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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF      CMB/jv  
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF  
A.P.O. #74

1 June, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FFC 150-A-8, 30 May, 1945.  
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,  
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Four B25 J's bombed and strafed TAINAN sugar refinery and a section of RR with unobserved results in a minimum altitude attack at mid-day 30 May, 1945. SHINKEI, FORMOSA, was not hit due to error and attack was made on the TAINAN sugar mill, target #29 VBC mosaic 205A, with the A/P's withdrawing across TAINAN. One A/P was hit by medium A/A five minutes prior to attack destroying left vertical stabilizer and rudder and all but three feet horizontal stabilizer and elevator.

2. OBJECTIVE

Planned, methodical destruction of FORMOSA industries. SHINKEI warehouses, refineries and town was the specific target.

3. ATTACK

- a. The 498th Squadron led the attack which was made with twelve B25 J's from the 345th Group. Each of the three Squadrons participating, 493th, 499th, 500th, furnished four A/P's. The formation approached the target from the East attacking on a heading of 240 degrees.
- b. Capt. Cooper    A/P 597    Lt. Jordan    A/P 115  
Lt. Trohimovich    104    Lt. Erickson    262
- c. Photos received by this Squadron show an unidentified section of RR and a refinery. Photos of other Squadrons show a section of the dispersal area of TAINAN A/D crossed on withdrawal from the target.

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d. There was nil interception. A/A was received from Hills East of target damaging A/P 262 to the extent described in paragraph one. Plane was left at LAOAG on return. One man was injured - Sgt. John M. Palansky, Jr. - 14136228 - Radio gunner.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendation for an award.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: 0845/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.  
Attack: 1150/I, Sugar Refinery, TAINAN area, FORMOSA.  
Landed: 1610/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.

b. Route

Crossed FORMOSA coast SE of KATO and followed mountains North to point due East of KATO. Attacked on a heading of 240 degrees. Return was direct.

c. There was nil fighter cover.

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345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF  
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3 June, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 152-A-6, 1 June, 1945.  
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,  
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Sixty 100 lb. 8/11 second fuze demo bombs were dropped on enemy installations and 12,800 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended in strafing. The target SOYUNG (1642 deg. North - 12140 deg. East) was well covered by bombing and strafing. One A/P remained in target area after the strike and reported six large buildings and several smaller buildings were burned to the ground. One A/P salvaged 12 x 100 lb. 8/11 second fuze demo bombs at target due to single engine and landed at LAOAG.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of enemy personnel and installations at SOYUNG (LUZON) (1642 deg. North - 12140 deg. East).

3. ATTACK

- a. Five B25 J's made two single plane passes on a heading of 280 degrees over target. The Squadron was led by Capt. Hall. A/P #000 went on single engine at target area and landed at LAOAG (LUZON).
- b. Capt. Hall A/P 577 Lt. Nelson A/P 305  
Lt. Wilson R. G. 031 Lt. Kelly 000  
Lt. Trohimovich 104 Lt. Plumb 597
- c. Light caliber, meager intensity, accurate, from target area, damaging one A/P (Lt. Wilson, A/P # 031).

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4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: 0845/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.  
Attack: (5 A/P's) SOYUNG, LUZON.  
Landing: (5 A/P's) 1045/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.  
(1 A/P) 1100/I, ~~CLARK~~ <sup>LOAG</sup> FIELD, LUZON.

b. Route

Direct.

c. Nil fighter cover.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF  
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF  
A.P.O. #74

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4 June, 1945

**SUBJECT:** Narrative Report, Mission PFO 154-D-38, 3 June, 1945.  
**TO :** COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,  
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six A/P's dropped 72 x 100 lb. 8/11 second delay fuze demo bombs on enemy supplies, personnel and buildings and 9,000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended in strafing. The target area (was located 3 miles SW) BAGGAO VILLAGE, LUZON (1745 deg. North - 12143 deg. East) was well covered by bombing and strafing. Seven fires were started, three of which were quite intense destroying several large buildings.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of enemy personnel, supplies and installations 3 miles SW of BAGGAO, LUZON (1745 deg. North 12143 deg. East).

