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VMF-115.

ZAMBOANGA, P.I.

38-37.

24 May 1945.

See Log.

8°58'N.

122°01'E.

KIBAWI ALERT-NAPALM

See Log.

Corsairs. VMF-115. 12 None. 10 12 Napalm bombs. Instantaneous.

NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.

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NO LOSSES OR DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY OWN AIRCRAFT.

NONE.

NONE.

Corsairs.	250	250	35	2400	1800	3600	12
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NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.



KIBAVE ALERT-NAPALM

See Log.

See Log.

See Log.

See Log.

None.

See Log.

None.

None.

None.

KIBAVE ALERT.

4 Planes.  
VMF-115.

4 Napalm bombs.  
500 rnds.

3

Destroyed.

KIBAVE ALERT.

4 Planes.  
VMF-115.

4 Napalm bombs.  
1500 rnds.

4

Serious.

KIBAVE ALERT.

4 Planes.  
VMF-115.

4 Napalm bombs.  
1800 rnds.

2

Serious.

NO ENEMY SHIPPING ENCOUNTERED.



MISSION LOG REPORT  
REPORT NO. 35

24 May 1945.

MISSION: KIBAWA ALERT-NAPALM.FLIGHT COMPOSITION: McDonald, Butts, Bonner, Wells.TIME: TFC:0707. ATA:0955.WEATHER: Overcast at 4000 feet, cumulus thin and low.COMMENTS: The target, a coconut grove previously bombed, was 3000 yards East of MINTAL.

The first Napalm hung, fell off and was a dud, the second hit directly on the smoke marker and exploded; so did the third; and the fourth hit and destroyed a house in the target area. Two pilots strafed on the bomb run.

REPORT NO. 36MISSION: KIBAWA ALERT-NAPALMFLIGHT COMPOSITION: R. Harrison, Byrd, Elmers, Crahan.TIME: TFC:0810. ATA:1130.WEATHER: Visibility unlimited.COMMENTS: Elmers and Crahan refueled at MALABANG.

Unable to raise fighter director at first but later succeeded in getting a target assigned to them from the fighter director. The target was a troop concentration about 2000 yards northeast of MINTAL. They made two passes, strafing on each pass, and then a third by sections. The first Napalm hit in the target area on the Eastern side. It exploded. The second hit in the same spot and burned. They accored a trench area. The third was on the western side of the target area, setting off considerable fireworks. Many flashes were seen. The fourth landed directly on the smoke marker, in the center of huts and trenches. Pilots say all Napalms burned particularly well, each covering an area of 30-40 yards by 100 yards. Fighter director said the mission was "well done."

REPORT NO. 37

24 May 1945.

MISSION: KIBAWA ALERT-NAPALM.FLIGHT COMPOSITION: Guder, DuWall, W.A. Foster, Bero.TIME: TFC:1016. ATA:1500.WEATHER: Cumulus from 2-15000 feet, 3/10 coverage.COMMENTS: Foster's engine overheated badly; so he and Bero jettisoned their Napalm bombs and returned to base.

Over KIBAWA at 1115: no target. Went to DEVAO, arriving there at 1145. Target was a warehouse at CALINAN. Both bombs landed on the target--one directly on the warehouse; the other on the building next to it. Pilots strafed the area--a quarter mile north of the town, a wooded region representing Jap concentrations. Both Napalm bombs burned fiercely.

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