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

Subject: Aircraft Action Report No. 25, Photographic Reconnaissance
Iwo Jima, Coverage D plus 1 day, Iwo Invasion, 20 February
1945.

Enclosure: (A) Subject report.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.


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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

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Two Squadron PB4Y-1P's covered Iwo during the action of D plus 1 day, 20 February 1945. Lieutenants C. M. WITT and J. T. BROOKS, USNR, took off from Agana Field, Guam, at 0727 King, with several special correspondents and photographers aboard each plane.

Iwo was heavily overcast from 1200 to 1400 K with some rain. Both photo planes took verticals from 6,000 feet of Airfield No. 1 and the volcano area and obliques from as low as 950 feet of beaches and other areas of fighting. No anti-aircraft fire was directed at the squadron planes.

WITT and BROOKS returned to Agana Field, Guam, by 1850 King.

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when filled out)

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VD-5 (b) Based on or at Guam (c) Report No. 25
 (d) Take off: Date 20 February 1945 Time (LZT) 0725 King (Zone); Lat. 13° 30' N Long 144° 47' E
 (e) Mission Photo Reconnaissance, Iwo Jima, Coverage D plus (f) Time of Return 1607 King (Zone)
one day, Iwo invasion.

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER		ATTACKING TARGET (e)	BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)			
PB4Y-1P	VD-5	2		2	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
None			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____
 (i) Did Any Part of Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? _____ 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 _____ (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						