

LEFT MUROC CALIF THE 26TH DAY OF MARCH ARRIVED AT HAMILTONFIELD THE 27TH OF MARCH LEFT HAMILTON FIELD THE 2ND OF APRIL ARRIVED AT FAIRFIELD CALIF THE 3 OF APRIL LEFT FAIRFIELD CALIF . ARRIVED AT SAN FRANCISCO THE 7TH OF APRIL LEFT FOR HONOLULU HAWII ARRIVED THE 8TH OF APRIL SPENT 9 DAYS THERE DIDN'T LIKE IT. LEFT THE 17 FOR GUDALCANAL. ARRIVED AT PALMYEA NAVAL BASE ON THE 17TH SPENT NIGHT THERE LEFT AND ARRIVED AT CA UTON ISL SPENT NIGHT THERE AND IT IS NOTHING BUT A ROCK AND OCEAN. HELL OF A PLACE. LEFT THEN 19TH ARRIVED AT GUDALCANAL SAME DAY. SPENT 44 DAYS THERE GOING TO LECTURES DIDN'T LEARN A DARN THING. WAS SUPPOSE TO HIT RABAU FROM THERE BUT NEVER MADE IT LOST OUR PILOT LT. NICHOLS THERE GOT LT. MONTGOMERY AND A CO PILOT LT. BACHMER. LEFT THE 2ND OF JUNE STOPPED AT BOGANVILLE FOR GAS THEN CAME ON DOWN TO MAKORANG AIR FIELD AT LOS NEGROES ISL IN THE ADMIALTIES ASSIGNED TO 307 BOMB SQD 372 BOMB SQD A.P.O. FINELY IN COMBAT. SUPPOSE TO GO ON MISSION TO WALSAI BUT WAS CALLED OF BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER JUNE 6 WAS ON THE ALERT TO GO MEET JAPS TASK FORCE BUT FORCE TURNED ON TO FAR AWAY TO AFTERWARDS SPENT 14 HOURS ON LINE WAITING. LEFT TO GO ON A MISSION TO TRUCK ISL THE 8TH OF JUNE TO BANK DUBLIN CITY FIRST MISSION AND ON MY BIRTHDAY. DID NOTHING UNTIL 24TH OF JUNE BUT SLEEP AND EAT AND READ WENT TO A LITTLE ISL TO HUNT FOR JAPS SOVINERS WE WALKED AROUND FOR FOUR FOUND AMMUTION DUMPS AND SHELLS ABOUT ALL HAD FUN SHOTING OUR 45. LOST OUR PILOT MONTGOMERY THE 26TH OF JUNE HE WENT TO GUDALCANAL AS LAW TARGET PILOT. WENT ON MISSION THE 27TH WITH ANOTHER CREW WAS SUPPOSE TO BOMB JAP ISL. BUT DIDN'T GET THERE AS OTHER PLANES DIDN'T MEET US AND ONLY FIVE PLANES IN OUR FORMATION. SO WE WENT TO SORAL ISL AND BOMBED AND STRAFFED IT NO FIGHTER OPPOSITION THERE. JULY 20 BOMBED JAPS TODAY. TOOK OFF FROM LOS NEGROES AT 6:00 LANDED AT 7:00 13 HR FLIGHT. WEATHER VERY BAD. 6 ZERO'S SOME FACKS ONE ZERO CAME DOWN MIDDLE OF FORMATION I GOT HIT ON 2 ZERO BUT DID NO APPARANT HARM 5 ARREIAL BOMBS DROPE AROUND US BUT NONE HIT MY GUNS JAMMED TWICE ONLY SKINNED HELL OUT OF MY HANDS. GOT BACK WAS S/SGT. JULY 25 ON MISSION TO WALEIA ISL IN CAROLINE GROUP FLEW 9:15 MIN. WEATHER BAD FOR 100 MIN BUT FIND THE REST OF THE WAY AND COMMING BACK NO PLANES BUT ABOUT 40 OR 50 BURST OF A.A. AS WENT OVER TARGET BOMBS REALLY TORE THE TARGET UP. HAD A RUNAWAY GUN HAD TO FIX IT THAT WAS ALL THE EXCITMENT HAD. WE RECEIVED OUR FIRST QT OF COMBAT WISKEY . I GOT DRUNK FIRST WISKEY WE HAD SINCE LEFT STATES. JULY 29 ON MISSION TO WALIA AGAIN 9:45 MIN WEATHER BAD NO PLANES NO A.A. WE MISSED THE FORMATION SO FLEW OVER ALONE DIDNT KNOW WHAT MIGHT RUN INTO BUT WAS LUCKY MADE 3 RUNS BEFORE WE BOMBED DAMM FOOLS FOR THET. AUG 2 MISSION TO JAP BUT DIDN'T GET THERE NO 4 ENGINION WAS CUT OUT BY CO PILOT AND WE HAD TO UNLOAD BOMBS BEFORE FOUND OF THE TROUBLE AND WE WERE FALLING 2500 FT PER MIN AND ALMOST CRACKED UP IN THE WATHER 600 MILES FROM LAND WE WERE LUCKY. THEREE WAS NO OPPOSITION SO WE DIDNT MISS ANYTHING JUST DIDN'T GET CREDIT FOR THE STRIKE. 