 16 X 4.5 ROCKETS LAUNCHED ON TARGET, OBSERVED NO HITS ON EMPLACEMENTS, BUT ALL SIXTEEN (16) EXPLODED WITH 400 FEET SQUARE AROUND EMPLACEMENTS. ONE STRAFING PASS WAS MADE ON THE TARGET AND TRACER WAS OBSERVED TO ENTER THE GUN EMPLACEMENTS. ON STRAFING PILOTS MADE STEEP VERTICAL PASS PICKING OUT SINGLE EMPLACEMENT AND FIRING WELL INTO THE GUN PITS. NO RETURN A/A FIRE RECEIVED DURING MISSION.

5. A. 1/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 2,000 FEET.
B. LEADER BLUEGRASS 8 COULDN'T CONTACT CHEROKEE CONTROL AFTER BECOMING AIRBORNE ON EITHER BAKER OR DOG CHANNEL. BLUEGRASS 10 FINALLY CONTACTED CHEROKEE AT 1430 AFTER LEAVING THE TARGET AREA.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 8 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS (4/10 SEC. DELAY FUSE), - 16 X 4.5
ROCKETS, - 2750 RDS .50 CAL. - 1050 GALLONS GAS
8. NONE

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-37
 GROUP MISSION # 7-86

1. A. EIGHT (8) P-47D'S
 B. NONE
2. A. ONE (1) P-47D DAMAGED.
 B. NONE
3. DIVE BOMB AND STRAFE FOUR ENEMY LIGHT A/A GUN POSITIONS,
 TARGET AREA 577Y AND 578U, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. SLEPECKY, LTS. LUSTIG, FLAGERMAN, DUNN (BLUEGRASS 7)
 LTS. PORTER, SHAFFER, PETTY, MARGINKO (BLUEGRASS 9)

TAKEOFF: 1449 - LANDED: 1543

EIGHT PLANES, BLUEGRASS 7 AND 9, TOOK OFF ISLEY FIELD AT 1449 TO DIVE BOMB AND STRAFE FOUR ENEMY LIGHT A/A POSITIONS IN TARGET AREA 577Y AND 578U, TINIAN ISLAND. OVER TARGET AT 1505. TWO DIVE BOMB RUNS WERE MADE FROM EAST TO WEST, DURING WHICH ONE BOMB WAS RELEASED ON EACH RUN. PLANES BOMBED FROM AN ALTITUDE OF 8000 FEET WITH RELEASE AT FROM 2500 FEET TO 2000 FEET. 9 X 500 LB. BOMBS WERE OBSERVED TO EXPLODE WITHIN 100 FOOT DIAMOND FORMED BY THE FOUR GUN POSITIONS. NO DIRECT HITS OBSERVED. 4 X 500 LB. BOMBS EXPLODED WITHIN 200 FEET OF EMPLACEMENTS AND 1 X 500 LB. BOMB ABOUT 300 FEET FROM TARGET. ONE BOMB RELEASED IN WATER IN AREA 575 AND ONE BOMB WAS UN-OBSERVED.

BLUEGRASS 7 MADE STRAFING RUN FROM SE. TO NW, AND BLUEGRASS 9 FROM E. TO W. TRACER OBSERVED TO ENTER THREE OF THE FOUR EMPLACEMENTS, THE EMPLACEMENT TO THE SOUTH COULD NOT BE LOCATED AFTER BOMB HITS, THEREFOR WAS NOT STRAFED. IT WAS DURING THE STRAFING PASS OF BLUEGRASS 9 THAT LT. SHAFFER OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE LAND MINES EXPLODE ON THE EDGE OF N-S RUNWAY, GURGUAN PT. AIRFIELD, IN AREA 578V AND W. LT. SHAFFER WAS AT AN ALTITUDE OF 1500-2000 FEET.

ONE (1) P-47D HAD ITS ELEVATOR SLIGHTLY DAMAGED WHEN BOMB FINS CAME LOOSE FROM BOMB UPON RELEASE.

INTENSE LIGHT A/A FIRE ENCOUNTERED FROM WOODED AREA 577L, M, Q, AND R.

5. A. 9/10 COVERAGE AT 2000 FEET DIRECTLY OVER TARGET.
 B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 3,880 RDS. .50 CAL.- 16 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS, (1/10 SECOND DELAY FUZE). 1560 GALLONS GAS.
8. REQUEST TARGET BE PHOTOGRAPHED SO THAT DAMAGE CAN BE ACCURATELY ASSESSED.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-38
 GROUP MISSION #7-87

1. A. 8 P-47D'S
 B. NONE
2. A. NONE
 B. NONE
3. FIGHTER SWEEP AGAINST ENEMY HEAVY A/A GUN EMPLACEMENTS, TARGET AREA 516G, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. VILES, LTS. LUSTIG, STAMPE, MALONE (BLUEGRASS 4)
 LTS. JACOBSON, MATHIS, KENDALL, RHODY (BLUEGRASS 8)

TAKEOFF: 1005 - LAND: 1042

EIGHT PLANES BLUEGRASS 4,8 TOOK OFF AT 1005 ON STRIKE AGAINST ENEMY HEAVY A/A GUN EMPLACEMENTS, TARGET AREA 516G TINIAN ISLAND. OVER TARGET AT 1010. BLUEGRASS 4 MADE THEIR ROCKET RUN FROM N TO S, RELEASE AT 1,500 FEET, SPEED 350 M.P.H. BLUEGRASS 8 MADE ITS RUN FROM N TO S ALSO WITH RELEASE AT THE SAME ALTITUDE AND SPEED. 36 X 4.5 ROCKETS WERE LAUNCHED ON THE TARGET. 34 ROCKETS WERE OBSERVED TO EXPLODE WELL IN THE TARGET AREA. TWO ROCKETS FELL 1,000 FEET SHORT. NO DIRECT HITS WERE OBSERVED.

BLUEGRASS 4, THEN MADE A STRAFING PASS FROM THE SW AND BLUEGRASS 8 FROM N-S. .50 CAL TRACER WAS OBSERVED ENTERING GUN EMPLACEMENTS DURING STRAFING RUNS.

NO A/A FIRE ENCOUNTERED.

5. A. SOLID OVERCAST AT 10,000' TO 15,000 FEET.
 B. LOUD AND CLEAR
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 36 X 4.5 ROCKETS - 3,200 RDS. .50 CAL. M.G. - 800 GALS. GAS
8. FLIGHTS EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTY PICKING UP TARGET PRIOR TO ROCKET RUN DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE AREA IS WELL PITTED WITH CRATERS FROM PREVIOUS MISSIONS. PILOTS BELIEVE ROCKETS TOO INACCURATE FOR THIS TYPE OF TARGET. REQUEST PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE TO ASSESS DAMAGE IN TARGET AREA.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-39
GROUP MISSION #7-90

1. A. EIGHT (8) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE BOMB AND LAUNCH ROCKETS ON ENEMY INSTALLATIONS, TINIAN, ISLAND.
4. CAPT. GUINNEE, LTS. DUNN, FLAGERMAN, DANYLO. (BLUEGRASS 2)
CAPT. VOGT, LTS. BYRAM, LOFLIN, DUNNING (BLUEGRASS 5)

TAKEOFF: 1530 - LAND: 1638

EIGHT PLANES BLUEGRASS 2 & 5 TOOK OFF FROM ISLEY FIELD AT 1530, BLUEGRASS 2 TO STRIKE 2 LIGHT A/A AND 2 SEARCHLIGHT EMPLACEMENTS IN AREA 544S AND BLUEGRASS 5, ENEMY RADIO STATION IN AREA 559D TINIAN, ISLAND. FLIGHTS WERE OVER THE TARGET AT 1545. BLUEGRASS 2 LAUNCHED 23 X 4.5 ROCKETS ON GUN AND SEARCHLIGHT POSITIONS. ROCKET RUN WAS MADE FROM NE TO SW, APPROACH AT 8,000 FEET, RELEASE AT 3,000 FEET, SPEED 350 M.P.H. 22 X 4.5 ROCKETS OBSERVED TO BLANKET TARGET. ONE ROCKET OVERSHOT THE TARGET. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO OBSERVE ANY DIRECT HITS DUE TO BLAST OF ROCKETS UPON DETONATIONS. THE FLIGHT THEN MADE A STRAFING RUN FROM THE SW, AND OBSERVED TRACERS ENTER THE POSITIONS.

BLUEGRASS 5 DROPPED 7 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS ON ENEMY RADIO STATION IN AREA 559D. BOMB RUNS WERE MADE FROM 7,000 FEET, WITH RELEASE AT 1,500 FEET, SPEED 350 M.P.H., AND AT 45 DEGREE ANGLE. ONE NEAR MISS OBSERVED ON NORTH RADIO TOWER MAST, TWO ON WEST MAST, THREE ON CENTER MAST AND ONE APPROXIMATELY 200 FEET FROM THE SOUTH MAST. ONE BOMB DID NOT DROP WHEN RELEASED ON TARGET, FINALLY FELL OFF UPON WITHDRAWAL AT SEA. FLIGHT THEN STRAFED INSTALLATIONS IN AREA 571L, POWER PLANT AND TRANSFORMERS BELIEVED TO BE A PART OF THE RADIO STATION INSTALLATIONS.

MODERATE INACCURATE 40MM A/A FIRE RECEIVED FROM WOODED AREA 534D. MEAGRE MEDIUM A/A FIRE FROM AREA 556 AND AT BASE OF RIDGE IN AREA 513 F,K, AND T.

5. A. SOLID OVERCAST AT 8,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 8 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS, 1/10 SEC. DELAY FUSE, 23 X 4.5. ROCKETS, 9950 ROUNDS .50 CAL. MG. 1600 GALLONS GAS.
8. NONE

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15 JULY 1944

19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-40
GROUP MISSION #7-95

1. A. 12 P--47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B., NONE
3. DIVE BOMB ENEMY SUGAR MILL, TINIAN ISLAND TARGET AREA 526N.
4. LT. COL. TAYLOR, LTS. DELP, GRAY, ELENDER (BLUEGRASS 32)
CAPT. VOGT, LTS. BYRAM, LOFLIN, DUNNING (BLUEGRASS 5)
LTS. JACOBSON, MATHIS, KENDALL, RHODY (BLUEGRASS 8)

TAKEOFF: 1257 - LANDED: 1344

12 PLANES BLUEGRASS 32, 5, 8 TOOK OFF FROM ISLEY FIELD AT 1257 TO DIVE BOMB ENEMY SUGAR MILL AT TINIAN TOWN. FLIGHTS WERE OVER THE TARGET AT 1305 (LOCAL). BOMB RUNS WERE MADE FROM 6,000 FEET WITH RELEASE AT 1,500 FEET-1,000 FEET, 30 DEGREE ANGLE DIVE. TEN (10) BOMBS WERE OBSERVED TO HIT MILL, TWO (2) BOMBS EXPLODED 250 FEET SW OF MILL, FOUR (4) FELL SHORT IN THE WATER AND FOUR (4) OVERSHOT THE TARGET AND EXPLODED IN THE HOUSING AREA IN TARGET AREA 526J. FOUR BOMBS WERE UNOBSERVED. AFTER COMPLETION OF BOMB RUN, ONE STRAFING PASS WAS MADE ON THE MILL AND ADJACENT INSTALLATIONS. TWO (2) FIRES WERE STARTED IN THE MILL. MEAGRE MACHINE GUN FIRE RECEIVED FROM AREA 526R.

5. A. 2/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 3,000 FEET
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 4,700 RDS. .50 CAL. M.G. - 24 X 500 LB. BOMBS WITH
1/10 SEC. DELAY FUSES. - 3,000 GALLONS GAS
8. NONE

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-41
 GROUP MISSION #7-96

1. A. 4 P-47D'S
 B. NONE
2. A. NONE
 B. NONE
3. DIVE BOMB SUGAR MILL, TINIAN TOWN, TARGET AREA 526N,
 TINIAN ISLAND.
4. MAJ. MOAFEE, CAPTS. VILES, TENNANT, LT. RUFF (BLUEGRASS 1)

TAKEOFF: 1513 - LANDING: 1604

FOUR (4) PLANES BLUEGRASS 1, TOOK OFF AT 1513 TO DIVE BOMB ENEMY SUGAR MILL, TINIAN TOWN, TINIAN ISLAND. BLUEGRASS LEADER CARRIED 2 X 1,000 LB BOMBS, REMAINDER OF THE FLIGHT 2 X 500 LB. BOMBS. OVER TARGET AT 1525. BOMB RUNS WERE MADE FROM NW TO SE, ALTITUDE 6,500 FEET, WITH RELEASE AT 1,000 FEET, 45 DEGREE ANGLE. UPON RELEASE 2 X 1,000 LB. BOMBS HUNG UP, AND FELL OFF, ONE IN AREA 527P AND THE OTHER IN THE WATER JUST OFF THE ISLAND. OF THE 6 X 500 LB. BOMBS RELEASED, THREE HUNG UP WHEN RELEASED AND FINALLY FELL OFF IN THE WATER. TWO (2) X 500 LB. BOMBS HIT THE SUGAR MILL AND ONE HIT A RAILROAD SERVICING SHED IN AREA 526S. NO A/A FIRE RECEIVED FROM ENEMY POSITIONS.

5. A. 1/10 COVERAGE AT 5,000 FEET.
 B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 2 X 1,000 LB. G.P. BOMBS WITH 4-5 SEC. DELAY FUSE. 6 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS WITH 1/10 SEC. DELAY FUSE. - 600 GALS. GAS.
8. MILL APPEARED TO BE BADLY DAMAGED FROM PREVIOUS MISSIONS, HOWEVER IT WILL HAVE TO BE HIT AGAIN IF IT IS TO BE LEVELLED.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-42
GROUP MISSION #94

1. A. 12 P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE BOMB ENEMY HOUSING, TINIAN TOWN, TARGET AREA 526H & I, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. QUINNEE, LTS. DUNN, FLAGERMAN, MALONE (BLUEGRASS 2)
CAPT. MOHR, LTS. MARCINKO, LIEBOTT, DOHERTY (BLUEGRASS 6)
CAPT. SLEPECKY, LTS. ANGELLE, PETTY, DECHARY (BLUEGRASS 7)

TAKEOFF: 1042 - LANDING: 1133

TWELVE (12) PLANES BLUEGRASS 2, 6, 7, TOOK OFF FROM ISLEY FIELD AT 1042 (LOCAL) TO DIVE BOMB HOUSING IN AREA 526 H & I, TINIAN TOWN. OVER TARGET AT 1055. 24 X 500 LB BOMBS RELEASED OVER TARGET. 14 X 500 LB. BOMBS OBSERVED TO EXPLODE IN AREA 526 H & I, 3 X 500 LB. BOMBS IN AREA 526D; 5 BOMBS IN AREA 526M, AND 1 BOMB LANDED IN THE WATER IN AREA 526. BOMB RUNS WERE MADE FROM NE TO SW AND SW TO NE, ALTITUDE 10,000 FEET, RELEASE AT 1,500 FEET, SPEED 360 M.P.H. SMALL FIRES STARTED IN TARGET AREA 526 H, I.

ON WITHDRAWAL, FLIGHT STRAFED RADIO STATION IN AREA 559D WITH UNDETERMINED RESULTS.

BLUEGRASS 2-3 OBSERVED TWO SHELL BURST IN FRONT OF HIS PLANE IN AREA 815. BELIEVED THERE TO BE 40MM A/A FIRE. AT THE TIME PILOT WAS FLYING AT TREE TOP LEVEL.

5. A. 5/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 1500 TO 2000 FEET/
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 24 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS WITH 1/10 SEC. DELAY FUSES.
8450 RDS .50 CAL. M.G. - 2100 GALS. GAS.
8. THIS IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF MISSIONS IN WHICH THIS SQDN. WILL ATTEMPT TO LEVEL AREA 526, TINIAN TOWN. AFTER SEVERAL OF THESE MISSIONS HAVE BEEN RUN IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE AREA BE PHOTOGRAPHED SO THAT BOMB DAMAGE CAN BE ASSESSED ACCURATELY.

