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498TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
345TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
A.P.O. #72

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22 Jan 45
RFK/fc

24 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FFO 22-A-4, 22 January 1945.
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Six A/P's bombed and strafed military installations on Bataan Peninsula, the morning of the 22nd of January 1945. Each A/P carried 12 x 100 lb. para demo bombs and 6000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition. The attack was made from a minimum altitude, damaging steel structure at Olongapo Village (Subic Bay). At Grande Island bombs were dropped on two coastal defense guns, the extent of the damage was not observed.

2. OBJECTIVE

The strike was planned to photograph and bomb all defense positions on Bataan Peninsula. The coast between Bagac Village and Olongapo Village including Grande Island was the 498th Squadron's target.

3. ATTACK

a. Six B25J's of the 498th Squadron made their attacks from the South to North direction in two plane flights.

b.	Lt. Smith	A/P 028	Lt. Jarman	A/P 165
	Lt. Lamb	577	Lt. Neal	193
	Lt. Cornwell	176	F/O Lageman	115

c. Lt. Smith A/P 028 and Lt. Jarman A/P 165 dropped their bombs on Olongapo. Lt. Smith's bombs strung thru a steel structure on a point of land SE of seaplane jetty. Parts of structure were seen to fly into the air. Lt. Jarman photographed coast at Bagac Village. F/O Lageman A/P 115 dropped his bombs on Olongapo with nil damage observed. Lt. Cornwell A/P 176 dropped his bombs

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ON A 2 gun coastal defense position on Grande Island with extent of damage unobserved. Both A/P's took photos of Grande Island. Lt. Lamb A/P 577 and Lt. Neal A/P 193 returned their bombs because no target could be found.

d. Nil A/A was received.

4. COMMENTS OF THE I.O.

Nil comments.

5. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Details of this mission provided no basis for recommendation of awards.

6. STATISTICS

a. Take Off: strip #5, Leyte, 0700/I.
Attack: 0915 - 0930/I, minimum altitude,
Bataan Peninsula.
Landing: 1215/I, strip #5 Leyte.

b. Route: LEYTE, BATAAN PENINSULA, LEYTE.

c. Nil fighter cover.

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24 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission FFO 23-A-5, 23 January 1945.
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, FEAF, Attention of A.C. of S.,
A-2, A.P.O. #925.

1. SYNOPSIS

Three B25J's bombed and strafed Japanese occupied Floridablanca Town, Luzon in advance of our troops. The attack was made 23 January 1945 from minimum altitude. 36 x 100 lb. parademos were dropped in the town starting several small fires. 8200 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition were expended in strafing the target. One Tojo (damaged) on Floridablanca strip was strafed and damaged further..

2. OBJECTIVE

Destruction of enemy troops and concentration center was the purpose of the attack.

3. ATTACK

a. The 498th Squadron flew in number two position and the attack was made in a three plane formation.

b.	Lt. Tuftie	A/P 577	Lt. Reed	A/P 044
	Lt. Manners	005	Lt. McKibbon	192
	Lt. Neal	031	Lt. Cornwell	104

c. The attack was made from South to North following which a strafing run from East to West was made over Floridablanca strip. The target appeared to be covered well with smoke and dust obscuring the whole town. Photos are from too great a distance to show specific damage. A/P's 044, 192, 104 returned to base from Simara Is., 30 miles NE mindero and Biliran Is. respectively due to mechanical trouble.

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d. M/G fire of slight intensity and inaccurate from Floridablanca strip. One burst of heavy A/A was fired from Grande Is. Burst was ahead and high.

4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations for awards are being submitted.

5. STATISTICS

a. A/P's took off from strip #5, Leyte 0700/I, were over Floridablanca, Luzon at 0930/I and returned to strip #5 at 1225/I.

b. Route: LEYTE, VERDE ISLAND PASSAGE, SUBIC BAY, TARGET, RETURN.

c. Nil fighter cover.

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26 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PFC 24-A-4, 24 January 1945.

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

1. SYNOPSIS

Four A/P's bombed and strafed military installations on Bataan Peninsula, the morning of the 24th of January 1945. Each A/P carried 12 x 100 lb. parademo bombs and 8000 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition. The attack was made from a minimum altitude. On photo run over Grande Island, one large two story barracks type building and one single story barracks type building was set afire by strafing. Several smaller buildings in same location were also burning.

2. OBJECTIVE

The strike was planned to photograph Grande Island and to bomb all defense positions between San Antonio Village and Olongapo Village was the 498th Squadron's target.

3. ATTACK

a. Four B25J's of the 498th Squadron made their attacks on Grande Island from East to West direction in four ships abreast. The run between San Antonio and Olongapo was made from West to East in plane flights.

b. Lt. Gowan A/P 193
Lt. McKibbon 005
Lt. Lageman 031
Lt. Jarman 577

c. Lt. McKibbon A/P 005 dropped two bombs on a long barracks type installation on West side of road South of San Macelino Village, result of which was not observed. Lt. Jarman A/P 577 dropped two bombs on East side of Subic Bay with nil damage. All other bombs were returned. On strafing

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AM9 photo run over Grande Island, one large two story barracks type buildings and one single story barracks type building was set afire. Also several smaller buildings were burning in same location. These buildings were on the East side of Island.

d. Light caliber, slight intensity, inaccurate; ground fire from center of Grande Island East of coastal guns.

4. COMMENTS OF THE I.O.

The following day our Squadron ran another mission in same target area and it was reported by crews that the East side of Grande Island is burned out.

5. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Details of this mission provided no basis for recommendation of awards.

6. STATISTICS

- a. Take Off: strip #5 Leyte, 0700/I.
Attack: 0920 - 0940/I, minimum altitude, Bataan Peninsula.
Landing: strip #5 Leyte, 1225/I.
- b. Route: LEYTE, BATAAN PENINSULA, LEYTE.
- c. Nil fighter cover.

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25-A-4
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26 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission PPO 25-A-4, 25 January 1945.

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

1. SYNOPSIS

Four B25J's bombed and strafed installations on the West coast of Bataan Peninsula, Luzon. 48 x 100 lb. parademos were dropped and 8500 x .50 cal. rounds of ammunition expended in the minimum altitude attack, 25 January 1945. Extensive damage was done on a steel crane south of Olongapo seaplane base. A dock on the East side of Grande Is. and buildings in Olongapo were damaged. The coastal road was covered by strafing. There was nil damage to our A/P's.

2. OBJECTIVE

Object of the attack was to destroy coastal installations and defense position on West coast of Bataan.

3. ATTACK

- a. The 498th Squadron led by Lt. Cranford flew in number four position with the 499, 500 and 501st Squadrons occupying one to three position respectively. Formation was in two plane elements.
- b. Lt. Cranford A/P 193 Lt. Reed A/P 044
Lt. Myers 115 Lt. Thomas 005
- c. The attack was made from North to South covering the coast of Bataan from Olongapo seaplane base in Subic Bay to Mariveles Village. Targets were limited due to previous attacks and limited enemy activity. All four A/P's covered the assigned target.
- d. A/A was of light and medium caliber, slight intensity and partly accurate shaking one A/P but causing nil damage. Source of fire no certain but believed from Olongapo.

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4. AWARDS and DECORATIONS

Nil recommendations are being submitted.

5. STATISTICS

a. A/P's took off from strip #5 Leyte 0715/I, were over Bataan, Luzon 0930 - 1000/I and returned to strip #5 at 1255/I.

b. Route: LEYTE, VERDE ISLAND PASSAGE, SUBIC BAY AND RETURN.

c. Nil fighter cover.

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