3. ATTACK

a. Six B25 J's made two single plane passes on a heading of 90 degrees over the target. The Squadron was led by Capt. Jarmen.

b. Capt. Jarmen     A/P 115     Lt. Holdener     A/P 567  
Lt. Ranger             597     Lt. Wickman         305  
Lt. Heilmann            000     Lt. Roser            031

c. Light caliber, meager intensity, inaccurate ground fire coming from target area.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

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5. STATISTICS

- a. Take Off: 0850/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.  
Attack: 1015/I to 1030/I, BAGGAO, LUZON.  
Landing: 1215/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.
- b. Route  
Direct.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

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345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF  
A.P.O. #74

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12 June, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PPO 163-A-3, 12 June, 1945.  
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FFAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,  
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six hundred and forty eight 25 lb. para frag bombs were dropped on enemy concentrations and 19,000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended in strafing. The target 5 miles south of TUGUEGARAO (1733 deg. North - 12146 deg. East) was well covered by bombing and strafing. Several native huts were left burning. ALCOLA and numerous other villagessalong Highway #5 to APARRI were strafed with unobserved results.

2. OBJECTIVE

Primary - Destruction of enemy personnel and installations 5 miles south of TUGUEGARAO (1733 deg. North - 12146 deg. East).  
Secondary - Target of opportunity along Highway #5 ALCOLA (1754 deg. North - 12139 deg. East) to APARRI.

3. ATTACK

a. Nine B25 J's made a single pass in two plane elements. The attack was made on a heading of 340 degrees. The squadron was led by Capt. Gowan.

b. Capt. Gowan A/P 567 Lt. Cornwell A/P 104  
Lt. Jordan 597 Lt. Stone 305  
Lt. Helmann 031 Lt. Berg 005

Lt. C. M. Wilson A/P 577  
Lt. Kelly 000  
Lt. Nelson 115

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c. Ground fire of meager intensity, light caliber, accurate, coming from the target area and from the hills approximately 4 miles East of TUGUEGARAO. A/P's 577 and 115 were holed.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 0805/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.  
Attack: 0915/I to 0935/I, TUGUEGARAO.  
Landing: 1145/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.

b. Route

Direct.

c. Nil fighter cover.

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15 Jun 45

17 June, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FPO 166-A-8, 15 June, 1945.  
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PAAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,  
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Three hundred sixty 23 lb. para frag bombs were dropped thru North dispersal area and along East end of RW runway. Fifteen thousand x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended in strafing. The target OKASEKI A/D, FORMOSA (2455 deg. North - 12119 deg. East) was attacked from minimum altitude. Damage was not observed because greater part of target area was fields.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of grounded A/P's on OKASEKI A/D, FORMOSA (2455 deg. North - 12119 deg. East).

3. ATTACK

a. Six B25 J's made a single pass in two three plane elements. The attack was made on a heading of 240 degrees. The Squadron was led by Lt. Kimble.

b. Lt. Kimble A/P 567 Capt. Gowan A/P 577  
Lt. Plumb 597 Lt. Holdener 104  
Lt. Helmann 115 Lt. Durbahn 000

c. Medium caliber, meager intensity, inaccurate from TAIEN VILLAGE.  
Light caliber, meager intensity, accurate (holing A/P 104) from wooded area 3000' North of East end of RW runway.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

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5. STATISTICS

- a. Take off: 0715/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.  
Attack: 1115/I, to 1125/I, OKASEKI A/D, FORMOSA.  
Landing: 1545/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.
- b. Route  
Direct.
- c. Fighter cover was good.

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167-A-1  
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17 June, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PPO 167-A-6, 16 June, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,  
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

seventy two, 100 pound 8/11 second delay fuse demo bombs were dropped on enemy concentrations and 16,000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended in strafing. The target, 3 miles NE of ALCALA VILLAGE (1754 deg. North - 12139 deg. East) was well covered by bombing and strafing. Single plane passes were made on headings of 330 degrees and 350 degrees starting two small fires. Other results were not observed. One A/P made one pass on ALCALA VILLAGE.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of enemy personnel and installations 3 miles NE of ALCALA VILLAGE (1754 deg. North - 12139 deg. East).