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GROUP MISSION # 7-100

16 JULY 1944

1. A. TWELVE (12) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE SUGAR MILL, TARGET AREA 528N, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. GUINNEE, LTS. DUNN, FLAGERMAN, DANYLO. (BLUEGRASS 2)
CAPT. MOHR, LTS. RHODY, LIEBGOTT, DOHERTY. (BLUEGRASS 6)
CAPT. SLEPECKY, LTS. ANGELLE, MALONE, DECHARY. (BLUEGRASS 7)

TAKEOFF: 1302 - LAND: 1409

TWELVE (12) PLANES BLUEGRASS 2, 6, 7, TOOK OFF ISLEY FIELD 1302 (LOCAL), TO DIVE BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY SUGAR MILL AT TINIAN TOWN, OVER TARGET AT 1320. FIRST BOMB RUN MADE FROM NE TO SW AND SECOND RUN FROM SW TO NE. ALTITUDE 7000 - 8000 FEET, RELEASE AT 1500 FEET. ONE BOMB RELEASED ON EACH RUN. LTS. DUNN, FLAGERMAN AND CAPT. GUINNEE HAD BOMBS HUNG UP ON RELEASE, AND WHEN BOMBS FINALLY CAME OFF THEY LANDED IN THE WATER. ELEVEN BOMBS HIT MILL, FOUR BOMBS FELL SHORT IN THE WATER, ONE BOMB EXPLODED IN AREA 526K, FOUR WERE UNOBSERVED, AND THE THREE THAT HUNG UP ALSO FELL IN THE WATER. ONE BOMB THAT HUNG UP ON LT. DUNN'S SHIP FELL OFF OVER AGUIJAN ISLAND WHEN HE SECURED RELEASE HANDLE.

ONE STRAFING PASS WAS MADE FROM THE SW ON SUGAR MILL AND INSTALLATIONS. FLIGHT CONTINUED STRAFING AS THEY CROSSED TINIAN. A LARGE GANE FIRE WAS STARTED IN AREA 536.

NO A/A FIRE RECEIVED DURING MISSION.

5. A. 5/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 1500 FEET OVER TARGET.
B. GOOD.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 24 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS - 1/10 SECOND DELAY FUZE. 10,450 ROUNDS .50 CAL. AMMUNITION. 2280 GALLONS GAS.
8. FLIGHTS OBSERVED RESULTS OF 15 JULY 1944 BOMBING MISSION AGAINST AREA 528H, I, AND REPORT THAT 65% OF THE BUILDINGS IN THE AREA ARE DESTROYED.

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GROUP MISSION # 7-101

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY SUGAR MILL AND INSTALLATIONS AREA 526N, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. MAJOR MCAFEE, LTS. DELP, GRAY, ELENDER. (BLUEGRASS 1)

TAKEOFF: 1625 - LANDED : 1710

FOUR PLANE BLUEGRASS 1 TOOK OFF ISLEY FIELD AT 1625 TO DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY SUGAR MILL IN TARGET AREA 526N, TINIAN TOWN. BLUEGRASS LEADER CARRIED 2 X 1000 LB. G.P. BOMBS. OVER TARGET AT 1645. BLUEGRASS LEADER MADE BOMB RUN FROM NW TO SE. THIS RUN WAS NOT A DIVE-BOMB RUN, BOMBS WERE RELEASED OVER TARGET WITH SHIP IN LEVEL ATITUDE, SPEED 240 M.P.H. ALTITUDE ABOUT 100 FEET. REMAINDER OF FLIGHT DIVE-BOMBED FROM THE SW. ONE 1000 LB. BOMB EXPLODED IN HOUSING AREA 527P, AND THE OTHER IN RAILROAD YARD ADJACENT TO SUGAR MILL. FOUR (4) 500 LB. BOMBS HIT SUGAR MILL. ONE (1) 500 LB. BOMB HIT HOUSING AREA 527W, ONE (1) 500 LB. BOMB FELL IN THE WATER. FLIGHT THEN STRAFED HOUSING IN AREA 526I WHERE SMALL FIRES WERE STARTED. TREES LINING RAILROAD MARSHALLING YARD IN MILL AREA WERE ALSO STRAFED AND SEVERAL SMALL FIRES WERE STARTED IN THAT AREA.

MEAGRE MG FIRE RECEIVED FROM AROUND GURQUAN PT. AIRFIELD.

5. A. 5/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 2000 FEET.
B. BLUEGRASS LEADERS TRANSMITTER OUT, COMMUNICATIONS FOR REMAINDER OF THE FLIGHT, GOOD.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 2 X 1000 LB. G.P. BOMBS WITH 4/5 SEC. DELAY FUSE. 6 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS WITH 1/10 SEC. DELAY FUSE. 2200 ROUNDS .50 CAL. 480 GALLONS GAS.
8. PILOTS OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE LOOSE STORES IN AREA 605D, I,N, AND S, ALSO GUN EMPLACEMENTS IN AREA 643F.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-45
GROUP MISSION #7-102

1. A. 16 P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. PRIMARY TARGET: OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT AND SHIPPING AT PAGAN ISLAND.
SECONDARY TARGET: RENDER RUNWAY NON-OPERATIONAL AND DESTROY BUILDINGS AND GUN INSTALLATIONS PAGAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. TENNANT, LTS. COX, KENDLE, BACH (BLUEGRASS 3)
LTS. JACOBSON, MATHIS, KENDALL, RHODY (BLUEGRASS 8)
CAPT. VILES, LTS. LUSTIG, STAMPE, DANYLO (BLUEGRASS 4)
LTS. PORTER, SHAFFER, PETTY, MARCINKO (BLUEGRASS 9)

TAKEOFF: 1550 - LAND: 1800

SIXTEEN (16) PLANES BLUEGRASS 3, 8, 4, 9 TOOK OFF ISLEY FIELD, SAIPAN AT 1550 ON FIGHTER SWEEP AT PAGAN ISLAND. BLUEGRASS 8-2 (LT. MATHIS) DEVELOPED TROUBLE WITH BELLY TANK WHEN 10 MILES NORTH OF MARPI PT. BLUEGRASS 8 (LT. JACOBSON) AND 8-2 LEFT FORMATION AND CALLED FEARLESS CONTROL FOR INSTRUCTIONS. CHEROKEE CONTROL ANSWERED AND ORDERED ELEMENT TO DROP BOMBS ON TINIAN TOWN. BLUEGRASS 8-2 CARRIED 2 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS WHICH HE DROPPED ON SUGAR MILL, TINIAN TOWN, TINIAN IS. ELEMENT THEN MADE TWO STRAFING PASSES ON MILL AND ADJACENT BUILDINGS. RETURNED TO BASE AT 1630 (LOCAL).

FOURTEEN PLANES BLUEGRASS 3, 8, 4, 9 OVER PAGAN ISLAND AT 1655.

OBSERVED NO OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT OR SHIPPING. RUNWAY UNSERVICEABLE FROM PREVIOUS MISSIONS.

SIX PLANES OF BLUEGRASS 3 & 8 DIVE BOMBED FROM THE SOUTH. BOMB RUNS BEGAN AT 10,000 FEET AND RELEASE AT 3,000 FEET. TWO BOMBS HIT 150 FEET SE OF HANGAR AREA, TWO HIT THE RUNWAY, ONE JUST N OF THE CENTER OF RUNWAY ON THE TAXISTRIIP, ONE ON POSSIBLE UNDERGROUND STORAGE AREA NORTH OF CENTER OF RUNWAY, TWO IN BUILDING AREA JUST NORTH OF RUNWAY, ONE NEAR SHORE AT SHOMUSHON BAY, AND TWO IN DUG IN STORAGE AREA SOUTH OF NATIVE HOUSING AREA.

BLUEGRASS 4 AND 9 WHO WERE HIGH COVER DURING DIVE BOMB RUNS THEN STRAFED HANGARS AND INSTALLATIONS ON SOUTH SIDE OF FIELD AND BUILDING ON NORTH SIDE OF FIELD. STRAFING RUNWAYS MADE FROM SE TO NW. WHILE STRAFING BUILDINGS ENEMY GUN EMPLACEMENTS ALONG CLIFFS WOUTH OF FIELD WERE ALSO ATTACKED AND THEY CEASED FIRING.

AFTER BLUEGRASS 4 AND 9 HAD STRAFED ALL PLANES THEN CAME IN FROM THE NW AND STRAFED GUN EMPLACEMENTS AND BUILDINGS AROUND AIRSTRIP AND CAVES IN CLIFFS ALONG THE WEST SHORE OF THE ISLAND. FIRES WERE STARTED IN WHAT APPEARED BARRAGBS OR WAREHOUSES NW OF THE FIELD.

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GROUP MISSION 7-102

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INTENSE ACCURATE LIGHT A/A FROM VICINITY OF AIRFIELD. DID NOT OBSERVE HV. A/A AS RECEIVED ON PREVIOUS MISSIONS. LT. LUSTIG'S PLANE HIT BY 12.7 WHICH PUT SMALL HOLE IN RIGHT WING.

5. A. 1/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 5,000 FEET.
B. GOOD
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 12 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS WITH 1/10 SEC. DELAY FUSE.
8,300 RDS. .50 CAL. M.G.
2,940 GALLONS GAS.
8. PILOTS OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A SIGNAL LIGHT BLINKING FROM CLIFFS JUST SOUTH OF THE FIELD AND ANSWERING LIGHT NORTH OF THE RUNWAY. THIS SIGNALLING TOOK PLACE JUST PRIOR TO FIRING OF A/A GUNS.
FLIGHT LEADERS RECOMMEND FUTURE STRAFING RUNS BE MADE FROM E TO W, DUE TO PHYSICAL SETUP OF FIELD AND INSTALLATIONS, IN ADDITION TO A/A DEFENSES.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, AA
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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-46
GROUP MISSION # 7-104

17 JULY 1944

1. A. TWELVE (12) P-47B'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE-BOMB ENEMY SUGAR MILL IN AREA 526N; AND HOUSING IN AREA 526-O, TINIAN TOWN, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. MAJ. MCAFEE, LTS. ANGELLE, RUFF, DECHARY. (BLUEGRASS 1)
CAPT. VILES, LTS. LUSTIG, STAMPE, SHAFFER. (BLUEGRASS 4)
CAPT. TENNANT, LTS. COX, KENDLE, BACH. (BLUEGRASS 3)

TAKEOFF: 1505 - LAND: 1615

TWELVE (12) PLANES BLUEGRASS 1,3,4, TOOK OFF FROM ISLEY FIELD, SAIPAN AT 1505 TO DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY SUGAR MILL IN AREA 526N, AND HOUSING IN AREA 526-O, TINIAN TOWN. BLUEGRASS 1 LEADER CARRIED 2 X 1000 LB G.P. BOMBS AND REMAINDER OF FLIGHTS 2 X 500 LB G.P. BOMBS. OVER TARGET AT 1530. BLUEGRASS LEADER MADE HIS BOMB RUNS ON SUGAR MILL FROM SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST AT 240 MPH. RELEASED ONE BOMB AT 20 FEET AND THE OTHER BOMB AT 30 FEET ABOVE TARGET. ONE THOUSAND LB. BOMB HIT MILL AND EXPLODED, THE OTHER BOMB ALSO HIT WEST SIDE OF MILL BUT DID NOT EXPLODE.

REMAINDER OF BLUEGRASS 1,3,4, RELEASED 22 X 500 LB. BOMBS (G.P.) ON AREA 526-O. FIFTEEN BOMBS HIT HOUSING IN TARGET AREA, 3 HIT RAILROAD MARSHALLING YARD ADJACENT TO THE SUGAR MILL, ONE BOMB FELD SHORT IN THE WATER AND THREE OVERSHOT TARGET AND FELL IN AREA 526N.

BLUEGRASS 1 AND 3 MADE THREE STRAFING PASSES IN AREA 526-O, TWO FROM EAST TO WEST AND ONE FROM SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST, WITH UNDETERMINED RESULTS.

NO A/A FIRE ENCOUNTERED.

5. A. SCATTERED CLOUDS AT 1500 FEET OVER TARGET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 2X1,000 LB. G.P. BOMBS WITH 4-5 SECOND DELAY FUZE. 22 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS WITH 1/10 SECOND DELAY FUZE. 9,900 ROUNDS .50 CAL. AMMUNITION. 1200 GALLONS GAS.
8. ONE PILOT OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE AN OPERATIONAL BOAT TIED UP AT PIER AT TINIAN TOWN BUT WAS NOT SURE WHICH OF THE TWO PIERS IT WAS. OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE PILLBOXES ON BEACH IN AREA 526A,F, PILOTS BELIEVE GUNS REMOVED FROM POSITIONS IN AREA 643F.

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 19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, A
 A.P.O. # 244

19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-47
 GROUP MISSION # 7-105

18 JULY 1944

1. A. TWELVE (12) P-47D'S
 B. NONE
 2. A. NONE
 B. NONE
 3. FIGHTER SWEEP PAGAN AIRSTRIP, PAGAN ISLAND.
 4. MAJ. MGAFFEE, LTS. DELP, GRAY, ELENDER. (BLUEGRASS 1)
 CAPT. VOGT, LTS. BYRAM, LOFLIN, DUNNING. (BLUEGRASS 5)
 LTS. PORTER, MALONE, PETTY, MARGINKO. (BLUEGRASS 9)
- TAKEOFF: 0458 - LAND: 0728

TWELVE (12) PLANES, BLUEGRASS 1, 5, 9, TOOK OFF ISLEY FIELD AT 0458 ON FIGHTER SWEEP - PAGAN AIRSTRIP, PAGAN ISLAND. OVER TARGET AT 0550. FLIGHTS BEGAN FIRST STRAFING RUN FROM 10,000 FEET LETTING DOWN TO 6,500 FEET BEFORE OPENING FIRE, CONTINUING ON DOWN TO DECK, LINE A-BREAST. RUN MADE FROM E. TO W. STRAFED FIELD INSTALLATIONS AND GUN EMPLACEMENTS. FLIGHTS RETIRED TO THE WEST CLIMBING TO 5000 FEET, THEN RETURNED ACROSS ISLAND OBSERVING INSTALLATIONS AND ATTEMPTING TO PIN-POINT LOCATIONS OF GUN EMPLACEMENTS. ANOTHER STRAFING PASS WAS MADE FROM THE EAST ON DECK. BLUEGRASS LEADER SET AFIRE AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT SOUTH OF WEST END OF RUNWAY. THIS PLANE UNOBSERVED ON PREVIOUS MISSIONS BY THIS SQUADRON. PILOT COULD NOT DETERMINE WHETHER IT WAS OPERATIONAL OR NOT PRIOR TO STRAFING. BLUEGRASS LEADER ALSO SILENCED A 40 MM GUN EMPLACEMENT ON EDGE OF WOODED AREA NORTH OF CENTER OF RUNWAY; THIS GUN DID NOT FIRE AGAIN, - BELIEVED TO BE KNOCKED OUT.

INTENSE LIGHT AND MEDIUM A/A ENCOUNTERED DURING ATTACK. MEDIUM A/A BURST AT 4,000 FEET. A/A OPENED FIRE AS SOON AS PLANES APPROACHED THE ISLAND, BELIEVE GUN CREWS ALERTED EITHER BY RADAR OR ATTACK BY MARINE NIGHT FIGHTERS SHORTLY BEFORE THIS MISSION. A/A FIRE EMANATED FROM VICINITY OF AIRFIELD; CLIFFS SOUTH OF AIRFIELD; AND POSITIONS EAST OF VOLCANO ALONG SHORE.

ON RETURN TO BASE FLIGHTS STRAFED A BUILDING ON SOUTHWEST SIDE OF GUGUAN ISLAND ABOUT 800 FEET FROM SHORE, AND EIGHT (8) BUILDINGS ON THE NORTHWEST COAST OF SARIGAN ISLAND. OBSERVED NO FIRES STARTED.

CAPT. VOGT RECEIVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A 20 MM HOLE IN WING OF HIS PLANE.

