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A.P.O. # 244

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CONSOLIDATED REPORTP-38 PROVISIONAL SQUADRON MISSION REPORT # 2-2  
318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION REPORT # 2-8

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B. None
2. A. None  
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3. Escort one squadron of B-24's to Iwo Jima.
4. Major FOJTIK, F/O JAMES, Lts. DUERSCHMIDT, FOSTER (Violet 31) - (333d)  
Major WILLIAMS, Lts. MATHIS, GRAY, MARCINKO, (Violet 32) - (19th)  
Capt. MULLIGAN, Lts. BENNETT, REDFIELD, F/O WALKER (Violet 33) - (73rd)  
Lt. KANE, Capt. BIRNEY (Violet 34) - (73rd)

Takeoff: 0810

Landed: 1338

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5. A. Poor enroute and return. Clouds between base and Pagan -- .7 cumulus, 2,000 to 10,000 feet. Clouds north of Pagan -- .10 cumulus, tops, 10,000 feet and .10 alto cumulus, base 14,000 feet.  
B. Loud and clear.
6. None
7. 7,700 gallons gasoline.
8. None

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