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FLYING TIGERS

By Margaret Mills Kincannon

他們以四機為一組發動攻擊,投擲炸彈時設定引信延遲四至五秒,並以機組能掌握的 最佳角度投彈。若首組成功摧毀橋樑南端,下一組則僅飛至足以轟炸尚存橋段的位置, 不會再深入南端。若指定橋段仍未損毀,後續編隊便依序接續攻擊,直到四十八架飛機 全部完成投彈。作戰計畫擬定人員相信,這種接續接力的戰術,有很高機率能一舉摧毀 整座橋樑。

天候條件必須完美無瑕,過去已因氣候不佳而多次延誤。當天凌晨四點,無線電傳來 代號:「屠夫綠燈」,象徵行動展開。空勤人員於凌晨五點實施任務提示,大約一小時 後,首批編隊陸續起飛,飛行約二十分鐘後,第一轟炸中隊的米契爾式轟炸機方啟動引 擎,準備升空;第三轟炸中隊的飛機亦已完成裝彈與起飛前檢查,整裝待發。

「我們正滑行到跑道尾端,準備起飛,」漢克回憶道。他一如往常坐在機尾,擔任尾 砲手。就在飛機尚未離地、仍於滑行階段時,駕駛員突然接獲無線電指令,據漢克回憶 無線電指示他們:「別起飛,任務取消了。」駕駛隨即調頭,滑行返回停機坪。此時一 名地勤人員衝上跑道,激動地喊道:「日本人投降了!」

Attacking in units of four, they would release their bombs armed with fusing set to four- to five-second delay on the best angle they could. If the first four destroyed the south end, the next four would go no farther south than necessary to hit the remaining portion of the bridge. If the assigned section was not destroyed, the next four would go in to hit the undamaged section, and others would proceed in the same way until all forty-eight aircraft had dropped their bombs. By utilizing this strategy, mission planners believed there was good probability that the entire bridge could be wiped out at once.i

Weather conditions had to be perfect, and there had been several delays. On this morning the radio message, "Butcher on green," came in at 0400. Aircrews were briefed at 0500. The first elements were off about an hour later and had been in the air for approximately twenty minutes. The 1st Bomb Squadron's Mitchells had just fired up their engines for departure. Aircraft of the 3rd Bomb Squadron were loaded and pre-flight checklists completed. They were in position and ready to roll.

"We were on the end of the runway, fixing to take off," Hank recalled. He was in his usual position as tail gunner. Before the bomber was airborne, the pilot received a radio message instructing him, in Hank's words, "Don't take off. The flight's been canceled." The pilot turned the plane around and taxied back in. Someone ran out onto the runway shouting, "The Japs have surrendered!"

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