5. A. 5/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 2,000 FEET.
 B. LOUD AND CLEAR
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 14,250 ROUNDS .50 CAL. AMMUNITION - 4,200 GALLONS GAS.
8. OBSERVATIONS: PILOTS OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE DUMMY RADAR AND GUN INSTALLATIONS ON PENINSULA WEST OF FIELD, BETWEEN KANAKA AND SHOMUSHON BAYS. WOODED AREA JUST NORTH OF CENTER OF RUNWAY CONTAINS NUMEROUS LIGHT AND MEDIUM A/A. TRENCHES AND DUG-OUTS OBSERVED ON SLOPE OF EAST COAST, DIRECTLY EAST OF RUNWAY. BARRACKS OR WAREHOUSE OBSERVED ON CLIFFS SOUTH OF FIELD, AND NEAR EAST COAST, DIRECTLY EAST OF RUNWAY. SCATTERED M/G AND 40 MM GUN POSITIONS OBSERVED EAST OF BASE OF VOLCANO. THESE POSITIONS DID NOT FIRE ON PLANES, OF THIS SQUADRON ON PREVIOUS MISSIONS AND MIGHT POSSIBLY BE NEW INSTALLATIONS. LARGE CONCRETE STRUCTURE RESEMBLING BLOCKHOUSE OBSERVED ON CLIFFS SOUTH OF RUNWAY.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-47 (CONTINUED)
GROUP MISSION # 7-105

18 JULY 1944

B. (CONTINUED)

HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF 40MM A/A POSITIONS OBSERVED ALONG SOUTHWEST
END OF FIELD. BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS AT AIRFIELD APPEARED
BADLY BATTERED AND RUNWAY UNSERVICEABLE.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-48
GROUP MISSION # 7-107

18 JULY 1944

1. A. TWELVE (12) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY INSTALLATIONS IN TARGET AREAS 509T,Y; 526T,Y; 520G,H; AND 520-1,D - TINIAN ISLAND
4. MAJ. MCAFEE, LTS. DELP, GRAY, ELENDR. (BLUEGRASS 1)
CAPT. VILES, LTS. LUSTIG, STAMPE, BARRETT. (BLUEGRASS 4)
CAPT. SLEPECKY, LTS. ANGELLE, RUFF, DECHARY. (BLUEGRASS 7)

TAKEOFF: 1500 - LAND: 1545

TWELVE PLANES BLUEGRASS 1,4,7, TOOK OFF ISLEY FIELD AT 1500 TO DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY INSTALLATIONS, TINIAN ISLAND. OVER TARGET AT 1515. BLUEGRASS 4 AND 7 DROPPED 16 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS ON REPORTED CAMOUFLAGED GUN POSITIONS IN WOODED AREA 526T & Y. 14 BOMBS LANDED ON THE TARGET AREA, ONE BOMB EXPLODED 300 FEET SHORT AND ONE BOMB 100 FEET TO THE EAST. BOMB RUNS WERE MADE FROM SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST AND SOUTH TO NORTH; ALTITUDE 8,000 FEET, RELEASE BETWEEN 2,000 AND 1,600 FEET. ONE BOMB DROPPED ON EACH RUN.

BLUEGRASS 1-2 DROPPED 2 X 500 LB. BOMBS AND HIT AREA 526T & Y WHERE THREE POSSIBLY FOUR DP GUNS AND THREE PILL BOXES WERE REPORTED.

BLUEGRASS 1-3 DROPPED 2 X 500 LB. BOMBS AND HIT AREA 520G & H WHICH IS REPORTED TO BE ENEMY STRONG POINT.

BLUEGRASS 1-4 DROPPED 2 X 500 LB. BOMBS AND HIT AREA 520-1 & D WHERE 6 HV. M/G OR LIGHT ARTILLERY HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

BLUEGRASS 1 LEADER, MADE TWO SKIP BOMB RUNS ON THE SUGAR MILL IN AREA 526N. FIRST PASS MADE FROM EAST TO WEST, BOMB DID NOT EXPLODE, AND PILOT COULD NOT OBSERVE WHERE IT LANDED. SECOND RUN MADE FROM SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST, BOMB LANDED IN RAILROAD YARD SOUTH OF MILL, SKIPPED OVER MILL AND EXPLODED 30 FEET IN THE AIR JUST NORTH OF THE MILL.

AREAS 526T,Y; 520G,H; AND 520-1,D WERE REPEATEDLY STRAFED WITH UNDETERMINED RESULTS. PILOTS HAD DIFFICULTY PICKING UP PINPOINT TARGETS IN AREAS.

NO A/A FIRE RECEIVED DURING MISSION.

5. A. SOLID OVERCAST BASE AT 10,000 FEET.
B. GOOD
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 2 X 1000 LB. G.P. BOMBS (4-5 SEC. DELAY FUZE). 22 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS (1/10 SEC. DELAY FUZE). 17,350 RDS. .50 GAL. AMMO. 1860 GALLONS GAS.
8. OBSERVED TWO ENEMY GUN EMPLACEMENTS WITH CONNECTING TRENCH IN AREA 628R, S,T, AND 629P, TINIAN. THESE POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED 4 JULY 1944. PILOTS BELIEVE THIS HAS BEEN THE BEST BOMBING THEY HAVE DONE TO DATE.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-49(CONTINUED)
GROUP MISSION #7-110

B. (CONTINUED)

OBSERVED ENEMY ACTIVITY IN HOUSING AREA LOCATED IN 5080 &V ;
OBSERVED SEVERAL PEOPLE NEAR BUILDINGS IN THAT AREA.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-49
 GROUP MISSION #7-110

1. A. ELEVEN (11) P-47D'S
 B. NONE
2. A. NONE
 B. NONE
3. DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY INSTALLATIONS IN TARGET AREA 526
 H.I. AND D, TINIAN TOWN, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. TENNANT, LTS. COX, KENDLE, BACH. (BLUEGRASS 3)
 CAPT. VOGT, LTS. BYRAM, LOFLIN, DUNNING (BLUEGRASS 5)
 LTS. JACOBSON, MATHIS, KENDALL, (BLUEGRASS 8)

TAKEOFF : 1003 - LANDED : 1112

ELEVEN P-47D'S, BLUEGRASS 3, 5, 8 TOOK OFF ISLEY FIELD, SAIPAN AT 1003 TO DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY HOUSING IN TARGET AREA 526 H, I, D, TINIAN TOWN. OVER TARGET AT 1015. ALL FLIGHTS MADE TWO BOMB RUNS FROM SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST, ALTITUDE AT START OF DIVE 6500 FEET, RELEASE POINT 1500 - 2000 FEET. 22 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS RELEASED OVER TARGET. FIFTEEN BOMBS HIT IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF AREA 526D, NORTHEAST CORNER 526A AND NORTHWEST CORNER 526I. FOUR BOMBS FELL 100 YARDS NORTHWEST OF AREA, EXPLODING IN SOUTHERN PART OF AREA 526B. ONE BOMB FELL IN THE WATER AND TWO BOMBS DID NOT EXPLODE. ONE OF THESE WAS A DUD AND THE OTHER WAS NOT ARMED.

THREE STRAFING PASSES WERE THEN MADE ON THE TARGET AREA. TWO WERE MADE FROM NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST, AND ONE PASS FROM WEST TO EAST. THREE SMALL FIRES WERE STARTED IN FRAME BUILDINGS IN THE TARGET AREA.

MEAGRE ACCURATE 40MM A/A FIRE RECEIVED FROM AREA 534L. CAPT. VOGT BLUEGRASS 5 LEADER RECEIVED A HOLE IN THE RIGHT WING FROM GUNS IN THIS AREA. CAPT. VOGT STRAFED AREA AND SILENCED THE POSITION. MODERATE SMALL ARMS FIRE RECEIVED FROM AREAS 526B, C, D. LT. COX BLUEGRASS 3-1 HAD HIS PLANE DAMAGED BY SMALL ARMS FIRE; RECEIVED BULLET HOLE IN LEADING EDGE OF WING.

5. A. 4/10 CLOUD COVERAGE, BASE AT 2000 FEET TOP AT 8,000 FEET.
 B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 24 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS WITH 1/10 SEC. DELAY FUSE, 9,500 ROUNDS
 .50 CAL., 1580 GALLONS GAS.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-50
GROUP MISSION # 7-112

19 JULY 1944

1. A. TWELVE (12) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY GUN EMPLACEMENTS AND RR MARSHALLING YARD, TINIAN TOWN, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. GUINNEE, LTS. DUNN, FLAGERMAN, DANYLO. (BLUEGRASS 2)
CAPT. MOHR, LTS. ANDERSON, LIEBOTT, DOHERTY. (BLUEGRASS 6)
CAPT. SLEPECKY, WMS. ANGELLE, RUFF, DECHARY. (BLUEGRASS 7)

TAKEOFF: 1500 - LAND: 1632

TWELVE PLANES BLUEGRASS 2, 6, 7, TOOK OFF FROM BASE AT 1500 TO DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE 3 LIGHT A/A GUN POSITIONS IN AREA 526T, Y; 3 POSSIBLY 4 DUAL PURPOSE GUNS WITH 3 PILL BOXES IN AREA 520G, H; 6 HV. M/G OR LIGHT ARTILLERY IN AREA 520-1, D; AND THE RR MARSHALLING YARDS AND ROLLING STOCK ADJACENT TO SUGAR MILL, TINIAN TOWN. OVER TARGET 1510. FOUR PLANES OF BLUEGRASS 2 ATTACKED THE MARSHALLING YARDS AND ROLLING STOCK. TWO BOMB RUNS WERE MADE FROM SE TO NW, ALTITUDE 6,500 FEET, RELEASE 2,000 FEET, SPEED 325 MPH, AT 30% ANGLE DIVE. ALL EIGHT BOMBS HIT THE MARSHALLING YARD, 2 OF WHICH LANDED IN 526T AND 6 IN AREA 527H. FLIGHT MADE THREE STRAFING PASSES ON THE CARS IN THE YARD. OBSERVED THREE LONG ROWS OF STEEL DRUMS PILED BETWEEN RR TRACKS IN THE YARD. THESE DRUMS WERE STRAFED, BUT DID NOT BURN, PROBABLY WERE EMPTY OR DID NOT CONTAIN INFLAMMABLE MATERIAL.

BLUEGRASS 7 BOMBED ENEMY STRONG POINT, AREA 520G, H. TWO BOMB RUNS MADE ON TARGET FROM 7,000 FEET WITH RELEASE AT 2,000 FEET. FOUR BOMBS EXPLODED IN AREA 520H, 2 IN AREA 520G, AND 2 IN 527W. THREE STRAFING PASSES WERE MADE ON TARGET AREA BY FLIGHT AND LARGE FIRE STARTED IN 520G.

BLUEGRASS 6-1 AND 6-2 BOMBED TARGETS IN AREA 526T, Y. TWO RUNS WERE MADE FROM SE TO NW WITH RELEASE AT 1500 FEET. 2 BOMBS WERE OBSERVED TO EXPLODE IN AREA 526Y AND 2 LANDED IN THE WATER. THREE STRAFING PASSES ALSO MADE ON THIS TARGET WITH UNDETERMINED RESULTS.

BLUEGRASS 6-3 AND 6-4 DIVE-BOMBED TARGETS IN AREA 520-1 AND D. THREE BOMBS OBSERVED TO EXPLODE IN AREA, 520D, AND 1 IN WATER. STRAFING PASSES WERE MADE ON THIS AREA ALSO WITH UNDETERMINED RESULTS.

ALL TARGETS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MARSHALLING YARD, COULD NOT BE OBSERVED BY PILOTS FROM THE AIR. PILOTS BOMBED AND STRAFED AREA WHERE POSITIONS WERE REPORTED.

MEAGRE A/A FIRE RECEIVED FROM AREA 539R, PILOT OBSERVED 2 GUN FLASHES ONLY, AND COULD NOT TELL CALIBER NOR DID HE OBSERVE TRACER OR BURSTS.

5. A. 8/10 CLOUD COVERAGE FROM 2,000 TO 7,000 FEET OVER TARGET.
B. GOOD.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 18,250 RDS .50 CAL. AMMO. 24 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS (1/10 SECOND DALAY FUZE) 2400 GALLONS GAS.
8. OBSERVED LARGE CANE FIRES IN AREAS 504R, S; 503W, X. OBSERVED GUN EMPLACEMENT IN AREA 521L. OBSERVED NEW GUN POSITION IN AREA 803E, AGUIJAN, AND DUG IN EMPLACEMENTS ALL ALONG CLIFFS IN AREAS 807, 808, 809, AND NEW POSITIONS IN AREA 818R, AGUIJAN. THERE APPEARS TO BE A GREAT DEAL OF NEW ACTIVITY ALL OVER AGUIJAN ISLAND. A NEW BUILDING PROJECT OBSERVED IN AREA 806-0, AGUIJAN ISLAND.

NORTH PORTION, TINIAN TOWN, APPEARS BADLY BATTERED.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-51
GROUP MISSION #7-114

1. A. TWELVE (12) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE REPORTED ENEMY MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENTS AND CAMOUFLAGED POSITIONS IN TARGET AREA 548B, C,C,H; TINIAN ISLAND.
4. MAJOR MCAFEE, LTS. MATHIS, KENDALL, RHODY. (BLUEGRASS 1)
CAPT. VILES, LTS. LUSTIC, FLAGERMAN, DUNN. (BLUEGRASS 4)
CAPT. MOHR, LTS. ANDERSON, LIEBOOTT, DOHERTY (BLUEGRASS 6)

TAKEOFF : 1025 - LANDED : 1120

TWELVE (12) PLANES BLUEGRASS 1,4,6, TOOK OFF FROM BASE AT 1025 (LOCAL) TO DIVE-BOMB AND STRAFE REPORTED ENEMY POSITIONS AND CAMOUFLAGED POSITIONS IN AND AROUND AREA 548B,C,C,H, TINIAN ISLAND. OVER TARGET AT 1040(LOCAL). FLIGHT MADE TWO BOMBING RUNS ON TARGET AREA, ONE FROM SOUTH TO NORTH, AND ONE FROM NORTH TO SOUTH. BOMB RUNS STARTED FROM 6500 FEET, RELEASE AT 1500 TO 2000 FEET. 24 X 500 LB. BOMBS RELEASED ON TARGET. 5 BOMBS HIT AREA 548B, 8 BOMBS HIT TARGET AREA 548C, 5 HIT 548C, 3 HIT 548H AND THREE WERE UNOBSERVED. AFTER BOMB RUNS WERE MADE ON THE TARGET, TWO STRAFING PASSES WERE MADE ON THE AREA AND FIRES WERE STARTED IN BUILDINGS IN AREA 548H, AND IN CANE FIELD, 548C. THE WOODED AREA CONTAINING SHINTO TEMPLE WHERE GUN EMPLACEMENTS WERE REPORTED - WELL COVERED WITH BOMBS. PILOTS COULD NOT OBSERVE GUN EMPLACEMENTS OR CAMOUFLAGED POSITIONS REPORTED IN 548B & C.

5. OAVU OVER TARGET AREA.
GOOD
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 24 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS (1/10 SECOND DELAY FUZE), 13,800 ROUNDS
.50 CAL. AMMO. 1500 GALLONS GAS.
8. RECOMMEND VILLAGE BE HIT AGAIN. OBSERVED STEEL DRUMS IN AREA 583L AND C, WHICH WERE STRAFED BUT DID NOT BURN.

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MISSION REPORT #7-52, 19TH F.S.
GROUP MISSION #7-120

1. A. TWELVE (12) P-47'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE BOMB AND STRAFE VILLAGE IN TARGET AREA 548H AND REPORTED ENEMY POSITION IN 584M AND 595A, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. GUINNEE, LTS. DUNN, FLAGERMAN, DANYLO (BLUEGRASS 2)
CAPT. VOGT, LTS. DUNNING, BYRAM, SHAFEE (BLUEGRASS 5)
CAPT. BLEPECKY, LTS. ANGELLE, RUFF, DECHARY (BLUEGRASS 7)

TAKEOFF: 1003 - OVER TARGET 1023 - OFF TARGET 1042
LANDED : 1102

BLUEGRASS 2 FLIGHT FLYING FROM N TO S MADE ONE DIVE BOMBING RUN FROM 6,500 FEET RELEASING AT 1500 ON TARGET 548H. SIX (6) BOMBS WERE RELEASED ON TARGET. ONE BOMB HIT 548H CENTER, ONE 548H NORTHWEST, ONE 548H SW, 2 548C NW AND ONE 548C CENTER. NO FIRES RESULTED FROM BOMBING. THREE A/C MADE 2 STRAFING RUNS AND THE ONE A/C MADE 3 STRAFING RUNS ALL FROM N TO S AFTER TURNING IN FROM THE EAST, THE A/C RETIRING OFF THE SOUTH EAST END OF THE ISLAND. FIRES RESULTED FROM STRAFING WERE OBSERVED IN TARGET AREAS 548H AND C AND 537R. FLAME AND WHITE SMOKE CAME FROM A STRAW ROOFED HOUSE IN THE LATTER AREA. STRAFING RUNS COMMENCED AT 5,000 FEET AND TERMINATED ON THE DECK.
NO A/A

BLUEGRASS 5 FLIGHT MADE TWO DIVE BOMBING RUNS FROM 6,500 FEET RELEASING AT 1,500 FEET ON ALLEGED GUN POSITIONS IN TARGET AREA ASSIGNED AS 584M. THE RUNS WERE FROM N TO S ONE BOMB BEING DROPPED ON EACH RUN. COORDINATE BETWEEN PHOTOGRAPHS AND MAP DISAGREE ON THIS TARGET. ACCORDING TO PHOTOGRAPH ASSIGNED TARGET APPEARS IN H INSTEAD OF M. THE TRANSPOSED POSITIONS USED. THE TARGET WAS EASY TO PICK OUT AND LOOKED LIKE A FIELD ARTILLARY POSITION ON THE DIVE BOMBING RUN. THE BOMBS HIT AS FOLLOWS: 3 IN 584H IN LINE WITHIN 50 TO 75 FEET OF POSITION, 1 IN 584H WITHIN 300 FEET OF POSITION, 2 IN 584C WITHIN 500 FEET OF POSITION AND 1 IN 584M WITHIN 800 FEET. ONE STRAFING PASS WAS MADE BY THE FOUR A/C FROM N TO S. ON THIS RUN ON THE SAME POINT, NO TARGET APPEARED BUT THE PILOTS SAW WHAT APPEARED TO BE A DEAD TREE. THIS CAUSED THE FLIGHT LEADER TO MAKE A SEARCH RUN ON THE TARGET AT MINIMUM ALTITUDE. AS HE PASSED THE TARGET HE DIPPED HIS WING AND VERIFIED THE FACT THAT THE TARGET ASSIGNED WAS A DEAD TREE. HE THEN STRAFED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY. FIRES FROM STRAFING WERE STARTED IN A BUILDING AT THE CORNER OF 523L SOUTHEAST AND Q NORTHEAST.