9:20 TIME IN AIR. AUG 6 MISSION TO JAPS FLEW 12:45 MIN WEATHER WAS VERY ROUGH GOING AND COMMING NO FIGHTER OPPOSITION BUT HEAVY A.A. ONE SHIP WAS HIT IN NOSE TURRET BUT NO ONE HURT. ON WAY TO JAPS WHEN WAS CHECKING MY GUNS ONE SHIP PULLED OUT FROM UNDER US ALMOST SHOT THE DARN FOOL. CAME BACK TO MAKORANG FIELD AND HAD TO CIRCLE THE FIELD FOR 40 MIN BEFORE COULD LAND BECAUSE OF CLOUD COVERING FIELD AND WAS A STORM GOING ON FLEW OVER TARGET AT 8900 FT 21-B24 60 TONS OF BOMBS. HIT 9070 OF SUPPLY TARGET GOOD BOMBING LEFT MAKORANG FIELD WENT TO WADKE ISL 3 MILES OF SHORE OF NEW GUIENA. TOOK A PLANE LOAD OF PHOT EQUIPMENT. I WAS ENGINEER ONLY PILOT CO PILOT, NAVIGTOR RAIDO MAN AND MYSELF. WE ARE MOVING TO WADKE SEVERAL CREWS TODAY AND TOMORROW THE WEATHER GOOD GOING BUT BADE COMMING BACK 7 HR MOVED TO NIEHERLAND NEW GUIENA ON THE ISL WADKE TODAY AUG 19 MOVED IN THE MESS HALL BUILDING AS WERE NO TENTS FOR US TO PUT UP. CAN SEE MAIN ISL FROM HERE PATROLS P47 STAFF THE ISL WHERE THERE ARE JAPS WE CAN SEE THE JAPS LIGHT FROM HERE WE ARE ABOUT 3 MILES FROM THEM. HAD A U.S.O. SHOW TODAY 24 OF AUG. BOB HOPE, FRANCIS LANGFORD, JERRY COLONNA, PATTY THOMAS, AND LARRY ROSS, PRETTY GOOD. PATTY GOOD LOOKING AND ESPECIALLY BODY BEAUTIFUL LEGS DID A DANCE IN A BATHING SUIT. FIRST MISSION FROM WADKE THE 25 OF AUG 44 20 MEN KILLED FROM THIS SQD. 822 ALMOST SHOT DOWN HYDRAULIC SYSTEM. SHOT TWO HOLES IN LEFT WING BIG AS A HAT. NOSE TURRENT OUT ON FLEXIO GLASS ON LEFT SIDE.

AUG 26 WE WENT TO PALAN IN 576 TODAY BAD WEATHER WERE TO HIT KOLO TOWN BUT THE  
 BOMBARDIER MISSED THE TOWN HIT AROUND IT. A.A. HEAVY WE GOT A HOLE IN NO L  
 ENGINO NO DAMAGE MUCH 6 ZERO AFTER WE LEFT THE TARGET. 14 PLANES IN OUR  
 FORMATION UP TO NOW HAVE BEEN ABOUT 60 MEN KILLED I KNEW TWO CREWS I WENT  
 TO FAZE TRAINING WITH. 25-26-27 OF AUG WATCHED TANKS AND BOATS SHELL THE  
 COAST WE WERE ABOUT 2 1/2 MILES AWAY GOOD SHOW. TODAY A -20 BOMBED ISL 10 MILES  
 AWAY WE WATCHED THEY MADE SOME GOOD HITS. CAPT DIXON SHOT DOWN TODAY IN SHIP  
 603 THERE WERE 10 MEN WITH HIM FLAK HIT SHIP IN BOMBAY AND BLEW BOMBS UP NO  
 ONE GOT OUT. THAT MAKES -32 MEN IN 3 DAYS WELL BETTER LUCK FROM NOW ON  
 WE HOPE. COMBAT IS HELL AUG 30 WENT TO PALAU NO FIGHTER BUT VERY HEAVY  
 A.A. COULD GET OUT AND WALK ON THE DAM STUFF WEATHER WAS BAD RAIN AND CLOUDS  
 NO ONE HIT OR HURT ON KAROR TOWN GOOD BOMB HIT A OIL DUMP SAW BLACK SMOKE BILLOW  
 UP ABOUT 3000 FT GOING AGAIN TOMORROW. SEPT 1 WENT TO PALAU TODAY WEATHER GOOD  
 WE WERE THE LEAD PLANE IN OUR ELEMENT TWO OTHER SHIPS WITH US AS WE WENT ON  
 A RECON INCE AND BOMBING MISSION WE LEFT THE OTHER PLANES 25 MILES FROM THE  
