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Report #13

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VMF-115. (b) Based on or at ZAMBOANGA, P. I. (c) Report No. 13.  
 (d) Take off: Date 04 June 1945. Time (LZT) 0828. (Zone); Lat 6°55'N. Long 122°01'E.  
 (e) Mission Nepals MALAYBALAY AREA. (f) Time of Return 1700. (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

(a) TYPE	(b) SQUADRON	NUMBER			(f) BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE)	(g) FUZE, SETTING
		(c) TAKING OFF	(d) ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	(e) ATTACKING TARGET		
<u>Corsairs.</u>	<u>VMF-115.</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>None.</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11 Napalm bombs.</u>	<u>Instantaneous.</u>

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE

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)	<u>NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.</u>		
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.  
 Did Any Part of  
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds?   If so, Describe Clouds   (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:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		

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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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4		<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>Corsairs. 210</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2700</b>	<b>2100</b>		<b>17000</b>			<b>12</b>

## 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		<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>		
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
- TURN
- 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) Napalm MALAYSIAN AREA (b) Time Over Target(s) 1000-1056 (Zone)
- (c) Clouds Over Target See Log. (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
- (d) Visibility of Target See Log. (e) Visibility see Log. (MILES)
- (f) Bombing Tactics: Type See Log. Bomb Sight Used None. (TYPE)
- Bombs Dropped per Run \_\_\_\_\_ Spacing \_\_\_\_\_ (FEET) Altitude of Bomb Release \_\_\_\_\_ (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 <b>VALOS</b>		<b>11 Planes VMF-116</b>	<b>11 Napalms. (bombs) 17000 rnds.</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Destroyed.</b>
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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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## XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. (Narrative and comment. Describe action fully and comment freely.

following applicable items in check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

### ENGAGEMENT WITH ENEMY

#### OWN AIRCRAFT

- Disposition
- Altitudes
- Speeds
- Approach Tactics
- Use of Cover, Deception
- Angles of Attack and Their Effectiveness
- Distance of Opening Fire
- Defensive Tactics and Their Effectiveness

#### ENEMY AIRCRAFT

- Method of Locating, Distance
- Disposition
- Altitudes
- Speeds
- Approach Tactics
- Use of Cover, Deception
- Angles of Attack
- Distance of Opening Fire
- Defensive Tactics

#### COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Own Weaknesses
- Enemy Weaknesses
- Offensive Tactics, Own
- " " " " " Enemy
- Defensive Tactics, Own
- " " " " " Enemy
- Flexible Gunnery, Own
- Escort Tactics
- Fighter Direction
- Use of Radar
- Night Fighting
- Recognition, Aircraft

### ATTACK

#### OWN TACTICS

- Method of Locating Target
- Approach to Target
- Altitudes, Speeds
- Approach
- Dive
- Pull-Out
- Dive Angle
- Strafing
- Retirement
- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Jamming

#### DEFENSE, ENEMY

- Evasive Tactics, Ships
- Concealment
- Searchlights
- Night Fighter Tactics
- Use of Jamming

#### COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Bombing Tactics
- Torpedo Tactics
- Effectiveness of Bombs, Torpedoes
- Selection of Targets
- Fuzing
- Strafing Tactics
- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Radar
- Reconnaissance
- Photography
- Briefing

### OPERATIONAL

- Navigation
- Homing
- Rendezvous
- Recognition, Ships
- Communications
- Flight Operations
- Search and Tracking
- Base Operations
- Maintenance

### MISSION LOG REPORT

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24 June 1945.

MISSION: Napalm MALAYBALAY A REA.

FLIGHT COMPOSITION: Segal, Caldwell, Bradley, Breckenridge, Harrison, Byrd, Black, McNeill, Stith, Kremer, Watts, Eastman.

TIME: TFO: 0823. ATA: 1700.

WEATHER: Cumulus from 9-10000 feet, 6/10 coverage.

COMMENTS: Watts turned back after 50 minutes because of hydraulic trouble. Nine direct hits on the target, a grove just southeast of WALOK. One house was observed in flames and three other fires were set in the woods. One bomb hung and exploded on the Northside of the river. The eleventh bomb hit on the south bank of the river. All exploded. Pilots made an extra strafing pass, one of them hitting a house from which they had been receiving fire (possibly 20 mm), in the North west corner of WALOK. The target area was strafed, as were several houses on the North side of the river.

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