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SIX VERTICAL POLES WERE SEEN WITH SOMETHING STRUNG ON THEM AS IF TO DRY.

BLUEGRASS 7 FLIGHT MADE TWO DIVE BOMB RUNS FROM 7,000 FEET RELEASING AT 1,500 FEET ON ALLEGED GUN POSITIONS IN TARGET AREA 595H. THE RUNS WERE ALSO MADE FROM N TO S DROPPING ONE BOMB ON EACH RUN. SIX BOMBS HIT 595H IN A VEE PATTERN WITHIN 150 FEET OF THE POSITION. 2 BOMBS HIT IN 595, WITH 250 FEET OF THE POSITION. (NO FIRES FROM BOMBING) ONE STRAFING PASS WAS MADE BY 2 A/C AND 2 BY THE OTHER 2 A/C. ALL FROM N TO S, AND FROM 5,000 FEET TO MINIMUM ALTITUDE. PILOTS ASSERT THAT THERE WAS NO TARGET IN THE POSITION ASSIGNED BUT THAT 595M LOOKED MORE LIKE A TARGET. 3 OR 4 CANE FIRES WERE STARTED ON A LINE MIDWAY EAST AND WEST BETWEEN 595H & M. THATCH ROOF BUILDINGS WERE SET ON FIRE. AT 572S XMB A CAMOUFLAGED BUILDING ON THE LINE, BETWEEN 592P & Q WAS SET ON FIRE.

5. A. 7/10 CLOUD COVERAGE - CEILING 2,500 FEET WITH TOPS OF CLOUDS BUILT UP TO 7,000 FEET MOVING NW AND CLEARING.
- B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 22 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS, 1/10 SEC. DELAY FUSE - 10,400
RDS. .50 GAL. M.G. - 1620 GALLONS OF GAS.
8. OBSERVED A CAMOUFLAGED STRUCTURE IN 595M. OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT STRUCTURE IS A GUN POSITION.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-53
GROUP MISSION #7-127

1. A. TWO (2) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. TARGET AREAS 534, 539 TINIAN ISLAND.
4. MAJOR MCAFEE, CAPT. TENNANT. (BLUEGRASS 1)

TAKEOFF: 1228 - LANDED: 1249

THIS MISSION UNDERTAKEN AS EXPERIMENT USING WING-TANKS FILLED WITH A MIXTURE OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL OIL IGNITED UPON CONTACT BY AN M3 DETONATER ON A WHITE PHOSPHORUS GRENADE. THIS IS BELIEVED TO BE THE FIRST TIME THIS TYPE OF FIRE-BOMB HAS BEEN USED BY AAF PLANES IN THE C.P.A.

BLUEGRASS 1 LEADER, MADE TWO RUNS OVER TARGET AREA 539, RELEASING ONE FIRE-BOMB ON EACH RUN. THE FIRST ONE WAS RELEASED AT AN ALTITUDE OF 20 FEET, AND THE SECOND AT AN ALTITUDE OF 50 FEET. SPEED 240 M.P.H. ONE BOMB HIT JUST IN FRONT OF A BUILDING IN AREA 539U, FIRE SPREAD OUT AND ENVELOPED THE BUILDING. THE OTHER BOMB LANDED EAST OF ROAD IN THAT AREA AND SPREAD OVER UNDERGROWTH. WHEN LAST OBSERVED THE AREA WAS BURNING INTENSELY.

BLUEGRASS 1-2 DROPPED BOTH FIRE BOMBS IN WOODED AREA 534A. TWO RUNS WERE MADE ON THE TARGET AND ONE BOMB RELEASED ON EACH RUN. RELEASED AT A 50 FOOT ALTITUDE, SPEED 240 M.P.H.. ONE BOMB DID NOT EXPLODE, THE OTHER BOMB SEEMED TO ENVELOPE THE ENTIRE AREA.

5. A. 4/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 5,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 4 X 165 GAL. WING-TANK W/M3 DETONATERS AND WP GRENADES (TANK CONTAINED 1/3 DIESEL OIL, 2/3 GASOLINE.
8. PILOTS BELIEVE THEY CAN OBTAIN EXCELLENT ACCURACY WITH THIS TYPE OF BOMB.

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A.P.O. # 24419TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-54
GROUP MISSION # 7-129

22 JULY 1944

1. A. ELEVEN P-47D'S
B. NONE
 2. A. NONE
B. NONE
 3. DIVE-BOMB ENEMY AIRFIELD, PAGAN ISLAND.
 4. CAPT. GUINNEE, LTS. DUNN, FLAGERMAN, DANYLO. (BLUEGRASS 2)
CAPT. VOGT, LTS. MATHIS, JACOBSON, RHODY. (BLUEGRASS 5)
CAPT. MOHR, LTS. ANDERSON, LIEBGOTT. (BLUEGRASS 8)
- TAKEOFF: 1408 - LAND: 1650

ELEVEN PLANES BLUEGRASS 2,5,6, TOOK OFF ISELY FIELD AT 1408 TO DIVE-BOMB ENEMY AIRFIELD AND INSTALLATIONS ON PAGAN ISLAND. EIGHT PLANES OF THE 333RD SQUADRON RENDEZVOUSED WITH 19TH SQUADRON OVER SAIPAN AND ACTED AS HIGH COVER. OVER TARGET AT 1505. ONE DIVE-BOMB RUN WAS MADE ON THE TARGET FROM SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST OUT OF THE CLOUDS. RUN BEGAN AT 10,000 FEET, RELEASE AT 3,000 FEET. SIX BOMBS OBSERVED TO EXPLODE ON RUNWAY, SEVEN ON TAXI-STRIP SOUTH OF RUNWAY, THREE ON TAXI-STRIP NORTH OF RUNWAY, TWO 500 FEET NORTH OF WEST END OF RUNWAY, FOUR BOMBS UNOBSERVED.

AS THE FIRST PLANE OF BLUEGRASS 3 BROKE THROUGH THE CLOUDS ON BOMB RUN ENEMY A/A OPENED UP. A/A FIRE OBSERVED TO EMANATE FROM BASE AND TOP OF RIDGE, SOUTH OF AIRSTRIP AND FROM POSITIONS JUST NORTH OF FIELD, AND OTHER POSITIONS JUST SOUTH OF HOUSING AREA NEAR KANAKA BAY.

INTENSE INACCURATE HEAVY A/A, INTENSE ACCURATE MEDIUM A/A, INTENSE INACCURATE LIGHT A/A. FLAK OBSERVED TO BURST AT FROM 3,500 FEET TO 6,500 FEET. BLUEGRASS 5 LEADER WAS HIT BY 40 MM SHELL AT 2,000 FEET ALTITUDE. RIGHT WING DAMAGED, TIRE BURNED OFF RIGHT WHEEL, HYDRAULIC SYSTEM PUT OUT OF COMMISSION, AIR INDUCTION SYSTEM OUT. PILOT WAS ABLE TO BRING HIS SHIP BACK TO BASE AND LAND. BLUEGRASS 5-4 HIT BY 40 MM FIRE, RIGHT FLAP SEVERELY DAMAGED.

LARGE FIRE STARTED IN BUILDINGS NORTH OF WEST END OF FIELD JUST OFF TAXI-STRIP.

RUNWAY NON-OPERATIONAL PRIOR TO BOMB RUNS.

NO SHIPPING OR OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT OBSERVED AT PAGAN.

5. A. 8/10 CLOUD COVERAGE, BASE AT 4,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 22 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS (1/10 SECOND DELAY FUZE). 2520 GALLONS GAS.
8. A/A FIRE BY FAR THE HEAVIEST AND MOST ACCURATE ENCOUNTERED AT PAGAN. IN THE PAST THE JAPS SEEMED TO PUT UP A BARRAGE NOT AIMING AT ANY SPECIFIC PLANE, WHEREAS IT APPEARED THEY PICKED THEIR TARGETS ON THIS MISSION.
GREEN SEA MARKER OBSERVED 30 TO 35 MILES ON A BEARING OF 340 DEGREES FROM SAIPAN, REPORTED TO CHEROKEE.
UNIDENTIFIED SUBMARINE SIGHTED AT 1602, SOUTH OF MEDINALLA ABOUT 15 MILES. PILOT OBSERVED CHARACTERISTIC WAKE OF PERISCOPE FOR ABOUT 1 1/2 MINUTES. HEADING OF SUBMARINE 350 DEGREES.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-55
GROUP MISSION # 7-132

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. FIRE BOMB WOODED RIDGE TARGET #4, TARGET AREAS 619 AND 620, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. MAJOR MCAFEE, LT. RUFF, CAPT. VILES, LT. GRAY. (BLUEGRASS 1)
TAKEOFF: 1645 - LANDED: 1752

FOUR PLANES BLUEGRASS 1 TOOK OFF AT 1645 WITH 4 X 75 GALLON BELLY TANKS FILLED WITH DIESEL OIL AND GASOLINE WITH WP GRENADE ATTACHED. FLIGHT MADE BOMB RUN ON TARGET FROM NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST, RELEASED FIRE-BOMBS AT 20 TO FIFTY FEET ALTITUDE. OBSERVED TWO TANKS EXPLODE IN AREA 6190 AND TWO IN 620K AND P EACH BOMB SEEMED TO COVER AREA OF ABOUT 200 TO 300 FEET. FIRE SEEMED TO LAST ONLY AS LONG AS IT TOOK OIL AND GAS MIXTURE TO BURN OUT.

ALL FOUR PLANES RETURNED TO BASE AND PANCAKED AT 1713. BLUEGRASS 1 LEADER AND BLUEGRASS 1-3 TOOK OFF AGAIN AT 1735 WITH TWO MORE FIRE-BOMBS TO BE DROPPED ON THE SAME AREA. THE TWO BOMBS WERE DROPPED AND OBSERVED TO EXPLODE IN AREA 619-0. THIS FLIGHT RETURNED TO BASE AT 1752.

5. A. 5/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 2,000 TO 3,000 FEET OVER TARGET
B. LOUD AND CLEAR
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 6 X 75 GALLON BELLY TANKS, DIESEL OIL AND GAS MIXTURE W/WP GRENADE ATTACHED. 550 GALLONS GAS.
8. ONLY FLIGHT AND ELEMENT LEADER USED A FIRE-BOMB ON MISSION TO DATE. ALL AGREE THAT THIS TYPE OF BOMBING WILL BE EFFECTIVE ESPECIALLY IN BURNING OUT CANE FIELDS, FRAME BUILDINGS AND UNDERGROWTH.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-56
GROUP MISSION #7-136

1. A. 28 P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE BOMB AND STRAFE ENEMY INSTALLATIONS AND SUPPLIES IN WOODED AREA 613 B,G,K,P AND STRAFE TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY AS OBSERVED, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. MAJ. MCAFEE, LTS. DELP, GRAY, ELENDER (BLUEGRASS 1)
CAPT. VILES, LTS. LUSTIC, STAMPE, BARRETT (BLUEGRASS 4)
LTS. JACOBSON, MATHIS, KENDALL, RHODY (BLUEGRASS 8)
CAPT. SPEECKY, LTS. ANGELLE, RUFF, DECHARY (BLUEGRASS 7)
LTS. KENDLE, DUNN, FLAGERMAN, DANYLO (BLUEGRASS 5)
CAPT. MOHR, LTS. ANDERSON, LIEBOTT, DOHERTY (BLUEGRASS 6)
LTS. PORTER, MALONE, PETTY, MARCINKO (BLUEGRASS 9)

TAKEOFF: 1031 - LANDED: 1147

BLUEGRASS 5-4 BLEW TAIL WHEEL TIRE ON TAKEOFF AND DID NOT GET OFF GROUND. BLUEGRASS 9-4 CRASHED IN BRUSH AT END OF RUNWAY DUE TO ENGINE FAILURE. BOTH WINGS, ENGINE, PROP AND LANDING GEAR BADLY DAMAGED. PILOT UNINJURED.

BLUEGRASS 1 LEADER REPORTED TO CHEROKEE CONTROL THAT FLIGHTS WERE AIRBORNE AT 1031. CHEROKEE ORDERED FLIGHTS TO BOMB AND STRAFE AREA 613 B,G,K & P, AND STRAFE TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY AS FLIGHT LEADER PICKED THEM UP.

18 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS RELEASED OVER WOODED RIDGE TARGET AREAS 613, 612, 604, 593, 620. BOMBS WERE OBSERVED TO EXPLODE IN WOODED AREAS AS FOLLOWS:

613 G-1	612 Y-1	593 H-1
613 F-1	612 T-1	593 R-1
613 K-2	604 G-1	593 B-1
613 P-2	604 H-1	620 Y-1
613 T-1	604 R-1	620 Y-1 (DUD)
613 D-1		

TWO BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON RADIO STATION IN AREA 605 U. ONE BOMB EXPLODED 100 FT. W OF STATION AREA 605 U AND ONE FURTHER WEST IN AREA 604Y.

BLUEGRASS 1 MADE FIVE STRAFING PASSES ON WOODED AREA 613 B,G,K,P. BLUEGRASS 4 MADE THREE STRAFING PASSES. TWO FROM N-S AND 1 FROM E-W AT MINIMUM ALTITUDE ON RIDGE IN TARGET AREAS 613, 604, 593. OBSERVED TRENCHES IN THESE AREAS AND STRAFED THEM. FLIGHT ALSO CONCENTRATED THEIR STRAFING ON RIFLE PITS IN AREA 604 AND 593. TWO STRAFING PASSES WERE THEN MADE BY THIS FLIGHT ON VILLAGE IN AREA 548 G & H.

BLUEGRASS 7 MADE TWO STRAFING PASSES ON WOODED RIDGE IN AREA 613 B,G,K,P. ONE PASS ON WHAT APPEARED TO BE RIFLE PITS IN AREA 605 U, ONE PASS ON VILLAGE IN AREA 602 P,Q,R,S, BUILDINGS IN 6020 SET ON FIRE, ONE STRAFING PASS ON VILLAGE IN AREA 548 B,C,G,H. ONE ATTACK ON VILLAGE 579 U,V,W.

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BLUEGRASS & STRAFED AREAS 613 B,G,K,P, MAKING THREE
PASSES FROM N-S WITH UNDETERMINED RESULTS.

5. A. 7/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 1,500 FT. OVER TARGET.
B. GOOD

6. UNDETERMINED

7. 20 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS WITH 1/25 SEC. DELAY FUSE.
4,680 GAL. GAS - 27,200 RDS. .50 CAL. M.G.