 TARGET MADE A 10 DEGREE TURN AND WENT TO BABADSHAP ISL RIGHT ACROSS FROM  
 KOROR TOWN WENT 20 MILES TO THE END OF IT AND CAME DOWN THE WHOLE ISL OVER ALL  
 THE A.A. GUNS AND TOOK PICTURES THEN TURNED OFF ON BOMBING RUN TO KAROR TOWN  
 A.A. AND PHARPHUS BOMBS WERE REALLY CLOSE TO US THEY WERE FOLLOWING US UP BUT  
 BEFORE THEY HIT WE WERE WAY OUT OF RANGE ONE OF THE 324 PLANES WAS HIT AND  
 BROKE INTO FLAMES SO TWO MEN JUMP OUT AND JAP SPEED BOAT PICK THEM UP HOPE  
 THEY GET ALONG O.K. THE A.A. AND PHOSPHOROUS SHELLS WERE HEAVY AND IN RANGE  
 AT LEAST 800 TO 1000 BURST ON THIS MISSION WE HAVE LOST 4 PLANES OUT OF  
 THIS GROUP IN 7 MISSIONS NOW THAT IS ROUGH 42 MEN THE GOOD LORD SURE HAS LOOKED  
 AFTER THIS AND HOPES HE KEEPS ON DOING IT. HAD ANOTHER U.S.O. SHOW HERE BUT  
 WE DIDN'T GET TO SEE IT THEY SAY IT WAS VERY GOOD. ALL GIRLS. LOOKS LIKE THE  
 WAR ON THE COAST ACROSS FROM US IS GOING GOOD THEY DID A LOT OF SHELLING OVER  
 THERE I HERE THE B24 GOING OVER NOW TO PALEW HOPE THEY ALL GET BACK PALEW IS  
 HELL. SEPT 2 371 LOST A PLANE TODAY DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED THEY ARE FLYING  
 A SEARCH MISSION TODAY COMING BACK FROM THE TARGET THAT IS 6 PLANES IN 8 MISSIONS  
 SEPT 4 WE HIT PELELIA ISL SOUTHWEST ISL FROM KAROR TOWN HIT RUNWAY A PERFECT  
 BOMB A.A. HEAVY MODERATE AND ACCURATE THESE JAPS ARE REALLY GOOD WITH THERE  
 A.A. THERE. THE WEATHER WAS FAIR GOING AND AND COMING A LOT OF CLOUDS BUT  
 NOT MUCH ROUGH WEATHER. OUR GAMMER MAN TOOK SIX GOOD PICTURES OF THE TARGET  
 WE FLEW OVER TARGET AT 10,000 AND BACK AT 1,500 ON A SEARCH MISSION FOUR MEN  
 WERE PICKED UP THE THREE OF SEPT FROM THE 371 PLANE WHICH WENT DOWN BEEHIVE  
 FLEW TODAY AS OUR PILOT HE WILL PROBABLY BE OUR NEXT PILOT WHEN LINDSEY HAS  
 HIS MISSIONS IN HE HAS 42 NOW. THE INFANTRY HAD ANOTHER BATTLE ON THE COAST  
 WE COULD HERE A FEW BULLET WHINE OVER OUR TENT AND SEE A LOT IN THE WATER  
 GETTING CLOSE. SUPPOSE TO HIT HALWAKERA'S TODAY BUT OUR PILOT AND E AND  
 R MEN WERE AT ADMIRALTYIES SO DIDN'T SEPT 10 SUPPOSE TO HIT THERE TODAY BUT  
 OUR CO PILOT WAS SICK ASHMA SO WE HAVE LOST BAEHMER NOW THAT IS OUR THIRD  
 ONE. SEPT 12 FINELY HIT LOLOBATA AIR FIELD ON HALMAHER'S WE HAVE A NEW CO  
 PILOT NOW HEFFNER HE WILL TAKE OVER THE CREW WHEN LINDSEY LEAVES THIS MISSION  
 WAS GOOD LOTS OF A.A. BUT VERY LITTLE NEAR US BUT IT WAS HEAVY\* INTENSE AND  
 ACCURATE WEATHER GOOD WE BROKE IN 960 WAS ITS FIRST MISSION MADE GOOD BOMB  
 HIT ON TARGET. SEPT 15 MISSION TO LOLOBATA AIRFIELD IN HALMAHER'S ISL TODAY  
 THERE WAS A U.S. TASK FORCE INVADING THERE WE BOMBED THERE TODAY THE AIR  
 FIELD AND THERE WERE A LARGE NO OF SHIPS IN THE HACHER MOSTLEY LANDING BOYS  
 SIX BIG SHIPS. PALAU WAS ALSO INVADDED AT THE SAME TIME TODAY WOULD HAVE  
 LIKED TO HAVE SEEN THAT TOO A.A. WAS HEAVY AND ACCURATE NO ONE HIT OR HURT  
