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Report # 12-13

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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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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. (b) Time Over Target(s) See Log. (Zone)  
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target See Mission Log.  
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target See Mission Log. (e) Visibility See Log.  
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type See Mission Log. Bomb Sight Used See Log.  
(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 Jap lines at MALABANG.		2 planes. VMF-115	2 bombs. 1200 rnds. ammo.	2	Unobserved.
2 7 KABARAN Jap installations at/		2 planes VMF-115	No bombs. 800 rnds. ammo.	Strafing.	Unobserved.
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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
- Defense 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 REPORTS REPORT NO. 12

7 April 1945

**MISSION:** Napalm bomb MALABANG.

**FLIGHT COMPOSITION:** Hallsback and Oresken, Guder, Black.

**TIME:** TIO: 0710. TOT: 0800-0807 ATA: 0855.

**WEATHER:** Hazy from 2000-5000 feet. Scattered cumulus up to 7-8000 feet, 2/10 coverage. Visibility 10 miles.

**COMMENTS:** All four Napalm bombs exploded in the assigned target area, which represented Japanese-lines. Dust from earlier bombings and foliage obscured the damages, if any.

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**MISSION:** SBD cover at KASAKAN.

**FLIGHT COMPOSITION:** Cathcart and Gates.

**TIME:** TIO: 1215. ATA: 1540.

**WEATHER:** Heavy haze everywhere. Solid overcast from 2000-14,000 feet/ Clear across MORO GULF.

**COMMENTS:** The pilots, following the bombing by SBD's, made a strafing run on the target area and dropped their belly tanks, about half-full of gasoline, squarely in the bivouac area. On a second run, they strafed the tanks, one of which exploded and burned with a white smoke. Another fire was started on the north end of the target area along the road.

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