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2nd Emerg Res Sq, History April 1945, Mission Reports, Rescues (contd)

23 April 1945

PLAYMATE 47: OA-10A #880, Pilot Lt Pennington, CP Lt Aly, N Capt Toms, E T/Sgt Pilot, FS Capt Goldberg, R S/Sgt Bean, Radar S/Sgt Pavone, ST S/Sgt Hibbard.

Mission: Cover strikes on Jesselton.

0725: Take-off, Zamboanga.

1128: Over orbit point.

1201: Departed orbit point.

1335: Altered course for Emily 48, reported Snafu at that point. Unable to contact Mailman so decided to proceed to location of Snafu.

1500: Contacted P-38 which was orbiting over Snafu and verified need of rescue.

1553: Sighted P-38 and followed it to Snafu.

1605: Landed on water near Western tip of Baroe Island.

1615: Picked up 2 Lt Fred Quinn, 339th Fighter Sq P-38 #25, 1 mile south of central Baroe Is. Survivor went down at 1000, 23 April 1945. Survivor taken aboard from life raft and minor cuts treated by Capt Goldberg with the assistance of ST Hibbard.

1621: Took off from water and headed for base.

1909: Landed Zamboanga.

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PLAYMATE 36: OA-10A #878, Lt Davis P, F/O Leonard CP, Lt Craig N, Sgt Troyer E, Cpl Baumgartner R, Sgt Riggs V, Capt Jones FS.

Mission: Rescue men B-25 crew on Eldad Reef.

0820: Airborn, Puerto Princessa.

0832: Table Point, set course for Eldad Reef.

1118: Arrived Eldad reef, no one sighted. Proceed to bomb adjacent reefs.

1128: 6 men sighted on Sand Cay.

1130: Men rowing south from southern shore, 5 men in 2, 5 man life dinghies. 1 man seriously injured, lying at bottom of raft.

1145: Landed, survivors brought aboard.

1218: Airborn Sand Cay, set course for Puerto Princessa.

1505: Landed, Puerto Princessa, rescued men were: 2 Lt Henry S Dutch; Lt Stein; Lt Tabock; Cpl Tripp; Cpl Lohmeier; Cpl Bender; all from the 70th Bomb Sq (M) 42nd Bomb Grp.

30 April 1945

PLAYMATE 36: OA-10A #940, Lt Scott P, Lt McKeon CP, Lt Mellstrom CP, Lt Beavers N, Capt Jones FS, Sgt Cope E, Cpl Palmer R, T/Sgt Grindle R S/Sgt Gibson V.

Mission: Cover strikes on Borneo.

0603: Take-off.

1035: Rz with Ladybug.

1130: Arrived orbit point.

1200: Received message from Define Blue, they have 2 planes on 1 eng.

1205: Left orbit point.

1225: Fighter cover left us for home.

1245: Define Blue called from 50 mi. N of orbit, ready to bail out.

1312: Landed at 0°05'N-117°34'E, picked up: Capt Ellis L Bentley, Jr. 70th Fighter Sq, 18th Fighter Grp, in good condition.

1920: Landed, Palawan.