3. ATTACK

a. Six B25 J's made three single plane passes on a heading of 330 degrees to 350 degrees. The attack was made at minimum altitude. The squadron was first over the target and was led by Lt. Reed.

b. Lt. Reed      A/P 262    Lt. Gruer      A/P 597  
Lt. Nelson      567    Lt. Treadwell    000  
Lt. Stone      104    Lt. Kelly      031

c. Light caliber, meager intensity, inaccurate flashes were seen at ridge North of ALCALA.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

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5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 0800/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.  
Attack: 0920/I to 0930/I, ALCALA, LUZON.  
Landing: 1105/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.

b. Route  
Direct.

c. Nil fighter cover.

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17 Jun 45  
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18 June, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFO 168-A-4, 17 June, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,  
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Seventy two 100 lb. 8/11 second delay fuze demo bombs were dropped on enemy concentrations and 15,000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended in strafing. The target, 4 miles East of ALCALA VILLAGE (1754 deg. North - 12139 deg. East) was well covered by bombing and strafing. Three passes were made on a heading of 270 deg. Several direct hits were made on native huts starting one large fire and three to four smaller fires. A machine gun was silenced by strafing 1500 yards SE of DUBLON.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of enemy personnel and installations 4 miles East of ALCALA VILLAGE (1754 deg. North 12139 deg. East).

3. ATTACK

a. Six B25 J's made three single plane passes on a heading of 270 degrees. The attack was made from minimum altitude. The Squadron was last over the target and was led by Capt. Jarman.

b. Capt. Jarman A/P 567 Lt. Trohimovich A/P 163  
Lt. Varvello 262 Lt. Wilson 000  
Lt. Roser 104 Lt. Berg 005

c. Light caliber, meager intensity, accurate, holing two A/P's. Flashes were seen coming from clearing 1500 yards East of target.

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4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 0900/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.  
- Attack: 1035/I to 1050/I, ALCALA, LUZON.  
Landing: 1230/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.

b. Route.

Direct.

c. Nil fighter cover.

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18 June, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FFO 169-A-5, 18 June, 1945.  
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,  
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Seventy two 100 lb. 8/11 second delay fuze demo bombs were dropped on enemy concentrations and 12,000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended in strafing. The target was well covered by bombing and several small fires were started, other results were unobserved. Four passes were made on heading from 350 degrees to zero degrees.

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of enemy personnel and installations at ALCALA VILLAGE (1754 deg. North - 12139 deg. East). (65.45-958.8 Map reference - 3564-1).

3. ATTACK

a. Six B25 J's made four single plane passes at minimum altitude. The Squadron was third over the target and was led by Lt. Kimble.

b. Lt. Kimble A/P 262 Lt. Stone A/P 163  
Lt. Liles 031 Lt. Durban 597  
Lt. Shotwell 104 Lt. Kelly 000

c. Light caliber, meager intensity, accurate to inaccurate from ALCALA VILLAGE.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: 0930/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.  
Attack: 1125/I to 1140/I, ALCALA, LUZON.  
Landing: 1300/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.

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- b. Route  
Direct.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

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345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF  
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181-A-6  
30 Jun 45

2 July, 1945

**SUBJECT:** Narrative Report, Mission PFC 181-A-6, 30 June, 1945.  
**TO :** COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,  
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Twelve x 100 lb. 4/5 second delay fuze demo bombs were dropped and 3000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended in a bombing and strafing attack. At SEKIMON VILLAGE (2517 deg. North - 12134 deg. East) a concrete dugout and radar station were attacked scoring two direct hits damaging the station. At TORAN VILLAGE (2253 deg. North - 12113 deg. East) a factory building was bombed and destroyed. Direct hits were scored blowing off the entire roof. TAIKEI VILLAGE (2227 deg. North - 12083 deg. East) and DAIEY VILLAGE (2216 deg. North - 12053 deg. East) were strafed with unobserved results. The entire coast of FORMOSA was searched for barges and shipping. Several fishing boats were strafed North of KARENKO VILLAGE (2400 deg. North - 12137 deg. East).

2. OBJECTIVE

Barge sweep along East coast of FORMOSA. Land targets could be hit if no barges were found.