 THOUGH. WE CARRIED 2000 LBS BOMBS TODAY ALL OTHER MISSIONS HAVE BEEN 500  
 AND 100 OR 250 SEPT 16 OUR SQD AND GROUPE HIT CERAM TODAY. SEPT 18 MISSION TO  
 LOHA TOWN ON CERA M ISL TODAY TOOK 6 1000 NO BOMBS TODAY IN 591 WEATHER GOOD  
 BOTH WAYS AT 9000 FT BUT CLOUD COVERAGE AT 6000 WE FLEW AT 1260 OVER TARGET  
 COULDN'T SEE TARGET AT ALL FROM THERE WERE FOUR HURT OF A.A. RUMORS TODAY  
 THAT GERMANDY SURRENDERED IT IS THE 18TH IN EUROPE WE SURE HOPE THE WAR IS  
 OVER THERE WE LOST LINDSEY TODAY HE IS TAKING OVER THE CREW HE USED TO FLY  
 WITH AS CO PILOT THEY ALL LIKE 5 MORE MISSIONS WE GET HEFFNER FOR PILOT DON'T  
 KNOW WHO FOR CO PILOT. SEPT 20 WHAT A STORM WE HAD LAST NIGHT THOUGHT THE



tent was going over some of them did hear a voice across from us. He said oh if my mother could see me now he was sitting up in the middle of his bed his tent blown away and raining like the devil there were six in the tent almost drowned was sure funny in a way. SEPT 22 FOLLOWED BALILEY AND CREW TO NOEMFOOR ISL TODAY WE ARE MOVING UP THERE SUPPOSE TO BE THERE ABOUT 3 WEEKS WAS FIRST ENGINEER AGAIN TODAY. JOHN HOFFER IS OUR PILOT NOW. THERE ARE A LOT OF P-40 and A-20 THERE AUSTRALIAN FLYING AND WORKING ON THEM. LITTLE MACLINDSEY CRACKED UP TODAY NO ONE HURT BUT A GOOD SHIP RUINED ONLY ONE WE HAD WITH EMERSON TARGET IN NOSE AND SPERVY SIGHT IN UPPER AND LOWER TARGET WAS 4:45 MIN NOW COMBAT TIME HAD TEA AT A AUSTRALIAN Y.M.C.A. PRETTY GOOD GUYS CAN'T UNDERSTAND THEM VERY WELL THOUGH EXPECTING TO GO REST LEAVE IN A FEW DAYSHOPE SO ANYWAY WERE SUPPOSE TO GO TO CAMER TODAY BUT WEATHER TOO BAD SO MI MISSION CALLED OFF. SEPT. 24 THERE WAS A TRANSITION FLIGHT LAST NIGHT 3 FIRST PILOTS AND ONE ENGINEER KILLED IN A CRACK UP AFTER SIX TAKE OFFS THEY WERE SHOOTING LANDING THEY WERE RICE, ROGERS, LEWIS AND WEBB AS ENGINEER WENT INTO A DIVE INTO THE WATER OFF LAND ON RUNWAY NONE FOUND BUT DECK OF PLANE PULLED IN THIS MORNING. BRUITMAN OR MYSELF AND OUR PILOT WAS SUPPOSE TO FLY THE SHIP 591 BUT THEY DIDN'T FLY. NO REST LEAVE TOMORROW ROGERS CREW ARE GOING NEXT. SEPT 25 MOVED FROM WADKE TO NOEMFOOR ISL WHERE ARE JAPS HERE ON THE ISL WE ARE NOT SUPPOSE TO GO IN THE JUNGLE AWAY FROM OUR CAMP. CAN HERE A BIG GUN AND BULLETS HERE THIS MORNING THE 26TH. LT LINDSEY, CRESSUELL FROM DETROIT. LEDBETTER FLA. ALL ON ORDER TO GO HOME BOY IT IS MUDDY AS THE DEVIL HERE GUNS EVERYWHERE THINK WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BATTLE ZONE. SEPT 28 FLEW TO THE WAKED AS ENGINEER WENT DOWN FOR SUPPLYS AND A NEW CREW FLEW 258 BAD WEATHER AT 2000 FT SO WE FLEW AT 800 GOT 5:15 COMBAT HRS 307. SEPT 30 THE GROUP-5TH SQD AND 90TH GRP OF 5TH A.F. WENT TO BORENO TODAY HIT OIL REFINERY THERE THE FIRST MISSION FROM NOEMFOOR 72 PLANES THE BIGGEST SINGLE FLIGHT OF PLANES TO HIT A TARGET IN SOUTH PACIFIC AREA. INFANTRY PATROL WAS DOING