8. NUMEROUS GUN PITS IN AREAS 629, 636, 643 W,X, APPEAR TO
HAVE HAD GUNS REMOVED. NUMEROUS SLIT TRENCHES AND DUG-
OUTS OBSERVED IN WOODED AREA 636 P,Q,R,S.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-57
 GROUP MISSION 7-140

1. A. 16 P-47D'S
 B. NONE
2. A. NONE
 B. NONE
3. STRAFE TARGET AREA 527 O, REPORTED LOOSE STORES, TININA IS.
4. CAPT. QUINNEE, LTS. DUNN, ELAGERMAN, DANYLO (BLUEGRASS 2)
 CAPT. MOHR, LTS. ANDERSON, LIEBGOTT, DOHERTY (BLUEGRASS 6)
 CAPT. SLEPECKY, LTS. DECHARY, ANTELLE, ELENDER,
 LTS. THOMPSON, SPILLMAN, STEVENS, BYER (BLUEGRASS 14)

TAKEOFF: 1328 - LAND: 1436

AFTER BLUEGRASS 2, 6, 8, WERE AIRBORNE THEY WERE ORDERED BY CHEROKEE CONTROL NOT TO STRAFE TARGET AREA BELOW 1,500 FEET. FLIGHTS RENDEZVOUSED WITH BLUEGRASS 14 IN VICINITY OF TARGET. AT 1340 ALL FLIGHTS MADE TWO STRAFING PASSES FROM WEST TO EAST ON TARGET AREA. RUN BEGAN FROM 7,000 FEET WITH PULL OUT AT 1,500 FT. AREA WELL COVERED WITH .50 GAL. LOOSE STORES PLAINLY VISABLE TO PILOTS. PILOTS BELIEVE ACCURACY OF STRAFING POOR DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE GUNS ON THE PLANES ARE BORESIGHTED FOR 750-1000 FT. NO FIRES OBSERVED IN TARGET AREA. NO A/A FIRE OBSERVED. AFTER COMPLETION OF STRAFING PASSES ALL FLIGHTS RETURNED EAST ACROSS THE ISLAND AND RETURNED TO BASE.

5. A. 7/10 CLOUD COVERAGE. BASE AT 1,500 TO 2,000 FEET.
 B. GOOD
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 6,200 RDS. .50 GAL. M.G. - 3,120 GAL. GAS
8. OBSERVED CAN FIRES IN AREA 532 K & L AND 528 F. FIRE ALSO OBSERVED IN BUILDING IN AREA 528F. REASON FLIGHTS WERE ORDERED NOT TO GO BELOW 1,500 FT. DUE TO NAVAL GUN FIRE IN THE CIVINITY OF TARGET AREA.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-58
GROUP MISSION #7-141

1. A. 5 P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. FIRE BOMB, ENEMY INSTALLATIONS IN WOODED AREAS 534, 635, 627, 628 - TARGET 3A, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. MAJ. MCAFEE, LT. GREY, CAPT. TENNANT (BLUEGRASS 1)
LT. RUFF, CAPT. VILES

TAKEOFF: 1500 - LANDED: 1543

FLIGHT OVER TARGET AT 1518 (LOCAL). 8 X 165 GAL. WING TANKS FILLED WITH MIXTURE OF DIESEL OIL AND GASOLINE WITH WP GRENADE ATTACHED DROPPED ON TARGET 3A, TARGET AREAS 634, 635, 627, 628 TINIAN ISLAND. SEVEN FIRE BOMBS HIT TARGET AREA, ONE FAILED TO EXPLODE. THE FIRST BOMB LANDED 150 FT. FROM SW END OF WOODS AND REMAINING SIX IN LINE ABOUT 100 TO 200 FT. APART IN A NE DIRECTION, WELL IN WOODED AREA. ONE FIRE BOMB MISSED TARGET AND LANDED JUST OUTSIDE OF WOODS TO THE SOUTH: THIS BOMB DID NOT EXPLODE. BOMBS WERE DROPPED FROM AN ALTITUDE OF 20-30 FT. AT A SPEED OF 250 M.P.H.

BLUEGRASS 1-2 DROPPED 2 X 165 GAL. TANKS ON AREA 2A. ONE BOMB WAS OBSERVED TO EXPLODE IN AREA 624L AND THE OTHER IN AREA 624H. ALL BOMBS SEEMED TO COVER AN AREA OF 60-75 FT. IN WIDTH AND FROM 200-300 FT IN LENGTH.

BOTH THESE TARGETS WERE WOODED AREA IN WHICH ENEMY IMPLACEMENTS AND ACTIVITY HAVE BEEN REPORTED. HOWEVER, THE PILOTS COULD NOT OBSERVE ANYTHING ON THE GROUND DUE TO THE TREES AND UNDERGROWTH.

5. A. GAVU OVER TARGET AREAS.
B. GOOD
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 10 X 165 GAL. WING TANKS FILLED WITH MIXTURE OF DIESEL OIL AND GAS WITH WP GRENADE ATTACHED. - 250 GAL. GAS.
8. NONE

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MISSION # 7-142

23 JULY 1944

1. A. FIVE (5) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. FIRE-BOMB REPORTED ENEMY POSITIONS IN WOODED AREA 539, TARGET 1-A, WHITE BEACH 2, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. MAJ MCAFEE, LTS. GRAY, CAPT. TENNANT, LT. RUFF, CAPT. VILES. (BLUEGRASS 1)

TAKEOFF: 1726 - LAND: 1832

FLIGHT CARRIED 10 X 165 GAL LON WING TANKS, 7 FILLED WITH A MIXTURE OF NAPALM AND GASOLINE WITH WP GRENADE ATTACHED AND THREE WITH A MIXTURE OF DIESEL OIL AND GASOLINE WITH WP GRENADE ATTACHED. FLIGHT OVER THE TARGET AT 1734. TARGET AREA 1-A IS WOODED AND COULD NOT BE OBSERVED. EIGHT BOMBS EXPLODED IN TARGET AREA 1-A, TWO BOMBS DID NOT EXPLODE BUT LANDED IN TARGET AREA. THESE DUDS WERE STRAFED AND SET AFIRE. BOMBS WERE WELL SPREAD OUT AND COVERED ENTIRE TARGET AREA FAIRLY WELL. BOTH THE NAPALM MIXTURE AND THE GAS AND OIL MIXTURE SEEN TO COVER THE SAME AMOUNT OF TERRAIN, HOWEVER THE NAPALM BURNS LONGER AND BY DOING SO IS ABLE TO SET AFIRE MATERIALS THAT WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY DIESEL OIL AND GAS. BOTH MIXTURES SEEM TO COVER AN AREA OF 60 FEET IN WIDTH AND 200-300 FEET LONG.

BOMBS WERE RELEASED FROM 10-20 FOOT ALTITUDE. TWO STRAFING PASSES WERE MADE AFTER THE BOMB RUNS ON THE TARGET AREA. TWO FIRES WERE STARTED ABOUT 200 YARDS SOUTH OF AREA 1-A.

NO A/A FIRE OBSERVED.

5. A. SCATTERED CLOUDS AT 2,000 FEET.
B. GOOD.

UNDETERMINED.

7. 7 X 165 GALLON WING TANKS FILLED WITH NAPALM AND GASOLINE WITH WP GRENADE ATTACHED. 3 X 165 GALLON WING TANKS FILLED WITH MIXTURE OF DIESEL OIL AND GASOLINE WITH WP GRENADE ATTACHED. 1,500 ROUNDS .50 CAL. AMMUNITION. 625 GALLONS GAS.
- B. NONE.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-60
GROUP MISSION #7-149

1. A. 2 P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. BEACH MARKING FOR TROOPS MAKING INITIAL ASSAULT ON WHITE BEACHES 1 & 2, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. MAJ. MCAFEE, CAPT. VILES (BLUEGRASS 1)

TAKEOFF: 0615 LAND: 0850

PURPOSE OF THIS MISSION WAS TO GUIDE ASSAULT BOATS MAKING LANDINGS ON WHITE BEACHES 1 & 2 TINIAN. ONE SHIP HAD A SINGLE WHITE MARKER PAINTED UNDER IT'S WING, MARKING IT AS GUIDE PLANE FOR WHITE BEACH 1. THE GUIDE PLANE FOR WHITE BEACH 2 HAD TWO WHITE MARKINGS PAINTED ON THE UNDER SIDE OF IT'S WING.

AFTER ARRIVING ON STATION AT 0625 CHEROKEE CONTROL ORDERED FLIGHT TO BEGIN MAKING RUNS ON THE ASSIGNED BEACHES. BLUEGRASS 1 LEADER MADE HIS RUNS FROM 4,000 YDS. TO SEA TO WITHIN 1,000 YDS. OF WHITE BEACH 2, ALTITUDE 500-1,000 FT. BLUEGRASS 1-2 MADE SIMILAR RUNS ON WHITE BEACH 1.

5. A. 7/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 1,500-2,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR
6. NONE
7. 480 GALLONS GAS
8. THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS MADE BY PILOTS:
0650 - B B'S OPEN FIRE ON BEACHES AND JAP INSTALLATIONS.
0710 - LANDING CRAFT STARTED TO MOVE TOWARD BEACHES.
0742 - FIRST TROOPS LANDED ON WHITE BEACH 2.
0751 - FIRST TROOPS LANDED ON WHITE BEACH 1.

OBSERVED:

ONE AMPTRACK HIT ON WHITE BEACH 2.

WHAT APPEARED TO BE MORTAR OR SHELL FIRE LANDING AMONG LCVP'S AT THE BEACH.

ENEMY TROOPS 1/4 TO 1/2 MILE S OF WHITE BEACH 2. BLUEGRASS LEADER ASKED CHEROKEE PERMISSION TO STRAFE. CHEROKEE SAID ARTILLARY FIRE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE SITUATION. HOWEVER, WHEN THE ARTILLARY DID OPEN FIRE ON THE AREA IT DID NOT APPEAR VERY EFFECTIVE AS THE ENEMY TROOPS WERE OBSERVED TO BE ENTRENCHED IN RIFLE PITS, TRENCHES, AND BEHIND A STONE WALL FIRING IN THE DIRECTION OF WHITE BEACH 2.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, AF
A.P.O.# 24419TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION 7-61
GROUP MISSION # 7-153

24 JULY 1944

1. A. TWELVE (12) P-47D'S
B. NONE
 2. A. NONE
B. NONE
 3. AIR SUPPORT OF GROUND TROOPS. DIVE-BOMB ENEMY MORTAR POSITIONS IN WOODED AREA 626L,M,Q,R,W,. TINIAN ISLAND.
 4. CAPT. GUINNEE, LTS. DUNN, FLAGERMAN, DANYLO. (BLUEGRASS 2)
CAPT. SLEPECKY, LTS. LUSTIG, COX, BARRETT. (BLUEGRASS 7)
CAPT. VOGT, LTS. DOHERTY, KENDALL, RHODY. (BLUEGRASS 5)
- TAKEOFF: 1307 - LAND: 1430

BLUEGRASS 2-4 DID NOT TAKEOFF DUE TO ENGINE TROUBLE. ELEVEN PLANES BLUEGRASS 2,5,7, AIRBORNE AT 1307. REPORTED ON STATION TO CHEROKEE CONTROL AT 1310 (LOCAL). RENDEZVOUSED WITH 16 PLANES 333RD SQUADRON AT POINT "WILLIAM", ANGELS 6,500. CHEROKEE INSTRUCTED FLIGHTS TO MAKE DIVE-BOMB RUNS FROM WEST TO EAST ON REPORTED ENEMY MORTAR POSITIONS IN HEAVILY WOODED SECTOR OF AREAS 626L,M,Q,R,W. 16 PLANES, 333RD SQUADRON, STRAFED TARGET AREA PRIOR TO DIVE-BOMBING BY 19TH.

ONE DUMMY BOMB RUN WAS MADE ON THE TARGET AREA. CHEROKEE REPORTED THAT THE RUN WAS JUST WHAT THE TROOPS WANTED. BLUEGRASS 2, FOLLOWED BY BLUEGRASS 7 AND THEN 5 MADE THEIR BOMB RUNS FROM 7,000 FEET IN LOOSE STRING, RELEASING BOMBS AT FROM 500 TO 1,000 FEET. RUNS WERE MADE FROM WEST TO EAST. BOMBS WERE OBSERVED TO EXPLODE IN THE WOODS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

626-M - 2 X 500 LB BOMBS	626-X - 2 X 500 LB BOMBS
626-S - 3 "	626-Y - 1 "
626-R - 7 "	619-C - 1 "
626-Q - 1 "	619-D - 1 "
626-W - 2 "	UNOBSERVED - 2 "

PILOTS COULD OBSERVE ENEMY TROOPS IN THE TARGET AREA SOME OF WHOM WERE UP IN THE TREES. MEAGRE M/Q FIRE RECEIVED FROM AREA 627M. FIRE SEEMED TO EMANATE FROM AN OBSERVATION TOWER IN THIS AREA.

5. A. 5/10 CLOUD COVERAGE 2,500 - 7,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 22 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS (.025 SECOND DELAY FUZE. 2,200 GALLONS GAS.
8. CHEROKEE CONTROL COMMENDED PILOTS VERY HIGHLY ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS MISSION.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-82
318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 7-158

25 JULY 1944

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. FIRE-BOMB ENEMY TROOPS IN WOODED AREA ALONG BEACH IN AREA 652N, J, E, AND 657U: TINIAN.
4. MAJOR MCAFEE, LT. RUFF, CAPT. VILES, CAPT. TENNANT. (BLUEGRASS 1)
TAKEOFF: 0627 - LAND: 0700

SEVEN FIRE-BOMBS (165 GAL. WING TANKS FILLED WITH MIXTURE OF NAPALM AND GASOLINE, W/ WP GRENADE ATTACHED) WERE DROPPED ON AREAS 652N, J, E, AND 657U. ONE BOMB DROPPED ON AREA 653F. BOMBS WERE DROPPED SINGLY FROM SOUTH TO NORTH, BOMB RUNS AT TREE-TOP LEVEL. THE BOMBS LANDED IN AREA 652N, J, E, AND 657U IN STRING COVERING THE AREA WELL. FOUR OF THE BOMBS WERE DUDS, BUT THREE OF THESE WERE IGNITED BY STRAFING.

FIVE STRAFING PASSES WERE MADE ON THE TARGET AREA FROM SOUTH TO NORTH AT MINIMUM ALTITUDE.

NO A/A RETURN FIRE OBSERVED. OBSERVED NUMEROUS TRENCHES AND RIFLE PITS IN TARGET AREAS.

5. A. 3/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 2,000 FEET.
B. GOOD.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. EIGHT (8) X 165 GALLON WING TANKS FILLED WITH A MIXTURE OF NAPALM AND GASOLINE W/ WP GRENADE ATTACHED. 8,700 ROUNDS .50 CAL. AMMUNITION. 375 GALLONS GAS.
8. AFTER COMPLETION OF MISSION TARGET AREA APPEARED TO BE WELL BURNED OUT.

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25 JULY 1944

19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-63
GROUP MISSION #7-181

1. A. TWELVE (12) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE BOMB ENEMY VEHICLES REPORTED IN AREA 539R,W,TINIAN ISLAND
4. CAPT. GUINNEE, LTS. DUNN, FLAGERMAN, DANYLO, (BLUEGRASS 2)
CAPT. MOHR, LTS. ANDERSON, LIEBGOTT, DOHERTY, (BLUEGRASS 6)
LTS. PORTER, MALONE, PETTY, MARCINKO (BLUEGRASS 9)

TAKEOFF: 1112 - LAND: 1250

FLIGHTS REPORTED ON STATION TO CHEROKEE CONTROL AT 1122. CHEROKEE TURNED FLIGHT OVER TO TORCHY 3 (TBF OBSERVER) WHO WAS TO ASSIGN TARGETS TO FLIGHTS AND ASSIST THEM IN LOCATION OF THE TARGET.

TORCHY 3 DESCRIBED TARGET AS BEING IN AREA 539R,W, JUST AT THE BASE OF THE CLIFFS THERE. THE CLEARED AREA JUST BELOW THE CLIFFS APPEARED TO BE A RIFLE RANGE. THE REMAINING AREA IS WELL WOODED. THE JAPANESE HAD VEHICLES PARKED JUST OFF THE RIFLE RANGE UNDER THE TREES.

