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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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## I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VAF-115. (b) Based on or at ZARBOANGA, P.I. (c) Report No. 9-10.  
 (d) Take off: Date 4 April 1945. Time (LZT) See Log. (Zone); Lat. 6°58'N. Long 122°01'E.  
 (e) Mission See Mission Log Report. (f) Time of Return See Log. (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)		
<b>Copysair</b>	<b>VAF-115</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>None.</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>None.</b>	

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
			<b>NONE</b>				

## 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
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)	<b>NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.</b>		
			(ZONE)			

**NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.**

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did Any Part of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, Describe Clouds \_\_\_\_\_  
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)  
 Time of Day and Brilliance \_\_\_\_\_  
 (j) of Sun or Moon \_\_\_\_\_  
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON, DAY, OVERCAST, ETC.) (k) Visibility \_\_\_\_\_  
(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			

**NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.**

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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)
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3		<b>NO LOSSES OR DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY OWN AIRCRAFT.</b>		
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## 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
		<b>NONE</b>		<b>NONE</b>

## 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	
<b>Corsair</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>850</b>		<b>7200</b>			<b>4</b>

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

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	<b>NONE</b>			
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
- TURNS
- DIVES
- CEILINGS
- RANGE
- PROTECTION
- ARMAMENT

**NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.**

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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## XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

- (a) Target(s) and Location(s) See Mission Log Report. (b) Time Over Target(s) See Log. (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)
- (c) Clouds Over Target See Mission Log Report.  
(BASE IN FEET. TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target See Mission Log Report. (e) Visibility See Log.  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type See Mission Log Report. Bomb Sight Used None.  
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run \_\_\_\_\_ Spacing \_\_\_\_\_ Altitude of Bomb Release \_\_\_\_\_  
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)
- (g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None. Probably Destroyed None. Damaged None.

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED. EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 DANSAHAN		2 Planes, VAF-116.	No Bombs. 4500 rads. same.	Straf- ing.	Serious.
2 COTABATO		2 Planes, VAF-116.	No Bombs. 4500 rads. same.	Straf- ing.	Serious.
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(o) RESULTS: (For all hits claimed on ship targets and for land targets of special interest, draw diagram, top or side view or both, as appropriate, showing type and location of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary).

**NO ENEMY SHIPPING ENCOUNTERED.**

(p) Were Photographs Taken? NO. Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.

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**XIII. MATERIAL DATA.** (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left.  
Use additional sheets if necessary).

**ARMAMENT**

Guns, Gunsights  
Turrets  
Ammunition  
Bombs, Torpedoes  
Bomb Sights  
Bomb Releases

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Radio, Radar  
Homing Devices  
Visual Signals  
Codes, Ciphers

**RECOGNITION**

IFF  
Signals  
Battle Lights  
Procedures

**PROTECTION**

Armor; Points and Angles  
of Fire Needing Further  
Protection  
Leak Proofing

**EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT**

Parachutes  
Life Belts, Life Rafts  
Safety Belts  
Emergency Kits  
Rations, First Aid

**NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT**

Compasses  
Driftsights  
Octants  
Automatic Pilots  
Charts  
Field Lighting

**INSTRUMENTS**

Flight  
Power Plant

**OXYGEN SYSTEM**

**CAMOUFLAGE AND  
DECEPTION DEVICES**

**STRUCTURE**

Airframe  
Control Surfaces  
Control System  
Dive Flaps  
Landing Gear  
Heating System  
Flight Characteristics  
At Various Loadings

**POWER PLANT**

Engines  
Engine Accessories  
Propellers  
Lubricating System  
Starters  
Exhaust Dampers

**HYDRAULIC SYSTEM**

**ELECTRICAL SYSTEM**

Auxiliary Plant  
Lights

**FUEL SYSTEM**

**FLIGHT CLOTHING**

**MAINTENANCE**

**BASE FACILITIES**

Plane Servicing Equipment  
Personnel Facilities

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MISSION LOG REPORT

4 April 1945.

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MISSION: DALSALAN Fighter Sweep.

FLIGHT COMPOSITION: Dawson, R. Olsen.

TIME: TFO:1515. TOS:1600-1810. ATA:1850.

WEATHER: Very hazy from ground to 7500 feet.

COMMENTS: The planes orbited MALABANG from 1600 until 1648 but sighted no ground activity. At CAGAYAN they saw a small merchant ship on the beach and many other small craft at the river mouth. One small boat was seen at AGUSAN, while the DEL MONTE fields appeared dead and deserted. At MALAYBALAY they rendezvoused for 10 minutes with two other Corsairs from VMF-116, and then all four set forth upon what was to be one of the lushest targets of the WINDANAO campaign to date. On their sweep along the DALINIG-CAGAYAN road, they shot up at least 39 Japanese trucks, cars and other motorized vehicles. Most of these were near VALENCIA. Dawson and Olsen exploded and burned at least ten trucks and would have fired even more had they not expended all their ammunition.

REPORT NO. 10

MISSION: COTABATO Fighter Sweep.

FLIGHT COMPOSITION: Hoops, Byrd.

TIME: TFO:1515 TOS:1600-1810. ATA:1850.

WEATHER: Very Hazy.

COMMENTS: Hoops and Byrd demolished at least 26 Japanese trucks and three staff cars --- four North of DANCAMAN, 16 near MIRANAO, two between MIRANAO and MALAYBALAY, and the rest North of MALAYBALAY. They also strafed and burned three large buildings at VALENCIA, one of them blowing up. Seven Japanese vehicles escaped, because all the pilots' ammunition had been spent.

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