A BIT OF SHOOTING IN THE WOODS 600 YARDS FROM OUR CAMP THIS MORNING. OCT 2 LEFT NOEMFOOR TO GO TO SYDNEY AUSTRIA FLEW DOWN IN A C-47 STOPPED IN WADLE FOR TWO NIGHTS ONE NIGHT IN ROCK HAMPTON AUSTRIA. WENT TO A COUPLE OF DANCES LOTS OF WOMEN THERE. THEN ON TO SYDNEY ARRIVED THERE THE MORNING OF THE 5TH FIRST CIVILIZATION IN 7 MONTHS SURE GOOD TO BE IN CITY AGAIN. MET SOME VERY NICE AND INTERESTING PEOPLE MORALS ARE A LOT LOWER THERE IN A WAY BUT NOT TOO MUCH STAYED OUT AT NO 1 MACDONAL ST IN KINGS CROSS HAD AN APARTMENT THERE KALLEN AND I WE HAD PLENTY OF BEER THERE AS MRS. FARROW OUR LANDLADY GOT IT FOR US. WE WENT TO LOOMA PARK MANELY ISL OFF SYDNEY WENT TO RA MANAS, PRINCES ALL NIGHT CLUBS HAS SOME SWELL PARTYS THERE. LINDSEY ALL THE ENLISTED MEN AND A FEW OTHERS OFFICERS AND ALL OUR GIRLFRIENDS HAD TO TAKE OUR OWN DRINKS THERE THOUGH. THE PLACE IS CROUDED WITH BOOTLEGERA SELLING EVERY THING. WISKEY COST 3 POUNDS 10 SHILLING A QT. WENT OUT WITH SEVERAL GIRLS BUT REALLY ONLY LIKED ONE ONE WAS A W.A.A.F. IN AUSTRIA AIR FORCE IVY RANSON STAYED WITH HER THREE DAYS AND THEN SHE HAD TO GO BACK TO CAMP BUT KEPT HER TWO DAYS A.W.O.L. THE OTHER ONE WAS SANDRA BRITTIAN AND BOY WAS SHE A BEAUTIFUL LITTLE GIRL WOULD PROBABLY HAVE MARRIED HER IF I HAD MET HER WHEN I FIRST GOT TO SYDNEY. IT IS A RATHER BEAUTIFUL TOWN LARGE PORTS AND A LOT OF BEACHES OUT ON THE OUTSKIRTS. WE HAD A 7 DAY LEAVE BUT BECAUSE OF NO TRANSPORTATION WE STAYED 17 DAYS OH WHAT A GOOD TIME WE HAD. WE LEFT SYDNEY ON THE 22 OF OCT. BRITMAN DIDN'T COME BACK WITH US HE WAS IN THE MTS. WITH HIS GIRL FOR THE WEEK END HAD A FEW GOOD TIMES WITH BARBA, AND MARY COUPLE OF AUSY SALIORS WIVES BUT VERY NICE ALSO ENJOYED JEAN AND VALRIE AND LEO BOBBY, LENOA AND A FEW OTHERS. WELL ENOUGH ABOUT SYDNER. WOULD HAVE LIKED TO STAY. WHILE WE WERE ON LEAVE ROSEA WENT DOWN OVER BARNEO AND BALDUIN OUR OPERATION OFFICES WENT DOWN BUT THEY WERE PICKED UP BY SUBMARINE ON THE 2ND RAID ON BURNCO THE 13TH AIR FORCE WAS NERLEY KNOCKED OUT AND ALL THE PLANES WE HAD WE HAVE ALL NEW PLANES NOW THE SQD HIT THE PHILIPPINES WHILE WE WERE ON LEAVE THEY ALSO HAD A RAID HERE BY 3 JAP BOMBERS DROPPED THE BOMBS IN THE 13TH AIR FORCE AREA A FEW WERE KILLED AND A FEW HURT WELL HOPE TO BE GOING ON A RAID AGAIN OCT. 26 WHAT A DAY THE SQD GONE ALL THE TWO YEAR MEN A PARTY AND WHAT A DRUNK EVERY BODY FULLED HAD BEER WISKEY GAIN ACHOLE CUT WITH LEMON JUICE NEARLY THE HOLE SQD WAS IN OUR TENT DURING THE AFTERNOON AND NIGHT