EIGHTEEN BOMBS WERE DROPPED AND AND OBSERVED TO EXPLODE IN TARGET AREA 539R,W. BOMB RUNS WERE MADE FROM NNW TO SSE RELEASE AT 1000 FEET ALTITUDE. ONE DIRECT HIT WAS OBSERVED ON FOUR VEHICLES PARKED JUST OFF NORTH END OF RIFLE RANGE IN AREA 539R. BOTH BOMBS WERE RELEASED ON BOMB RUN. THREE BOMBS HAD TO BE JETTISONED IN THE WATER AS PLANES WERE LOW ON GAS AND COULD NOT GO OVER THE TARGET AGAIN FOR ANOTHER RUN AFTER THEY HAD FAILED TO DROP THEM ON FIRST PASS. APPARENTLY THE PILOTS OF THESE SHIPS MISUNDERSTOOD THAT ALL BOMBS WOULD BE RELEASED ON ONE RUN; AS THE PRACTICE ON TINIAN TARGETS HAS BEEN TO MAKE TWO BOMB RUNS RELEASING ONE BOMB PER RUN. ONE BOMB HUNG UP AND WAS FINALLY RELEASED AT SEA. TWO BOMBS WERE UNOBSERVED.

NO A/A FIRE ENCOUNTERED.

TORCHY 3 (OBSERVER) REPORTED TO CHEROKEE CONTROL THAT BOMBS WERE WELL PLACED.

5. A. GAYU
B. GOOD
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 24 X 500W G.P. BOMBS W/.025 SEC DELAY FUSE, 3180 GAL. GAS.
8. NONE

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-64
 GROUP MISSION # 7-162

25 JULY 1944

1. A. SIXTEEN (16) P-47D'S
 B. NONE
2. A. NONE
 B. NONE
3. STRAFE TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY - TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. GUINNEE, LTS. DUNN, FLAGERMAN, DANYLO. (BLUEGRASS 2)
 CAPT. TENNANT, LTS. COX, KENDLE, BACH. (BLUEGRASS 3)
 CAPT. VOGT, LTS. BYRAM, LOFLIN, DUNNING. (BLUEGRASS 5)
 CAPT. BLEPECKY, LTS. DEGHARY, MALONE, BARRETT. (BLUEGRASS 7)

TAKEOFF: 1349 - LAND: 1533

LT. DUNN (BLUEGRASS 2-2) DID NOT TAKEOFF DUE TO ENGINE TROUBLE.
 FLIGHTS ON STATION PT. WILLIAM AT 1405.

BLUEGRASS 5 RENDEZVOUSED WITH TORCHY 3 (OBSERVER) ONE MILE WEST OF TINIAN TOWN AT 2,000 FEET. TORCHY 3 ASSIGNED FLIGHT TO STRAFE ENEMY VEHICLES OBSERVED TO BE PARKED ON THE EDGE OF A GROVE OF TREES IN AREA 527G, H. TORCHY 3 LED FLIGHT IN ON TARGET AND FLIGHT NOT ONLY OBSERVED TWO TRUCKS LOADED WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE AMMUNITION BOXES, BUT ALSO NUMEROUS DRUMS OF FUEL OIL IN THE WOODED AREA. A FEW OF THESE DRUMS WERE ALSO STACKED IN THE OPEN JUST WEST OF THE WOODED AREA. THE FLIGHT MADE SEVEN STRAFING PASSES ON THE VEHICLES AND OIL DRUMS. A VERY LARGE FIRE WAS STARTED IN AREA 527G, H. PILOTS COULD OBSERVE THE OIL DRUMS BURNING. BLACK SMOKE EMANATED FROM THE FIRE AND ROSE TO ABOUT 500 OR 1,000 FEET. A BUILDING ABOUT 150 FEET WEST OF WHERE THE TRUCKS WERE PARKED ALSO BURST INTO FLAME, AND IS BELIEVED TO HAVE A STORAGE BUILDING FOR GASOLINE OR OTHER HIGHLY INFLAMMABLE MATERIAL. THE STRAFING PASSES ON THIS TARGET WERE MADE FROM SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST, 1,500 FEET DOWN TO THE DECK.

AFTER BLUEGRASS 5 HAD WITHDRAWN FROM THE TARGET, TORCHY 3 ASSIGNED BLUEGRASS 2 & 3 TO THE SAME AREA (527G, H). BOTH FLIGHTS MADE TWO STRAFING RUNS FROM NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST. THE AREA WAS ALREADY BURNING FIERCELY FROM STRAFING RUNS BY BLUEGRASS 5. THERE WAS ONE VERY LARGE OIL FIRE BURNING IN THE TARGET AREA AND NUMEROUS SMALL SCATTERED FIRES. TORCHY 3 INFORMED BLUEGRASS 7 THAT THERE WERE AMMUNITION BOXES PILED IN AREA 539W JUST OFF THE SOUTHEND OF THE RIFLE RANGE. FLIGHT FOUND AND STRAFED THE BOXES WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN BURNED OUT FROM OTHER MISSIONS. BLUEGRASS 7 MADE EIGHT STRAFING PASSES ON AREA 539P, C, U, V, W. THIS AREA IS WOODED AND FLIGHT COULD NOT OBSERVE ANY ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA. THREE FIRES WERE STARTED IN AREA 539V, U, P. OBSERVED 5 RR CARS RIGHT AT THE END OF RR SPURS IN AREA 530J - SPURS SEEM TO EMANATE FROM A SMALL CLIFF IN THAT AREA.

MEAGRE M/G FIRE RECEIVED FROM AREA 534V.

5. A. 7/10 CLOUD COVERAGE OVER TARGET AT 1,500 FEET.
 B. TORCHY 3 TRANSMISSIONS DISTORTED.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 12,150 ROUNDS .50 CAL. AMMUNITION - 2,400 GALLONS GAS.
8. PILOTS EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH TORCHY 3 (OBSERVER). THIS TYPE OF CONTROL OF GROUND SUPPORT MISSIONS IS EXCELLENT DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE OBSERVER IS HIGHLY SPECIALIZED AND KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTS.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-65
GROUP MISSION #7-168

1. A. TWELVE (12) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE BOMB ENEMY GD GUNS IN AREA 554W, AND 20 MM A/A GUNS IN AREA 555A, B. TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. TENNANT, LTS. COX, KENDLE, BACH (BLUEGRASS 3)
LTS. PORTER, MALONE, PETTY, MARCINKO (BLUEGRASS 8)
CAPT. MOHR, LTS. ANDERSON, LEIBGOTT, DOHERTY (BLUEGRASS 6)
TAKEOFF: 0525 - LAND: 0650

BOMB RUNS WERE MADE ON TARGET AREA 554 AND 555A & B FROM WEST TO EAST, BOMBS WERE RELEASED AT 1500 FEET OVER TARGET. EIGHT (8) BOMBS WERE DROPPED AND OBSERVED TO EXPLODE IN AREA 555W AND THREE WERE DROPPED ON AREA 555A, B, ONE BOMB HUNG UP AND COULD NOT BE RELEASED, PLANE RETURNED TO BASE WITH BOMB ATTACHED.

BLUEGRASS 3 AND BLUEGRASS 8-1 AND 8-2 STRAFED AREAS 554W AND 555A, B, 534D. MAKING NUMEROUS PASSES ON AREAS WHERE GUN FIRE WAS OBSERVED. SILENCED A/A GUN IN AREA 555A, B, AND ONE IN AREA 534D.

BLUEGRASS 8-3, 8-4 AND 9 (6) PLANES) PATROLLED SOUTH END OF TINIAN SEEKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY. OBSERVED OX CART MOVING EAST ON ROAD IN AREA 571S, T. CART TURNED OFF ROAD INTO SMALL WOODED AREA IN 571T. WOODED AREA WELL STRAFED. PILOTS CONTINUED SEARCH OF THE SOUTH EAST END OF THE ISLAND OCCASIONALLY STRAFING ENEMY BUILDINGS WHICH APPEARED TO BE UNTOUCHED. THEY OBSERVED NO ENEMY MOVEMENTS ON THIS END OF TINIAN.

MODERATE INACCURATE 20 MM A/A FIRE RECEIVED FROM AREAS 555AB AND 534D. MEAGRE 40MM FIRE FROM AREA 554A.

5. A. CAVU-
B. GOOD
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 12 X 500# G.P. BOMBS W/.025 SEC. DELAY FUSE, 12,100 ROUNDS
.50 CAL. 2160 GALLONS GAS.
8. 3 CONCRETE STRUCTURES OBSERVED IN AREA 539R.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-66
GROUP MISSION # 7-169

26 JULY 1944

1. A. TWELVE (12) P-47D'S
B. NONE
 2. A. NONE
B. NONE
 3. AIR SUPPORT MISSION - DIVE-BOMB ENEMY TROOPS IN TARGET AREAS 620-O, V, W, X, Y, R, Q, AND 613E. TINIAN.
 4. CAPT. GUINNEE, LTS. DUNN, FLAGERMAN, DANYLO. (BLUEGRASS 2)
CAPT. VOGT, LTS. BYRAM, LOFLIN, DUNNING. (BLUEGRASS 5)
CAPT. SLEPECKY, LTS. ANGELLE, RUFF, DECHARY. (BLUEGRASS 7)
- TAKEOFF: 0747 - LAND: 0931

AFTER CHEROKEE HAD DESCRIBED THE TARGET AS A WOODED RIDGE IN AREAS 620-O, V, W, X, Y, R, Q, AND 613E, THE FLIGHTS MADE A DRY RUN OVER THE AREA AS DIRECTED, NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST. WORD WAS THEN RECEIVED FROM OUR GROUND FORCES THROUGH CHEROKEE THAT THE RUN WAS JUST RIGHT. THE PAY RUN WAS MADE FROM THE SAME DIRECTION. BOTH BOMBS WERE RELEASED ON ONE RUN FROM AN ALTITUDE OF 1,000 FEET. THE BOMBS WERE OBSERVED TO EXPLODE ON THE RIDGE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

620 - W - 6 500LB BOMBS	620 - Y - 2 500LB. BOMBS
620 - X - 5 "	620 - O - 1 "
620 - V - 1 "	613 - E - 5 "

INTERSECTION OF AREAS 620R, Q, W, V, 4 "

MEAGRE M/G A/A FIRE OBSERVED TO EMANATE FROM AREA 620Q, W, X. AFTER COMPLETION OF MISSION FLIGHT WITHDREW FROM AREA.

5. 4/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 2,000 FEET OVER TARGET.
GOOD
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 24 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS W/O25 SECOND DELAY FUZE. 2400 GALLONS GAS.

8. OBSERVED VERY LARGE FIRE STARTED BY 333RD SQUADRON WHILE STRAFING AREA 620X; SMALL FIRE ALSO STARTED IN AREA 620R.
PLANES OF 333RD SQUADRON OBSERVED TO DRAW A//A FIRE WHICH BURST JUST OVER SHORE LINE IN AREA 630. COULD NOT DETERMINE FROM JUST WHERE THE FIRE EMANATED.
CHEROKEE REPORTED TO FLIGHT LEADER THAT GROUND TROOPS WERE PLEASED WITH MISSION AND THAT ALL BOMBS LANDED IN THE RIGHT AREAS. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THERE WAS EXCELLENT DISCIPLINE AMONG FLIGHTS.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-67
 GROUP MISSION # 7-170

26 JULY 1944

1. A. SIXTEEN (16) P-47D'S
 B. NONE
 2. A. NONE
 B. NONE
 3. AIR SUPPORT MISSION: STRAFE ENEMY TROOPS IN VILLAGE TARGET AREA 610F, K; AND IN CANE FIELDS AND SMALL WOODED GROVES EAST OF THE VILLAGE IN AREAS 611P,Q,R,S,T, AND 612P,Q,R,S,T; TINIAN ISLAND.
 4. MAJOR MCAFEE, LTS. DELP, GRAY, ELENDER. (BLUEGRASS 1)
 CAPT. VILES, LTS. LUSTIG, STAMPE, BARRETT. (BLUEGRASS 4)
 LTS. JACOBSON, MATHIS, KENDALL, RHODY. (BLUEGRASS 8)
 LTS. PORTER, MALONE, PETTY, MARGINKO. (BLUEGRASS 9)
- TAKEOFF: 1338 - LAND: 1500

LT. STAMPE RETURNED TO BASE PRIOR TO GOING OVER TARGET AND PAN-CAKED AT BASE AT 1355 DUE TO ENGINE TROUBLE.

ALL FLIGHTS MADE ONE STRAFING PASS AT MINIMUM ALTITUDE ON VILLAGE IN AREA 610F,K, FROM NORTH TO SOUTH, AS DIRECTED BY TORCHY 3 (OBSERVER). SEVERAL FIRES WERE STARTED IN THE BUILDINGS IN THE AREA. FLIGHTS RETIRED TO THE SOUTHWEST AND THEN CAME IN AND MADE THREE STRAFING PASSES ON THE CANE FIELDS AND WOODED GROVES IN AREAS 611P,Q,R,S,T, AND 612P,Q,R,S,T. NUMEROUS SMALL FIRES RESULTED FROM STRAFING THE CANE FIELDS AND WOODED GROVES.

ALTHOUGH PILOTS COULD NOT OBSERVE ENEMY TROOPS IN THE TARGET AREAS, THEY DID SEE OUR FRONT LINE PANELS CLOSE BY AND SEVERAL AMERICAN TANKS.

CHEROKKEE THEN ORDERED TORCHY 3 TO HAVE FLIGHTS WITHDRAW FROM THE TARGET SO THAT THE GROUND FORCES MIGHT MOVE INTO THE AREA.

- A. GAVB OVER TARGET.
- B. GOOD
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 12,510 ROUNDS .50 CAL. AMMUNITION. 2,400 GALLONS GAS.
8. WHILE FLIGHTS WERE MAKING THEIR STRAFING ATTACKS, TORCHY 3 RECEIVED WORD FROM THE GROUND FORCES THAT THEY WERE RIGHT "ON THE BUTTON".
 OBSERVED THREE 3" GUNS IN AREA 555.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-68
GROUP MISSION #7-172

1. A. THREE (3) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. FIRE-BOMB THREE HEAVY GUN EMPLACEMENTS IN AREA 510G & H,
TINIAN ISLAND.
4. MAJOR MCAFEE, CAPT. VOGT, LT. STAMPE (BLUEGRASS 1)

TAKE-OFF: 0545 - LAND: 0705

CHEROKEE CONTROL ORDERED FLIGHT TO BOMB THREE HEAVY GUN EMPLACEMENTS IN AREA 510G & H. THE GUNS WERE LOCATED JUST BELOW THE RIDGE IN THAT AREA. BOMB RUNS WERE MADE FROM WEST TO EAST AND BOMBS WERE RELEASED AT AN ALTITUDE OF 50 FEET. ONE BOMB LANDED SHORT OF THE TARGET AND EXPLODED IN AREA 510F. ONE OVERSHOT THE TARGET AND LANDED ON THE RIDGE JUST ABOVE THE GUNS IN AREA 510H. THREE BOMBS WERE OBSERVED TO EXPLODE IN TARGET AREA 510G & H IN THE GENERAL AREA OF THE GUN POSITIONS. FIRE FROM ONE BOMB OBSERVED TO SPREAD AND ENVELOPE ONE OF THE GUNS. ONE BOMB WAS A DUD WHICH WAS SET OFF BY STRAFING. THIS BOMB ALSO FELL IN TARGET AREA.

BLUEGRASS LEADER STRAFED ONE OF THE GUN POSITIONS AND OBSERVED NUMEROUS TRACERS ENTER THE EMPLACEMENT.

THE 333RD SQUADRON ALSO HAD FLIGHT ON T HIS TARGET, AND BLUEGRASS LEADER OBSERVED ONE OF THEIR BOMBS MAKE A DIRECT HIT ON ONE OF THE EMPLACEMENTS.

5. A. OVERCAST AT 2,000 FEET.
B. GOOD
6. PILOTS BELIEVE THAT THREE GUN POSITIONS DEFINATELY KNOCKED OUT; ONE BY FIRE-BOMB, ONE BY STRAFING AND THE OTHER BY 500# G.P. BOMB 333RD SQUADRON.
7. 6 X 165 GAL. WING TANKS FILLED WITH NAPALM MIXTURE W/WP GRENADE ATTACHED; 600 ROUNDS .50 CAL. AMMO. 540 GALLONS GAS.
8. OBSERVED OIL DRUMS IN WOODED AREA 527A & B. A PART OF THIS AREA HAS ALREADY BEEN BURNED OUT, BUT THERE ARE NUMEROUS DRUMS THAT HAVE BEEN UNTOUCHED BY THE FIRE DUE TO THE FACT THEY ARE ABOUT 200 FEET FROM THE BOMBED OVER AREA.