3. ATTACK

- a. Two B25 J's (1 A/P of the 499th Squadron) made single plane passes at minimum altitude in their attacks. Four passes on headings from zero deg. to 180 deg. were made on radar station at SEKIMON VILLAGE. A single pass was made on factory at TORAN VILLAGE. Capt. Faircloth in A/P #062 led the attack.
- b. Capt. Faircloth A/P 062.
- c. Light caliber, meager intensity, accurate ground fire from unknown location. A/P 062 was holed.

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345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF  
A.P.O. #74

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10 July, 1945.

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PF0188-A-9, 7 July, 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FFAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,  
A-2, A.P.O. # 923.

1. SYNOPSIS

Forty four 100 lb 8/11 second delay fuze free falling bombs and 24 rockets were expended in a bombing attack of SHO-KOTO-SHO ISLAND (2157N 12136E). Two passes were made on headings between 210 to 240 degrees at minimum altitude. Grass fires were started over entire island. Other damage was not determined.

2. OBJECTIVE

practice bombing and strafing attack of SHO-KOTO-SHO ISLAND (2157N 12136E).

3. ATTACK

a. Nine B25 J's made two passes nine A/P's abreast on headings between 210 to 240 degrees over the target. The Squadron led the 345th Group to the target and was first over the target. The Squadron was led by Major McClure.

b.	Maj. McClure	A/P 055	Lt. Durban	A/P 567
	Lt. Devinney	597	Lt. Gruer	063
	Lt. Pennington	305	Lt. Snotwell	937
	Lt. Kimble	214	Lt. Stone	262
	Lt. Green	163		

c. Nil A/A was encountered.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 0730/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.  
Attack: 1100/I to 1125/I, SHO-KOTO-SHO.  
Landing: 1445/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.

b. Route.

Direct.

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5. STATISTICS (Cont'd).
- c. Nil fighter cover.

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345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF  
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11 July, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FFO 191-A-6, 10 July, 1945.  
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PEARL, Attention of A. C. of S.,  
A-2, A.F.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Four A/F's dropped 24 x 250 lb. 4/5 second delay fuze bombs and expended 5000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition in a bombing and strafing attack. In SUC-KO HARBOR (2437 deg. North - 12153 deg. East) two sugar dogs were bombed; one loaded with oil was definitely destroyed starting a large oil fire with smoke rising to 2000'. Three sugar dogs and five barges under construction were bombed and strafed. Three direct hits were scored throwing lumber and debris high into the air. Many small oil fires were started in shipyard area. The entire East coast of FORMOSA was searched for barges and shipping. At 2451 deg. North - 12156 deg. East, a strafing run was made on an unserviceable beached sugar dog.

2. OBJECTIVE

Barge and shipping sweep along East coast of FORMOSA.

3. ATTACK

a. Four B25 J's made two single plane passes at minimum altitude in their attack. The bombing runs were made on 150 degree headings. Lt. Durban in A/F 305 scored a direct hit on the Sugar Dog (definitely destroyed). Capt. Jarman, A/P 577 led the attack.

b.	Capt. Jarman	A/P 577	Lt. Plumb	A/P 597
	Lt. Durban	305	Lt. Treadwell	214

c. Light caliber, meager intensity, inaccurate gun flashes were seen coming from SUC-KO HARBOR.

Light caliber, meager intensity, inaccurate ground fire coming from KIZAN-TO ISLAND (2451 deg. North - 12156 deg. East).

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4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: 0700/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.  
Attack: 1100/I to 1130/I, SUG-RO HARBOR.  
Landing: 1555/I, CLARK FIELD, LUZON.

b. Route

Direct.

c. Nil fighter cover.

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Intelligence Officer.

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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF  
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF  
A.F.C. #245

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211-C-  
30 July

1 August, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FFO 211-C-11, 30 July, 1945.  
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, PAAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,  
A-2, A.F.C. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Twenty 500 lb. 4/5 second delay fuze bombs were dropped on radar station and surrounding installation buildings at TSURUMI-SAKI (3254 deg. North - 13205 deg. East). Twelve thousand five hundred rounds of .50 caliber ammunition were expended in making two passes in two plane elements at minimum altitude on headings of 180 deg. to 240 deg. A direct hit was made on one of the radar installations buildings blowing it into the air. Near misses were made on radar station leaving it in a badly damaged condition. A/P 207 crashed into hill and burned at target.

