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FLEET AIR PHOTOGRAPHIC SQUADRON FIVE

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29 MAR 1945

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Subject: Aircraft Action Report No. 38, Photographic Reconnaissance,
Ishigaki and Iriomote Shima, 13 March 1945.

Enclosure: (A) Subject report, three copies.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.


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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

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4 PB4Y-1P aircraft led by Lt. C. M. WITT, USNR, took off Clark Field, Luzon, P.I. at 0640 Item 13 March 1945 for photo reconnaissance of Ishigaki and Iriomote Shima. The target area was reached at 1030 Item and complete vertical photo coverage was obtained from an altitude of 18,200 feet. Iriomote was completely cloud free and there were 2/10 cumulus clouds over Ishigaki. The flight left the target area at 1130 Item.

Meager heavy AA was encountered over Ishigaki, 3 planes reported all bursts inaccurate while the shells burst very close to the 4th plane of the flight. No damage resulted from the AA fire.

4 planes were observed parked on Ishigaki Airfields but no enemy planes were observed in the air.

The flight returned to base at 1535 Item.

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when filled out)

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VD-5 (b) Based on or at Clark Field, Luzon, P.I. (c) Report No 38
 (d) Take off: Date 13 March 1945 Time (LZT) 0640 Item (Zone); Lat. 15° 15' N Long 120° 30' E
 (e) Mission Photo Reconnaissance of Ishigaki and Iriomote Shima (f) Time of Return 1535 Item (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
PB4Y-1P	VD-5	4	none	4	none	

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
none							

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO OBSERVED	(c) NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
S/E	3	none	1100 Item (ZONE)	On enemy air- field	not observed	not observed
T/E	1	none	1100 Item (ZONE)	On enemy air- field	" " "	" " "
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) planes parked on enemy field

(i) Did Any Part of Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? no (YES OR NO) If so, Describe Clouds _____ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(j) Time of Day and Brilliance of Sun or Moon _____ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility 30 miles (MILES)

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:			GUNS USED	(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER			
none						

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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only).

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, (Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)
1 none				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				

VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) NO	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
none				

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING

(a) TYPE A/C	(b) MILES OUT	(c) MILES RETURN	(d) AV. HOURS IN AIR	(e) AV. FUEL LOADED	(f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED	(g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED				(h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING
						.30	.50	20MM	MM	
PB4Y-1P	600	600	9	3100	2200	test only				4

IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over		XXX		
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm				
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm				

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB,
at various altitudes

URNS

DIVES

CEILINGS

RANGE

PROTECTION

ARMAMENT