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knowing if he had rescued the other 3 men.

2030: Landed Palawan.

Crew of Playmate 36: Lt Scott P, Maj Mathis CP, Capt Childs N, T/Sgt Bledsoe E, S/Sgt Coss R, S/Sgt Coleman V, Pfc Murphy ST. Rescued men were from the 23rd Bomb Sq, 5th Bomb Gp:

S/Sgt John W Burns S/Sgt Roland A Boisclair S/Sgt Glasier Crandall

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PLAYMATE 37, OA-10A #883, Lt Davis P, F/O Leonard CP, Lt Craig N, Sgt Troyer E, Cpl Baumgartner R, Sgt Bernard V, S/Sgt Rosnovsky ST, Mission: To rescue crew of 6 men of B-25, 6 miles southwest of Tarakan, Borneo.

0427: Airborn Puero Princessa - set course for Tarakan. 0817: P-38 reports sighting dinghy near Tarakan airstrip.

0855: Arrived Tarakan, P-38 leading Playmate 37 to dinghy. 0856: Hit by flak barrage of 40mm and 50 cal MG, Sgt Bernard heavily wounded in leg and chest. S/Sgt Roznovsky wounded in face, servering 2 arteries, bleeding profusely. 4 foot hole in right wing, right gas tank punctured stabilizer trim tab shot away, port blister smashed, evasive action carried

0902: Landed under heavy 40mm and 50 cal fire from shore, picked up the ditched crew.

0905: Airborn - still under fire, set course for Palawan.

Decided to proceed to Zamboanga due to profuse and yet un-0930: stanched bleeding of S/Sgt Roznovsky. Morphine administered to Sgt Bernard.

1133: Zamboanga contacted. Ambulance requested.

1225: Landed, Zamboanga.

Remarks: The survivors were from the 70th Bomb Sq, 42nd Bomb Grp.
Lt P L Berg P, Lt I B Scott C P, Lt Malnitsky N, Sgrt S Kuzma E, Cpl C H Keller R, S/Sgt Holmes G.

Special commendation is merited by S/Sgt Roznovsky in that although wounded and bleeding badly, assisted Lt Craig in pulling the survivors into the aircraft, after which he attended Sgt Bernard's wounds before accepting any medical assistance for himself. Although himself incapacitated through loss of blood, he directed F/O Leonard in the administration of morphine to Sgt Bernard. Sgt Bernard is also meriterious of particular commendation in that although heavily wounded he stood by his gun until his wounds no longer permitted him to stand.

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PLAYMATE 46, OA-10A #880, Plt Lt Yelvington.

Mission: Evacuation from Jolo Island of a seriously wounded man.

1320: Take-off Zamboanga.

1435: Landed at evacuation point on Jolo Is., took man aboard.

1500: Take off for base 1555: Landed Zamboanga.

Remarks: Evacuated: Pfc Thomas L Harris, 37484107, had a brain wound, and in poor condition.