HAD AN AIR RAID THE SECONDS BOMBS WERE DROPE ON THE FIRST. I WAS IN BED TIGHT WHEN THEY TOLD ME A.A. HAD AN AIR RAID ALERT AND I TOLD THEM DAM THE AIR RAID AND WENT BACK TO SLEEP. WHILE WE WERE IN SYDNEY EVERY PLANE WE HAD WAS SHOT DOWN OR SHOT UP. WE GO ON A MISSION TONIGHT DON'T KNOW WHERE YET THE 13TH AIR FORCE HAS REALLY GIVEN BARNEO AND BALAPATA HELL OCT 28 WENT ON MISSION TO HIT JAP NAVY IN PHILIPPINES BUT WERE CALLED BACK JUST BEFORE WE GOT THERE LANDED AT MARETAI WERE TO STAY THERE ALL NIGHT AND LEAVE THERE NEXT DAY GOT 6:40 MIN. COMBAT TIME ANYWAY OCT 30 ON MISSION TO THE PHILIPPINES TODAY OUR FIRST TRIP THERE. I HAVE ALMOST SEEN ALL ISL FROM HAWII TO PHILIPPINES. HIT JAP BARRACKS IN PHILIPPINES NO OPPOSITION THERE TODAY THOUGH FLEW 15:30 BACGOLD IS A CITY ON NEGROS ISL PENAY; GUIMERIA, BAHIO WINDANAO, CEBRA SAMAR AND LEYTE, ISL. IN PHILIPPINES SOME OF WHICH LOOK LIKE LIVEABLE PLACES. STAYED AT MARATI FOR REFUELING TODAY ALSO NOT A BAD PLACE. WE ARE SUPPOSE TO MOVE THERE FROM HERE. HAVE BEEN TO BIAK ISL, JA P ISL. WAIGER, ROBERTS DIDN'T FLY WITH US ON THIS MISSION HE IS THINKING ABOUT QUITTING DON'T KNOW FOR SURE. NOV 4 MISSION TO ANICANTI ON NEGROES ISL IN PHILIPPINES BOMBED AIR FIELD AND DISPENSER AREA GOOD BOMB HIT WEATHER GOOD FLEW THROUGH TAIL END OF FORMATION ABOUT FIVE MIN. BEFORE HIT TARGET ZEROE'S HIT US THEY ONLY MADE PASSES ON OUR SHIP AS WE WERE BEHIND ALL OTHER SHIPS ONE SURE WAS AFTER US AND WOULD HAVE GOT US IF HE HAD COME ON HIS LAST PASS AS TAP GUN TAIL GUN AND RIGHT GUN WERE ALL OUT BUT HE DIDN'T COME ON IN SO WE WERE LUCKY. THE OTHER SHIPS WERE FLYING AT HIM ALSO A LITTLE BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW OUR GUNS WERE OUT. FLEW OVER BAEGLAD IN NEGROES ISL HIT THE 30TH OF OCT. FLEW OVER DANO ON MINDANAO NICE LOOKING TOWN. NO DAMAGE TO US ON MISSION. STOPPED AT MARTAIN ON WAY BACK. FOOD HERE IS NOT FIT TO EAT HAVEN'T HAD ANYTHING TO EAT BUT STALE BREAD AND PEANUT BUTTER FOR A WEEK FOR MYSELF SOME OF THE GUY ARE EATING THE SHIT THEY ARE FEEDING US THOUGH WOULDN'T GIVE IT TO A HOG. NOV 10 MOVED FROM NOEMFOOR TO MARATAI IN HALMAKARES WE HAVE A NICE PLACE HERE IN A COCONUT GROVE AND RIGHT ON THE TIP OF THE ISL AND HAVE SEVERAL BEACHES TO GO SWIMMING IN AND IT IS NOT TOO HOT AS WE HAVE SHADE HERE. THE TROUBLE IS WE HAVE AIR RAIDS EVERY NIGHT FROM THE JAPS. JOHN ROBERTS AND I DUG FOX HOLES TODAY. THIS IS THE FIRST FOX HOLE AND I HOPE THE LAST ONE DON'T THINK WE WILL HAVE MUCH TROUBLE WITH WATER AND MUD IN OUR TENT HERE THANK GOODNESS. REALLY A JOB GETTING A FOX HOLE FINELY FINISHED OURS. THEY REALLY HIT HERE ABOUT 3:30 UNTIL 5:30 the little devils KEEP US FROM OUR MOST ENJOYABLE SLEEP. JUST LEARNED JOHNY LULA WAS HURT IN WADKE FRACTURED PELVIS BONE. WE ARE RIGHT ACROSS FROM OPERATION MESS HALL BORDER SHOP AND P.X. IS ONLY A LITTLE WAYS OFF NOV 12, MISSION TO LA CORLOT IN PHILIPPINES WENT WITH NAVWAKE CREW AS NOSE GUNNER RODE IN TURRET FOR TEN HR THAT MISSION HE HAD EVERY GUN IN HIS POSSESSION FROM TAKE OFF TO LANDING FLOOLISH. WE HIT ALACONTE AS LA CORLOT WE HAD 19 P38 AS ESCORTS THE FIRST FIGHTER COVER WE HAVE FLOWN UNDER AND THEY SUR LOOK GOOD OVER US. THERE WERE NINE ZERO'S THAT DAY BUT ONLY ONE B24 GOT A SHOT AT ONE AS THE P38 KEPT THEM AWAY. AP\*-38 