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(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s)

## AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

I. GENERAL CONFIDENTIAS 12848 (b) Based on or at Moret Field, Zamboan Report No. VMF-211 (a) Unit Reporting (d) Take off: Date 1 May 1945. Time (LZT) Various (Zone); Lat. ong (e) Mission Napalm Strike to Sibago Island. (f) Time of Return\_\_\_\_\_\_Zone)

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TYPE .	SQUADRON (b)	TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)	BOMBS AND TORPEDOES  CARRIED (PER PLANE)  (1)				FUZE, SETTING	
F4U-1D	VMF-211	4	•	4	1	x	175	Gallons	Napalm	Inst.
F4U-1D	VMF-211	4	•	4	1	7.	175	Callons	Napalm	Inst.
F4U-10	VMP-211	4	•	4	1	7.	175	Gallons	Napalm	Inst.

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION. TYPE **SQUADRON** SQUADRON BASE TYPE · NUMBER NUMBER BASE None

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only). (b) NO. OBSERVED NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C (d) TIME ENCOUNTERED BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED (e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER (a) (g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING TYPE None (ZONE) (ZONE) (ZONE)

Part of er(s) Occu	r in Clouds?	If so, Describe C	louds	SE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS	OF COVER)
r Moon	(1	NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVER	CAST; ETC.)	(k) Visibility	Unlimited (MILES)
(b) DESTRO	YED OR DAMAGED	BY:	GUNS USED	(c)	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
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VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in it olly).						
(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C, TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed)		
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VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left).

(a) (b) SQUADRON NAME RANK OR RATING

CAUSE

CONDITION OR STATUS

CONDITION OR STATUS

VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING (h) NO. OF PLANES RETURNING (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED (f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED (d) AV. HOURS IN AIR (e) AV. FUEL LOADED (b) MILES OUT (c) MILES RETURN (a) TYPE A/C MM 20MM .50 .30 230 20 60 8,800 230 20

IX ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line).

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over	X			
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm	×			
LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13.2mm	Y			

X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left).

SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes

TURNS
DIVES
CEILINGS
RANGE
PROTECTION
ARMAMENT

No contacts made.

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)



			VES (By Own Aircraft Listed		
Target(s) and Location	n(s) Son shi	PS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA U	NDER ATTACK) (b) Time Ove	r Target(s).	Variod (Zon
Clouds Over Target	None	(BASE IN FEET.	TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)		
Visibility of Target	Clear, HA	ZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED E	CLOUDS, ETC.)	isibility	Unlimited (MILES)
Bombing Tactics: Type	Glide	(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE)	Bomb Sight Use	edCom	1 and Pipper
Bombs Dropped per Ru	_	Spacing	A 1		ease Variod
) Number of Enemy Air	craft Hit on Gr	ound: Destroyed	Probably Destroyed_	<del></del>	_ Damaged
(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) NO A/E ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n)  DAMAGE (None, slight serious destroyed or sunk
Sibago Island		4 F4U-1D VMF-211	4x175Gal.Napalm 8,000 rds 50 Cal.	2	Slight
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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)
- (1) The flight took off at 1115, landed at 1215, and were over the target from 1130 to 1205. The pushover for the attack was at 5,000 feet, with releases at 1002 feet. The principal target was a Marine Tower on the island, and personnel trenches. The results were fair, one bomb landed on the north side of the tower, one on the south side of the tower, both burning everything in the area. Two bombs however overshot into the water. Several strafing passes were conducted with unobserved results.
- (2) This flight took off at 1330, landed at 1405 and were over the target from 1345 to 1355. Pushover for the glide bombing attack was at 4,000 feet with releases at 400 feet. Two bombs landed on the ridge, one overshot into the water and one was a dud. One of the bom's hitting the ridge covered three of the fexholes. Three strafing passes were made with unobserved results.
- (3) Take off for this flight was at 1520, landed at 1620, and were over their target from 1530 to 1610. A glide bombing attack was made with pushover at 3,500 feet and releases at 50 feet. Three bombs bit in the target area with unobserved results other than the fires they started. One bomb was short and hit in the water. Several strafing passes were made with one but destroyed on the North Beach, and a fire was started on the north slope of the hill with white smoke raising from it.

(p) Were Photographs Taken?\_\_\_\_\_Photographs of Damage, WhenTaken, 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

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

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XIII. MATERIAL DATA. (Comment freely on performance or suitability, following check list at left. