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2D EMERGENCY RESCUE SQUADRON  
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MISSION REPORTS - RESCUES

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PLAYMATE 21: Navy PBV-5A #E-74, Pilot, 1st Lt Borman; Co-pilot, Ensign Orris; 1st Lt Naylor, Navigator; AMM l/c Eaddy, Engineer; ARM l/c Sererin, Radio; S/Sgt Zewert, Radar; Sgt Renner, Surgical Technician.

Mission: C over Nerros strikes. RZ with Devil one at Baliangao 8° 40'N 123° 35'E at 10:30. Orbit Sojoton Point 10°N 122° 25' E from 1130 to 1245, Devil two relieves Devil one at 1200.

Take-off at 0600.

1100: Arrived at Rx point, and should hear fighter calling us but they could not hear us. Decided to go up to Orbit point hoping to find them. Arrived Orbit point, can hear Devil two but cannot see him. Stayed at Orbit point until 1240, decided to leave and see if the Filipino's had their flag up at Baliangao as we found C-47 downed in the water off Silino Is. on the way up. There was one on the beach and a small boat was near plane with four natives in it. Boat was flying American flag.

1230: C could hear B-24 in trouble but can't contact him and find out where he is. Received message nine men bailed out at 8° 55'N 123° 20' W. We landed and found seven men-no trace of other three. The water was rough and getting rougher all the time. No further landing could be made on the sea. We were also very low on gas and it seemed advisable to take off and abandon search at this time. Took off and dropped message to Guerrilla Lt at Baliangao Pt. to send out searching party and we would be back tomorrow. They found message okay.

1450: Headed home, sent message that we picked up seven men and sent EAT for 1930.

Survivors picked up were: Gillis, S.W. S Sgt; S Sgt E.D. Parris; 2d Lt G.J. Kurkowski; T Sgt J.D. Owenby; S Sgt J.W. Pangburn; 2d Lt Habal; 2d Lt P. Potterpin. Men still missing are: F/O E. Brush; S Sgt W. Armstrong; T Sgt C. Gabour. All of these men are from the 5th Bomb Gp. 394th Bomb Squadron.

6 December 1944

PLAYMATE 21: OA-10A #874, Pilot, 1st Lt Borman; Co-pilot, 2d Lt Britton, Nav; 1st Lt Naylor; Eng; T Sgt Brown, R Opr, Cpl Sisco; Radar, S Sgt Smith; Surg Technician; Pfc Shorette. Cover Negroes Strikes.

0500: Take-off (Delayed because of air raid).

0955: Landed at Dipolog and dropped off two men (Sgt Johnson and Pfc Chieca) to repair three of grounded airplane.

1010: Picked up Rainbow 1 or 2 - could not contact them on VHF.

1145: Fighters led us back to Dipolog. Landed and discovered Jap plane saw our Playmate there but did not strafe because Rainbow 1 was in vicinity. Wired in for cover until grounded plane would be ready to fly.