TOOK OFF AFTER ONE AND GOT HIM. WILL NEVER FLY WITH THIS CREW AGAIN. THEY HAVE FIVE MISSION AND SURE DID SWEAT THAT ONE OUT LOOKED LIKE ONE OF FIVE GROUPS PILOT AND NOVWAKE WERE TRYING TO RUN INTO EACH OTHER NEITHER COULD FLY FORMATION WE ARE HAVING AIR RAIDS EVERY NIGHT AND THEY SURE ARE ROUGH UP NEARLY ALL NIGHT AND THEN FLYING. I AM ALSO FLYING TOMORROW AS OUR CREWS IS UP TONIGHT ON THE BOARD SO GET TWO MISSIONS IN TWO DAYS. NOV 13 MISSION TO FORMOSA TODAY ON NEGROES ISL IN PHILIPPINES WITH FRAGMENTATION BOMBS 180 20 LBS BOMBS HIT AIRFIELD OIL DRUMS AND PERSONAL GOOD BOMBING SAW SEVEN PLANES ON GROUND BUT NONE CAME UP AND NO A.A. GOOD MISSION WERE SUPPOSE TO HAVE 12 P-38 AND 24 P-47 BUT WEATHER TOO BAD THERE DIDN'T GET THERE WAS ONLY ON MISSION FOUR HR THAT'S ENOUGH JUST FROM MINDINS TO TARGET AND BACK TO MINDINSO. GOT BACK AND JOHNEY COLMAN OUR NAVIGATOR AND OUR BOMBARDIER HAD MADE 1ST LT WE ARE SUPPOSE TO GET A MISSION EVERY THREE DAYS NOW. WE HOPE TO HAVE ALL OUR MISSIONS IN SOON AND WILL IF WE GET ANOTHER PILOT WHEN HOFFER IS THROUGH HE ONLY HAS 1 OR TWO MORE. THE JAPS DROPE THERE BOMBS ABOUT A MILE AWAY FROM US LAST NIGHT WERE AIMING AT US GLAD THEY DIDN'T HIT. FUN TO STAND OUT



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AND WATCH THE A.A. AFTER SOMEONE ELSE FOR A CHANGE THERE IS A 90 M.M. CLOSE TO US AND HE REALLY THROWS SOME LEAD AT THE JAPS ABOUT 20-13 LBS SHELLS A MIN WHEN THEY GET THE PLANE IN THE SEARCH LIGHT. NOV 16 WERE SUPPOSE TO HIT JAPS TASK FORCE AT BARNEO BUT DIDN'T GET OFF BUT OUR NAVIGATOR FORGOT HIS MAPS. THE MISSION WAS ROUGH THE PLANE FLYING IN THE POSITION WAS HIT BUT GOT BACK O.K. THE FIVE GROUPS LOST THREE PLANES. VAN GAULDER ONE OF THE CREW THAT CAME OVER WITH US WENT DOWN. WOODARD'S CREW HAS FINISHED AND ARE ON ORDER TO GO HOME THEY CAME OVER WITH US ALSO. WE HAVEN'T HAD A AIR RAID NOW FOR THREE NIGHT THE FIRST TIME SINCE WE HAVE BEEN HERE. NOV 19 MISSION TO ALICANTE AIR FIELD AND DISPERSAL AREA. NEGROES ISL IN PHILIPPINES. WEATHER BAD. THERE WERE 22 B-24 AND WE WERE SUPPOSE TO HAVE 24 P-38 AS FIGHTER COVER BUT WEATHER WAS TOO BAD SO WENT OVER WITHOUT THEM 20 MIN BEFORE THE TARGET SAW A BETTY ABOUT 100 MILES OUT JUST CIRCLING WAS WATCHING US 15 MIN BEFORE TARGET 12 to 15 ZERO'S HIT US AND WERE THEY HOT AND MAD MOST OF THEM CAME FROM 11-12 AND 1 O'CLOCK AND I REALLY GOT PLENTY OF SHOTS BETWEEN 700-800 ROUNDS BUT DIDN'T SHOOT ANY OF THEM DOWN BUT GOT SOME GOOD HITS COULD SEE MY TRACER BULLETS BOUNCE OFF THE BELLY OF THE ZERO'S THREE OF THEM CAME WITHIN 50 FT OF ME. THOUGHT I HAD ONE BUT HE PULLED OUT JUST AS HE GOT TO THE WATER. WE FOUGHT THEM ABOUT 20 MINUTES AFTER WE LEFT THE TARGET AND THEN HAD A TEN MINUTE REST BEFORE SIX MORE HIT US AGAIN. FOR A BOUT 35 MIN MORE WE HAD ABOUT 55 MIN OF FIGHTING A BOMBARDIER IN 424 AND THE NOSE GUNNER WAS WOUNDED. ONE OF OUR CO