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10TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-69
GROUP MISSION #7-177

1. A. SIX (6) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. STRAFE ENEMY TROOP ACTIVITY, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. TENNANT, LTS. COX, KENDLE, BACH. (BLUEGRASS 3)
LTS. PORTER BARRETT. (BLUEGRASS 9)

TAKOFF: 0515 - LAND: 0739

AFTER COMPLETION OF G.A.P. AT 0715 FLIGHTS WERE ORDERED TO STRAFE TROOP ACTIVITY AND AMMUNITION STACKED IN WOODED RIDGE IN TARGET AREAS 517D, J, O, T, - 518K, P, - 524 W, X. EIGHT STRAFING PASSES WERE MADE FROM NORTH TO SOUTH AT MINIMUM ALTITUDE OVER TARGET AREAS. PILOTS REPORT THAT THEY COULD NOT OBSERVE ENEMY AMMUNITION SUPPLIES NOR ANY ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE TARGET AREA. AS A RESULT OF STRAFING THERE WAS ONE SMALL FIRE STARTED IN THE TREES IN AREA 517O.

5. A. 5/10 OVERCAST AT 2,000 FEET.
B. GOOD
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 9,1000 ROUNDS .50 CAL. M.G. - 1380 GALLONS GAS.
8. NONE

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-70
 GROUP MISSION #7-178

1. A. 16 P-47D'S
 B. NONE
2. A. NONE
 B. NONE
3. STRAFE TINIAN TOWN AND VICINITY, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. GUINNEE, LTS. RUFF, FLAGERMAN, DANYLO (BLUEGRASS 2)
 LTS. JACOBSON, MATHIS, KENDALL, RHODY (BLUEGRASS 8)
 LTS. PORTER, BARRETT, KENDLE, BACH (BLUEGRASS 9)
 CAPT. VOOT, LTS. BYRAM, LOFLIN, DUNNING (BLUEGRASS 5)

TAKEOFF: 1125 - LAND 1331

CAPT. GUINNEE AND LT. RUFF WERE SCHEDULED TO CARRY FIREBOMBS ON THIS MISSION, BUT WERE ORDERED TO REMAIN ON THE FIELD ON AN ALERT STATUS UNTIL CALLED FOR. LT. BYRAM DID NOT TAKE OFF DUE TO MECHANICAL DIFFICULTY.

AFTER TAKEOFF FLIGHTS WERE ORDERED BY CHEROKEE CONTROL (CSA) TO STRAFE TINIAN TOWN, PARTICULARLY THE NORTH SECTOR, ALSO GIVING A THOROUGH GOING OVER TO AREAS 526 A,B,C,D,E AND 527 A,B,C,D,E.

FOUR STRAFING PASSES WERE MADE BY EACH FLIGHT FROM THE SE TO NW AT MINIMUM ALTITUDE. IN AREA 526 I A BUILDING (40 X 40) WAS HIT WHICH BURST INTO FLAME AS THOUGH IT CONTAINED INFLAMMABLE MATERIAL. FLIGHTS WORKED OVER BUILDINGS THAT APPEARED ONLY SLIGHTLY DAMAGED, AND THOSE THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN HIT.

BLUEGRASS 5-1 STRAFED 2 RR CARS IN AREA 544V. THESE CARS WERE LOADED WITH 4 LARGE BOXES, TWO ON EACH CAR. THE BOXES RESEMBLED BOXES USED TO SHIP AIRCRAFT ENGINES.

WHILE STRAFING THE FLIGHTS ENCOUNTERED MEAGRE 40MM FIRE FROM 3 POSITIONS IN AREA 528-1, WHICH WERE SILENCED.

5. A. SOLID OVERCAST AT 1,500 FEET.
 B. GOOD
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 13,960 ROUNDS .50 CAL. AMMUNITION. 2,925 GALLONS GAS.
8. BLUEGRASS 5-1 OBSERVED A DD OFF SOUTHEAST TIP OF TINIAN WHICH APPEARED TO BE RECEIVING SHELL FIRE FROM THE ISLAND. THE SHELLS WERE FALLING ABOUT 1,000 YARDS SHORT. PILOT COULD NOT LOCATE GUNS.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-71
GROUP MISSION #7-179

1. A. 12 P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. STRAFE ENEMY TROOP ACTIVITY, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. VILES, LTS. LUSTIC, STAMPE, BARRETT (BLUEGRASS 4)
CAPT. MOHR, LTS. ANDERSON, LIEBGOFF, DOHERTY (BLUEGRASS 8)
LTS. PORTER, MALONE, PETTY, MARGINKO (BLUEGRASS 9)

TAKEOFF: 1720 LAND: 1834

LT. DOHERTY DID NOT TAKE OFF DUE TO MACHANICAL DIFFICULTY.
ALL FLIGHTS MADE AN AVERAGE OF THREE STRAFING ATTACKS ON THE
FOLLOWING TARGETS:

HOUSING IN AREA 530 F,K - 530 I,N.
HOUSING IN AREA 528 L,M,Q - 528 U.
WOODED AREA 529 L,M,N,O - 530 K,L,M.
WOODED AREA 510 G,H,L,Q,V - 507 B.

ENEMY TROOP ACTIVITY HAD BEEN REPORTED IN THE ABOVE AREAS
THROUGHOUT THE DAY. PILOTS COULD NOT OBSERVE ANY MOVEMENT
IN THE AREA.

RESULTS OF STRAFING UNDETERMINED. NO FIRES STARTED.
ONE P-47 SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY MEAGRE M/G FIRE EMINATING FROM
AREA 530 M,R.

5. A. CAVU OVER TARGET.
B. COMMUNICATIONS WITH TORCHY 4 VERY POOR. HIS TRANSMISSIONS
VERY DISTORTED:
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 11,300 RDS. .50 GAL. M.G. - 1,980 GAL. GAS.
8. OBSERVED LARGE G.D. GUNS IN AREA 510 G.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-72
GROUP MISSION #7-181

1. A. 12 P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. BOMB ENEMY TROOPS REPORTED IN WOODED AREA 585 T,C,L,Q,R,W,X
AND 573 C,D,H,I,M,N TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. TENNANT, LTS. GOX, KENDLE, BACH (BLUEGRASS 3)
CAPT. MOHR, LTS. ANDERSON, LIEBOTT, DOHERTY (BLUEGRASS 6)
CAPT. SLEPECKY, ANGELLE, DUNN, DECHARY (BLUEGRASS 7)

TAKEOFF: 1345 - LAND: 1525

TWO BOMB RUNS MADE FROM N-S, RELEASE AT 1,000-1,500 FT. ONE BOMB RELEASED ON EACH BOMB RUN. BOMBS OBSERVED TO EXPLODE ABOUT 2-300 FT. APART IN LINE, ALONG THE WOODED RIDGE IN THE TARGET AREA. 22 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS HIT TARGET AREA, ON E BOMB EXPLODED ABOUT 200 FT. W OF WOODED AREA 573 M, ONE BOMB HUNG UP AND THE PILOT HAD TO SHAKE IT OFF AT SEA. ACCURATE MACHINE GUN (12.7) FIRE DAMAGED 2 P-47'S. ONE RECEIVED 5-7 HITS AND THE OTHER PLANE ONE. PILOTS DID NOT KNOW WHERE THE FIRE WAS COMING FROM. ONE P-47D DAMAGED MAKING BELLY LANDING AT BASE DUE TO PILOT ERROR.

5. A. SOLID OVERCAST AT 1,500 FT.
B. BLUEGRASS 3-1 HAD RADIO TROUBLE, COULD NOT RECEIVE.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 24 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS WITH 1/25 SEC. DELAY FUSE
2,400 GAL. GAS
8. NONE

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-73
 GROUP MISSION #7-188

1. A. 2 P-47D'S
 B. NONE
2. A. NONE
 B. NONE
3. FIRE BOMB VILLAGE IN AREA 579 P, Q, U, V TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. VOOT, LT. BYRAM (BLUEGRASS 5)

TAKEOFF: 0546 LAND: 0714

FLIGHT MADE ONE BOMBING ATTACK ON THE TARGET FROM NORTH TO SOUTH, BOMB RELEASE FROM AN ALTITUDE OF 30 FEET. BOMBS RELEASED 1/2 SECOND APART.

OBSERVED FIRE BOMBS EXPLODE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 - 30 FT. NORTHEAST OF ROAD INTERSECTION AREA 579 V.
- 1 - CENTER OF AREA 579 V.
- 1 - SOUTHEAST CORNER AREA 579 P (THIS WAS A DIRECT HIT ON A FRAME BUILDING IN THAT AREA).
- 1 - JUST W OF NORTH-SOUTH ROAD IN AREA 579 U.

TWO STRAFING ATTACKS WERE THEN MADE ON THE TARGET FROM MINIMUM ALTITUDE. SEVERAL SMALL FIRES WERE STARTED IN AREA 579 P.

5. A. 3/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 3,000 FEET
 B. GOOD
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 4 X 165 GAL. WING TANKS FILLED WITH MIXTURE OF NAPALM AND GASOLINE WITH WP GRENADE ATTACHED.
8. BLUEGRASS 5 LEADER OBSERVED C.D. GUN IN AREA 542 Q THAT APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE. THIS GUN IS PARTLY CAMOUFLAGED. OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A "ZERO" THAT HAD MADE A BELLY LANDING IN AREA 566 Y. THIS PLANE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE TOO BADLY DAMAGED.
 EXCELLENT STRAFING COVER PERFORMED BY 73RD FIGHTER SQDN. JUST PRIOR TO FIRE BOMB RUN ON TARGET.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-74
GROUP MISSION #7-189

1. A. 6 P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE BOMB ENEMY RADIO STATION, TARGET AREA 559 E, TINIAN IS.
4. CAPT. GUINNEE, LTS. DUNN, FLAGERMAN, DANYLO (BLUEGRASS 2)
LTS. RUFF, DEGHARY (BLUEGRASS 10)

TAKEOFF: 0950 - LAND: 1105

RENDEZVOUSED WITH 12 PLANES OF THE 73RD SQDN. AT PT. WILLIAM 1000. AFTER 12 PLANES OF THE 73RD SQDN. HAD MADE TWO STRAFING ATTACKS ON THE TARGET FROM THE NORTH, BLUEGRASS 2 & 10 BEGAN THEIR BOMB RUNS. TWO BOMB RUNS WERE MADE FROM N-S, ALTITUDE 6,500 FEET, PULLOUT AT 1,500 FT. ONE BOMB RELEASED ON EACH RUN.

ALL 12 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS EXPLODED WITH A RADIUS OF 75 YDS. OF THE CENTER RADIO TOWER.

OBSERVED MEAGRE RIFLE FIRE, EMINATING FROM THE TARGET AREA. TARGET AREA INSTALLATIONS BADLY BATTERED BY PREVIOUS MISSIONS. PILOTS DID NOT OBSERVE ANY DIRECT HITS ON BUILDINGS NOR ANY FIRES STARTED AS A RESULT OF STRAFING ATTACKS BY 73RD SQDN. OBSERVED MEAGRE RIFLE FIRE FROM BUILDINGS IN AREA 560 B.

5. A. .7 - .8 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 3,000 FT.
B. GOOD
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 12 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS WITH 1/25 SEC. DELAY FUSES.
980 GALLONS GAS.
8. NONE

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-75
GROUP MISSION #7-190

1. A. 6 P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. BOMB ENEMY GUN EMPLACEMENTS IN AREA 523 W, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. TENNANT, LTS. COX, KENDLE, BACH (BLUEGRASS 3)
CAPT. SLEPECKY, LT. SHAFFER (BLUEGRASS 7)

TAKEOFF: 1000 - LAND: 1237

CHEROKEE CONTROL ASSIGNED TARGET AS BEING IN AREA 523 W, HOWEVER THESE GUN POSITIONS ARE ACTUALLY IN AREA 523 G. THREE OF THE EMPLACEMENTS IN THIS AREA APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE, ALTHOUGH THIS SQDN. HAD ATTACKED THESE POSITIONS ON PREVIOUS MISSIONS.

12 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS DROPPED OVER THE TARGET. 8 BOMBS EXPLODED IN THE CENTER OF THE TARGET AREA. PILOTS DID NOT OBSERVE ANY DIRECT HITS, BUT BELIEVE THAT BOMBS LANDED CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE EMPLACEMENTS TO DO SOME DAMAGE. THREE BOMBS LANDED SHORT, JUST ON THE EDGE OF THE WOODED AREA 523 G AND ONE LANDED LONG ON THE EXTREME EAST SIDE OF 523 G. TWO STRAFING PASSES WERE MADE FROM SOUTH TO NORTH. BLUEGRASS 3-1 OBSERVED A FIRE BURNING AT THE BREECH MECHANISM OF ONE OF THE GUNS.
NO A/A FIRE OBSERVED.

5. A. 3/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 1,500 - 2,500 FEET.
B. GOOD

6. UNDETERMINED.

7. 1,400 RDS. .50 CAL. M.G. - 1,200 GALS. GASOLINE
12 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS .025 SEC. DELAY FUSE
8. NONE

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-76
GROUP MISSION #7-191

1. A. 16 P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. 1 P-47D - DESTROYED
B. NONE
3. STRAFE ENEMY C.D. GUNS IN AREA 510 C & H, TINIAN IS.
4. MAJ. MCAFEE, LTS. DELP, GRAY, ELENDER (BLUEGRASS 1)
CAPT. VILES, LTS. LUSTIG, STAMPE, BARRETT (BLUEGRASS 4)
LTS. JACOBSON, MATHIS, KENDALL, RHODY (BLUEGRASS 8)
CAPT. MOHR, LTS. ANDERSON, LIEBOTT, DOHERTY (BLUEGRASS 6)

TAKEOFF: 1345 - LAND: 1455

ON THE TARGET AT 1410. ONE STRAFING ATTACK WAS MADE FROM W TO E ON THE THREE OBSERVED C.D. GUNS POSITION AT THE BASE OF THE RIDGE. AFTER THIS ATTACK, PLANES OF THE 73RD SQDN. WHO WERE ALSO ASSIGNED THIS TARGET, SKIP BOMBED THE POSITIONS. AFTER THE SKIP BOMB ATTACK HAD BEEN COMPLETED OUR SHIPS AGAIN CAME IN AT MINIMUM ALTITUDE FROM THE WEST AND COMPLETED TWO MORE STRAFING PASSES. DURING ONE OF THESE ATTACKS, CAPT. VILES, (BLUEGRASS 4) WHILE PULLING UP TO CLEAR THE RIDGE IN TARGET AREA 510 G, APPEARED TO EITHER HIT THE VERY CREST OF THE RIDGE OR STALL OUT JUST AS HE CLEARED IT. HIS PLANE WAS OBSERVED TO DROP OFF ON ONE WING AND CRASH ON THE PLATEAU ABOVE THE RIDGE. THE PLANE WAS OBSERVED TO EXPLODE AND BURN JUST A SHORT DISTANCE NORTH OF E-W ROAD IN TARGET AREA 511 I. AS A RESULT OF THE STRAFING ATTACKS, THE NORTH GUN EMPLACEMENT IN AREA 510 G WAS SET AFIRE AND WAS OBSERVED TO BE BURNING INTENSELY AS PLANES PULLED AWAY FROM THE TARGET. NO A/A FIRE ENCOUNTERED.

5. A. 4/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 3,000 FEET.
B. GOOD
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 9,600 RDS. .50 CAL. M.G.
8. NONE

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-77
 GROUP MISSION #7-192

1. A. SIXTEEN (16) P-47D'S
 B. NONE
2. A. NONE
 B. NONE
3. STRAFE SUPPLIES REPORTED IN WOODED AREA 536T AND CAMOUFLAGED POSITION IN AREA 521T, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. VOGT, LTS. BYRAM, LOFLIN, DUNNING (BLUEGRASS 5)
 CAPT. TENNANT, LTS. COX, KENDLE, BACH (BLUEGRASS 3)
 LTS. JACOBSON, MATHIS, KENDALL, RHODY (BLUEGRASS 8)
 LTS. PORTER, MALONE, PETTY, SHAFFER (BLUEGRASS 9)

TAKEOFF: 1705 - LAND: 1851

CHEROKEE ALLOWED FLIGHTS TEN MINUTES OVER EACH TARGET AREA. EIGHT PLANES WERE TO STRAFE AREA 536T FROM 1800 TO 1810 AND EIGHT TO STRAFE 521T FROM 1820 TO 1830.