2. OBJECTIVE

Primary - snipping search INLAND SEA, JAPAN.  
Secondary - Railroads yards and town at NOBECKA,  
Targets of opportunity - KYUSHU.

3. ATTACHE

- a. The Squadron was in number #4 position in the Group formation and was led by Capt. Faircloth. The attack on the radar installation was made in two plane elements on headings of 180 deg. to 240 degrees.
- b. Capt. Faircloth A/P 163      Lt. Troumovich A/P 055  
Lt. Varvello                      305      Lt. Ranger                      939  
Lt. Durbann                      567      Lt. Green                      207
- c. A direct hit was made on one of the radar installations buildings by Lt. Ranger, A/P 939, destroying the building. Near misses were made on radar station leaving it in a badly damaged condition.

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d. There was nil fighter opposition.  
A/A was of medium caliber, meager intensity,  
inaccurate from target area. A/P 207 may have  
been hit by A/A.

e. Personnel missing in action.

2nd Lt. Robert L. Green	Pilot
2nd Lt. Curtiss C. Middleton	Co-pilot
2nd Lt. Wayne Hendricks	Navigator
s/Sgt. Walter E. Kingsbury	Radio gunner
Sgt. Sammy L. Shakar	Engineer gunner

4. AWARDS and DECOORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 0830/I, IE ISLAND.  
Attack: 1250/I to 1255/I, TSURUMI-SAKI.  
Landing: 1615/I, IE ISLAND.

b. Route

East coast of KYUSHU to INLAND SEA and return.

c. Fighter cover was excellent.

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Intelligence Officer.

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3 August, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PPO 212-C-11, 31 July, 1945.  
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A. C. of S.,  
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Twenty four 500 lb. 4/5 second delay fuze demo bombs were dropped and 15,000 x .50 caliber rounds of ammunition were expended in a bombing and strafing attack of MARUSHIMA NITROGEN PLANT (3212 deg. North 13025 deg. East). Direct hits were scored on two large buildings in the plant causing heavy explosions followed by large fires with flames reaching 500 feet. Four to five small buildings and three tanks in the plant were completely destroyed. The run was made thru the center of the plant on a NW heading at minimum altitude. Smoke was up to 5000 feet after returning to the target area to search for survivors of a crashed A/P. At NAGA-SHIMA (3210 deg. North 13013 deg. East) a radio station and buildings were strafed and damaged. Two A/P's were holed by A/A. Fighter cover was excellent.

2. OBJECTIVE

Primary: shipping search along west coast of KYUSHU, JAPAN.  
Secondary: MARUSHI A NITROGEN PLANT (JAPAN) (3212 deg. North - 13025 deg. East).

3. ATTACK

a. The Squadron was in number #2 position in the Group formation and was led by Lt. Cornwell. (The Squadron led the Group to the target after the Group leader developed radio trouble). The attack was made six ships abreast on a NW heading. Highhills east of target area altered this formation greatly.

b.	Lt. Cornwell	A/P 300	Lt. Plumb	A/P 597
	Lt. Pennington	216	Lt. Nelson	211
	Lt. Treadwell	262	Lt. Stone	577

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c. Lt. Cornwells' flight attacked the western part of the nitrogen plant scoring direct hits on two of the large buildings causing heavy explosions and fires. Lt. Plumbs' flight attacked the eastern part of the plant with bombs training thru numerous small buildings and tanks. After the attack Lt. Cornwells' flight returned to the Bay and circled wreckage of crashed A/P but no survivors were seen.

d. There was nil fighter interception. Heavy and medium caliber, moderate intensity, slightly accurate holing two A/P's. A/A was coming from plotted positions 2000' North of the plant and 5000' NE of the plant on the east side of the canal.

e. Nine u/i A/P's on IZUMI A/D (3205 deg. North 13020 deg. East).

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards.

5. STATISTICS

a. Take off: 0800/I, IE ISLAND.  
Attack: 1110/I, MARUSHIMA.  
Landing: 1440/I, IE ISLAND.

b. Rendezvous with fighters at DANJO ISLAND then to MARUSHIMA and return.

c. Fighter cover was excellent.

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