PILOTS WAS HIT IN THE BOTH ARMS AND IN THE CHEST BUT NOT HURT TOO BAD. WE HAD A 20 M.M. HOLE IN AREA ABOUT 8 IN. IN DIAMETER. IF ANYONE HAD DROPPED OUT OF FORMATION WE WOULD HAVE BEEN HIT AND SHOT DOWN. PAGGIE WAS OUR PILOT HOFFNER HAS QUIT THINK WE HAVE PAGGIE BUT WE ALSO MAY HAVE GRISAL A NEW CO PILOT LOT OF EXCITEMENT AND HAD A LOT OF FUN ON THIS MISSION BUT WAS A CLOSE ONE. WE BLEW B-24 A GAIN. NOV 22 WE WERE ALL AT SHOW WHEN AIR RAID WARNING SOUNDED AT 8:10 AND WE ALL HEADED FOR OUR FOX HOLES ONE JAP PLANE STRAFFED THE RUNWAY AND BOMBED IT AND DESTROYED II B-24 SEVERAL P-38 A-20 AND B-25 THEY REALLY RAISED HOLLY HELL DOWN THERE. THREE BOMBS DROPPED IN OUR AREA AND KILLED SEVERAL MEN IN 371 ST. THOSE WERE THE FIRST BOMBS I HAVE HEARD AND THEY SURE MAKE YOU WANT TO GO FATHER IN THE GROUND NOV 23 MISSION TO BACALOD IN PHILIPPINES WENT WITH STEFFER'S CREW AS TAIL GUNNER. HAD ONE OF THE NEW HYDRAULIC STINGER IN IT THEY ARE NOT WORTH A DAM GOOD WEATHER. WE HAD 18 P-38 FOR COVER NO A.A. AND ONLY ONE FIGHTER BUT P-38 DROVE HIM AWAY. GOOD BOMB HIT ON THE RUNWAY BUT SOME WENT INTO THE WATER. THE NIGHT OF THE 23RD WE HAD A MEETING AND WERE TOLD FROM THEN ON WE WOULD HAVE A TOTAL BLACKOUT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE NO SHOWS OR ANYTHING AFTER DARK THE NIGHT SURE HAVE BEEN BEAUTIFUL FOR BOMBING AND THE JAPS ARE CERTAINLY USING THEM WE HAD THREE RAIDS LAST NIGHT 1ST AT 7:30 2ND AT 1:30 AND 3RD 3:30 NOT MUCH DAMAGE THOUGH NONE NEAR US. THERE WERE 30 MEN KILLED AND WOUNDED ON THE 22ND AND THE RAID LASTED THREE HOURS. THAT NIGHT OUR CREW HAD NO CO PILOT SO WE ARE FLYING WITH ANYONE WE CAN VALLEN AND BAHCOCH ARE FLYING AS CAMMER MEN. NOV 26 MISSION TO LACARLOT IN PHILIPPINES WENT AS TAIL GUNNER ON STEFFER'S CREW AGAIN NO INTERCEPTIONS AND NO FIGHTER WE HAD 8P-47. AS ESCORT THERE WERE 48 PLANES B-24 WE HAD 192 TONS OF BOMBS AND DROPPED ON AIR FIELD OUGHT TO BE OUT OF COMMISSION FOR A WHILE. HAD A ALERT LAST NIGHT BUT THE JAPS NEVER GOT OVER P-61 STOPPED THEM. WE HAVE A NEW PILOT AND CO PILOT NOW. YORK AND HAYDEN. FLY TOMORROW. NOV 28 STARTED A MISSION TO SIALAY BUT HAD TO TURN BACK BECAUSE OF PLANE TROUBLE. THE JAPS ARE REALLY HITTING OUR PLANES AND PERSONEL HERE EVERY NIGHT. NOV 30 MISSION TO LOLOHATO AIR FIELD HERE ON HOLMOKARAS ONLY 13 MILES FROM WHERE WE ARE STATIONED THE SHORTEST MISSION WE HAVE EVERY PULLER MADE GOOD BOMB HITS ON AIR FIELDS AND PUT BOTH OUT OF COMMISSION. CAME OFF THE TARGET AT 250 MILES AND HR DROPPING 3000 FT A MIN FAST AND QUICK. AS WE WERE MAKING OUR APPROACH SAW TWO A-20 HIT THE WATER AND BURN NONE OF THE CREW GOT OUT THEY CRACKED TOGETHER AT ABOUT 4000 FT REALLY MADE A FIRE WHEN THEY HIT THE WATER. WE ALMOST CRACKED UP COMING IN FOR A LANDING OUR CO PILOT WAS TRYING TO LAND AND HAD TO MAKE 2 APPROACHES THE JAP BOMBERS GOT 5 P-472 AND A FEW OTHER SHIPS LAST NIGHT ALSO

A FEW MEN