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From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
Subject: Aircraft Action Report No. 33, Photographic Reconnaissance,
Miyako Retto, 5 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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4PBAY-1P aircraft led by Lt. C. M. WITT, USNR, took off Guiuan Field, Samar, P.I. 0637 Item on 5 March 1945 for photo reconnaissance of Miyako Retto. The flight arrived at the target area at 1145 Item and completed photo coverage of Miyako Jima, surrounding Miyako and the South end of Ishigaki Shima by 1230 Item.

All planes were able to run assigned flight lines over Miyako Jima and surrounding islands. 1 plane reported 2/10 cumulus clouds in its flight lines. For the other three planes the weather was CAVU. Photo runs were also made of Ishigaki Shima. The remainder of the island was obscured by strato cumulus clouds. All flight lines were run from an altitude of 20,000 feet.

1 Val was observed about 2 miles west of the north tip of Miyako Jima flying about 10,000 feet below our planes. It did not approach our formation. Heavy AA from Miyako was meager and inaccurate.

All planes landed at base by 1835 Item.

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting **VD-5** (b) Based on or at **Aguan Field, Samar P.I.** (c) Report No **33**
 (d) Take off: Date **5 March 1945** Time (LZT) **0637 Item** (Zone); Lat **11° N** Long **125° 35' E**
 (e) Mission **Photographic Reconnaissance Miyako Retto** (f) Time of Return **1835 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
Val	1	none	1200 Item (ZONE)	2 miles west of North tip of Miyako.	none observed	not observed
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) **unknown**
 Did Any Part of
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? **no** 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 **1200 Item Bright day** (k) Visibility **30 miles**
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON, DAY, OVERCAST, ETC.) (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:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
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				
2	none			
3				
4				
5				
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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
	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	
FB4Y-1P	820	820	12	3400	2800	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				
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm		X X X		
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

- TURNES
- DIVES
- CEILINGS
- RANGE
- PROTECTION
- ARMAMENT