BLUEGRASS 3 & 8 MADE TWO STRAFING ATTACKS FROM WEST TO EAST AND TWO FROM EAST TO WEST ON WOODED SECTOR TARGET AREA 536T WHERE STORES WERE REPORTED. A SMALL EXPLOSION AND THREE OR FOUR FIRES WERE OBSERVED IN THE TARGET

BLUEGRASS FIVE AND NINE MADE TWO STRAFING ATTACKS FROM THE SOUTH EAST AND FROM THE NORTH EAST ON AREA 521T. CAMOUFLAGED POSITION COULD NOT BE OBSERVED. FLIGHTS ALSO STRAFED A BUILDING IN AREA 529S WHICH APPEARED UNTOUCHED. A LARGE EXPLOSION OCCURRED WHICH DESTROYED THE BUILDING AND THREW SMOKE AND DEBRIS 1500 FEET IN THE AIR. IT IS BELIEVED THAT BUILDING WAS AMMUNITION STORAGE. THIS INSTALLATION WAS SITUATED ON RAILROAD IN THE TARGET AREA, AND THE EXPLOSION TORE OUT A SECTION OF THE TRACKS.

NO A/A FIRE ENCOUNTERED.

5. A. 2/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 2500 FT.
 B. GOOD
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 14,000 ROUNDS .50 CAL. 2880 GALLONS GAS.
8. OBSERVED NUMEROUS SLIT TRENCHES IN AREA 536T. BLUEGRASS 3-1 OBSERVED UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF TANKS AND TRUCKS MOVING NORTH ACROSS GURGUAN POINT AIRFIELD, REPORTED TO CHEROKEE WHO STATED THEY WERE PROBABLY FRIENDLY. BLUEGRASS 5-1 OBSERVED THREE LARGE STORAGE TANKS AND EIGHT BUILDINGS IN A RAVINE IN TARGET AREA 524I.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-78
GROUP MISSION #7-195

1. A. TWELVE (12) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE BOMB TARGET AREA 526D,E, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. TENNANT, LTS. COX, KENDLE, BACH (BLUEGRASS 3)
CAPT. VOGT, LTS. DUNNING, LOFLIN, SHAFFER (BLUEGRASS 5)
LTS. PORTER, MALONE, PETTY, MARCINKO (BLUEGRASS 9)

TAKEOFF 0528 - LAND 0710

AT 0612 CHEROKEE ASSIGNED FLIGHTS TARGET IN AREA 526D,E. THEY WERE TO DIVE BOMB AND STRAFE WOODED AREA IN 526D & E AND HOUSING IN AREA 526D, AT THE NORTH EAST TIP OF TINIAN TOWN. CHEROKEE DID NOT GIVE ANY INDICATION AS TO JUST WHAT WAS IN THE WOODED AREA. CHEROKEE ORDERED ALL FLIGHTS NOT TO FLY OVER LAND AT GURGUAN POINT, AS THE AREA WAS OCCUPIED BY FRIENDLY TROOPS. BLUEGRASS 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 5-1 AND 5-2 WERE LOADED WITH 2 X 500# G.P. BOMBS EACH, AND THE REMAINDER OF THE FLIGHTS HAD A NORMAL .50 CAL. LOAD.

TWO BOMB RUNS WERE MADE FROM NORTH WEST TO SOUTH EAST, FROM 6,500 FEET WITH RELEASE AT 1,000 TO 1,500 FEET. BOMBS WERE OBSERVED TO EXPLODE IN THE FOLLOWING TARGET AREAS:

- 1 - 526C (SHORT OF THE TARGET)
- 1 - 526E (EXTREME EAST PORTION OF THE TARGET AREA)
- 1 - 526D (OBSERVED TO HIT RIGHT IN THE HOUSING AREA)
- 6 - 526D,E (EXPLODED IN THE WOODED AREA)

ON THE SECOND BOMB RUN LT. COX (BLUEGRASS 3-2) HAD HIS SECOND BOMB HANG-UP UPON RELEASE. HE PULLED AWAY SOUTH OF THE TARGET. WHEN ABOUT THREE MILES AT SEA SOUTH OF THE ISLAND HE CALLED CAPT. TENNANT THE FLIGHT LEADER AND INFORMED HIM OF THE SITUATION. LT. COX WAS ORDERED TO MAKE ANOTHER RUN ON THE TARGET. LT. COX FLEW NORTH WEST TO GET INTO POSITION FOR ANOTHER BOMB RUN. HE FLEW TOO FAR NORTH WEST AND AS HE TURNED TO HEAD SOUTH-EAST HE CAME IN DIRECTLY OVER GURGUAN POINT AIRFIELD. CAPT. TENNANT THE FLIGHT LEADER CALLED HIM AND TOLD HIM TO GO AWAY FROM THAT AREA. LT. COX PULLED UP TO GET OUT OF THE AREA, AND WHILE DOING SO THE BOMB FELL OFF OVER GURGUAN POINT AIRFIELD. IT EXPLODED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE REVETMENT IN TARGET AREA 564N. THIS SECTION OF THE ISLAND WAS REPORTED TO HAVE HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN BY FRIENDLY TROOPS

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-78 (CONT'D)
GROUP MISSION #7-195

BLUEGRASS 3, 5-1 AND 5-2 MADE ONE STRAFING ATTACK ON THE TARGET AREA FROM NORTH WEST TO SOUTH EAST AT MINIMUM ALTITUDE.

BLUEGRASS 5-3, 5-4 AND 9 MADE THREE STRAFING ATTACKS FROM NORTH NORTHWEST TO SOUTH EAST RETURNING SOUTH WEST AFTER COMPLETION OF RUN. RESULTS OF STRAFING ATTACKS UNDETERMINED.

NO A/A FIRE ENCOUNTERED.

5. A. 3/10 COVERAGE AT 3,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 10 X 500# G.P. BOMBS W/.025 SEC. DELAY FUSES. 5,700 ROUNDS .50 CAL AMMUNITION. 2,400 GALLONS GAS.
8. OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE AMMUNITION STORES IN WOODED AREA 521 T, AND OTHER STORES IN TWO LARGE CAVES IN 521T. REPORT RECEIVED THAT THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES FROM BOMB EXPLOSION AREA 564N, GURGUAN POINT AIRFIELD.

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GROUP MISSION #7-196

1. A. EIGHT (8) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. STRAFE ENEMY MORTAR AND ARTILLERY POSITIONS REPORTED IN TARGET AREAS S49C, H, M, Q, V, W. TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT. GUINNEE, LTS. DUNN, FLAGERMAN, DANYLO. (BLUEGRASS 2)
CAPT. MOHR, LTS. ANDERSON, LIEBGOTT, DOHERTY. (BLUEGRASS 6)

TAKEOFF : 1023 - LAND: 1141

OVER TARGET AT 1040. TARGET AREA HEAVILY WOODED PILOTS UN-ABLE TO OBSERVE ENEMY INSTALLATIONS IN THE TARGET AREA.

SEVEN STRAFING ATTACKS WERE MADE ON THE TARGET AREA FROM NORTH TO SOUTH. FLIGHTS ATTACKED TARGET IN STRING AND AT MINIMUM ALTITUDE. OBSERVED TWO FIRES STARTED IN THE TARGET AREA.

CHEROKEE REPORTED TO BLUEGRASS 2-1 THAT GROUND TROOPS HAD OBSERVED A LARGE EXPLOSION IN THE TARGET AREA WHICH WAS BELEIVED TO BE AN AMMUNITION DUMP. THIS EXPLOSION APPARENTLY DID NOT OCCUR WHILE THE FLIGHTS WERE ACTUALLY ENGAGED IN STRAFING THE TARGET. OBSERVED MODERATE 40MM FIRE OVER TINIAN TOWN, THE FIRE EMANATED FROM THE TOWN AND EXPLODED AT ABOUT TWO (2,000) THOUSAND FEET. A/A WAS NOT DIRECTED AT OUR SHIPS WHO WERE WELL EAST OF THE AREA, BUT AT ~~PLACES~~ ^{PLACES} DIRECTLY OVER THE TOWN.

5. A. .8 TO .9 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 1,500 FEET OVER THE TARGET.
B. GOOD
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 12,700 ROUNDS .50 CAL., 1520 GALLONS GAS.
8. LT. DUNN (BLUEGRASS 2-2) LANDED AT EAST FIELD, SAIPAN AFTER MISSION AS A RESULT OF PTOPELLER TROUBLE.

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-80
 GROUP MISSION #7-197

1. A. B-P-47D'S
 B. NONE
2. A. 1 P-47D DESTROYED
 B. NONE
3. FIRE BOMB AND STRAFE TARGET AREA 517 & 518, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. CAPT SLEPECKY, LTS. ANGELLE, KENDLE, BACH (BLUEGRASS 7)
 LTS. RUFF, LUSTIC (BLUEGRASS 10)
 LTS. PORTER, STAMPE (BLUEGRASS 9)

TAKEOFF: 1118 LAND: 1309

BLUEGRASS 9 CARRIED 4 X 165 GAL. WING TANKS FILLED WITH NAPALM MIXTURE AS ARMAMENT. BLUEGRASS 7 AND 10 HAD NORMAL .50 CAL. LOADING.

LT. PORTER (BLUEGRASS 9-1) CRASHED AND WAS KILLED ON TAKE-OFF. PLANE ARMED WITH 2 X 165 GAL. FIRE BOMBS. PILOT COULD NOT QUITE CLEAR BULLDOZER WORKING AT THE END OF THE RUNWAY. THE TAIL OF HIS PLANE HIT THE DOZER AND WAS TORN OFF CAUSING THE PLANE TO CRASH AND BURN.

CHEROKEE ASSIGNED FLIGHTS, TARGETS IN AREA 585 F,G,K,Q,V, BUT DUE TO THE FACT THAT HE COULD NOT GET ARTILLERY AND NAVAL GUNFIRE TO CEASE IN THE AREA, HE ASSIGNED STRAFING AND FIRE BOMB MISSION IN AREAS 517 AND 518. PLANES WERE TO GIVE THE ENTIRE AREA A WORKING OVER. THE TARGET WAS A HEAVILY WOODED AREA 1,000 YDS. LONG BY 2,000 YDS. WIDE.

NO INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED THE FLIGHTS BY CHEROKEE AS TO JUST WHAT WAS IN THE AREA, TROOPS OR INSTALLATIONS.

BLUEGRASS 9-2 DROPPED HIS FIRE BOMBS OVER THE TARGET AREA AND OBSERVED ONE EXPLODE IN AREA 518 K AND ONE IN 517 O. TWO LG. FIRES WERE STARTED IN WOODED SECTOR OF THESE TARGET AREA.

ALL FLIGHTS THEN MADE TWO STRAFING ATTACKS ON WOODED SECTORS OF AREAS 517 & 518, ONE FROM W-E AND THE LAST ATTACK FROM N-S. RESULTS OF STRAFING UNDETERMINED. PILOTS COULD NOT OBSERVE ANY ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA.

5. A. 5/10 CLOUD COVERAGE AT 8,000 FT.
 B. GOOD
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 4 X 165 GAL. WING TANKS FILLED WITH MIXTUR OF NAPALM AND GAS-OLINE WITH WP GRENADE ATTACHED.
 4,600 RDS. .50 CAL. M.G. - 1,600 GAL. GAS.
8. NONE

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-81
GROUP MISSION #202

1. A. EIGHT (8) P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. STRAFE ENEMY A/A GUNS, TARGET AREA 503E, J, O, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. MAJOR MCAFEE, LTS. DELP, STAMPE, LUSTIG (BLUEGRASS 1)
CAPT. TENNANT, LTS. COX, MALONE SHAFFER (BLUEGRASS 3)

TAKEOFF: 0731 - LAND: 0845

A TBF WAS HIT BY A/A FIRE WHICH WAS OBSERVED TO EMANATE FROM AREA 503E, J, O, BY TORCHY 1. OUR PILOTS OBSERVED THE TBF GO DOWN ABOUT 100 YARDS OFF SHORE AT LALO POINT. AFTER CRASH THE WRECKAGE SANK OUT OF SIGHT AND NO DEBRIS OR PERSONNEL WERE OBSERVED IN THE WATER.

TORCHY 1 MARKED THE TARGET AREA WITH ROCKET FIRE. PILOTS COULD NOT OBSERVE GUN POSITIONS IN THE AREA DUE TO THE FACT THAT IT IS HEAVILY WOODED.

BLUEGRASS 1&3 MADE SEVEN STRAFING ATTACKS ON THE TARGET AREA FROM WEST TO EAST AT MINIMUM ALTITUDE. RESULTS OF STRAFING WERE UNDETERMINED. OBSERVED MODERATE SMALL ARMS FIRE COMING FROM THE TARGET AREA.

5. A. 7/10 OVERCAST AT 2,500 FEET
B. LOUD AND CLEAR
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 14,400 ROUNDS .50 CAL. 1440 GALLONS GASOLINE
8. NONE

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19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION #7-82
GROUP MISSION #7-208

1. A. 16 P-47D'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. DIVE BOMB WOODED AREA AND BLUFF AND BLUFF, TARGET AREAS 503, 506, AND SW HALF 509, TINIAN ISLAND.
4. MAJ. MCAFEE, LTS. DELP, STAMPE, LUSTIC (BLUEGRASS 1)
CAPT. TENNANT, LTS. COX, MALONE, SHAFFER (BLUEGRASS 3)
CAPT. VOGT, LTS. DECHARY, LOFLIN, DUNNING (BLUEGRASS 4)
CAPT. GUINNEE, LTS. DUNN, FLAGERMAN, DANYLO (BLUEGRASS 2)

TAKEOFF: 0645 - LAND: 0803

IN COMPLIANCE WITH ATTACK ORDER, COM. GRP. 2, PHIBS. PAC. NO. A112-44 (ANNEX D-AIR SUPPORT PLAN) THIS SQUADRON WAS ASSIGNED TO DIVE BOMB WOODED AREA AND BLUFF, TARGET AREAS 503, 506, AND SW HALF 509, TINIAN ISLAND. 73RD & 333RD SQDNS. WERE ASSIGNED ADJACENT AREAS. P-47'S OF THE 73RD, 333RD, AND 19TH SQUADRONS BEGAN THEIR ATTACK AT 0715 K. 19TH SQUADRON WAITED UNTIL THE 73RD AND 333RD HAD CLEARED THE TARGET. DIVE BOMB RUN WAS MADE ON A HEADING OF 140 DEGREES FROM AN ALTITUDE OF 8,000 FT. WITH RELEASE AT 2,000 FT. BOTH BOMBS WERE RELEASED ON ONE RUN.

31 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS EXPLODED IN WOODED AREA AND BLUFF IN TARGET AREAS AS FOLLOWS:

- 8 - SW HALF AREA 509
- 12 - AREA 506
- 11 - AREA 503

ONE BOMB HUNG UP AND WAS RELEASED OVER AGUIJAN ISLAND. FLIGHTS ATTACKED THE TARGET IN LINE ABREST.

NO A/A FIRE ENCOUNTERED.

THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION WHEN TORCHY 1 (AIR COORDINATOR) ORDERED FLIGHTS NOT TO PLACE BOMBS IN AREA 503 BUT TO PUT THEM UP ON THE PLATEAU EAST OF THE AREA. BLUEGRASS LEADER IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN ATTACK ORDER AND INSTRUCTIONS FROM 318TH FIGHTER GROUP HAD THE BOMBS PLACED ON THE TARGET IN AREA 503 AS PLANNED.

LARGE FIRES OBSERVED IN AREAS 503J AND 504 F.

5. A. 6/10 CLOUD COVERAGE 1,800-2,000 FT. OVER TARGET.
B. GOOD
6. UNDETERMINED
7. 32 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS WITH .025 SEC. DELAY FUSE. - 2,880 GALLONS OF GAS.
8. CHEROKEE CONTROL INFORMED TORCHY 1 THAT THE MISSION WAS WELL DONE. ALL BOMBS WERE WELL PLACED AND COORDINATION WAS EXCELLENT. NO BOMBS LANDED IN OUR OWN LINES.

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GROUP MISSION #7-208

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THIS MISSION WAS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FINAL DRIVE AGAINST ENEMY FORCES IN THE SOUTHERN TIP OF TINIAN ISLAND. ALL AVAILABLE AIR STRENGTH (NAVY & ARMY) WERE COORDINATED WITH NAVAL GUNFIRE AND ARTILLERY.

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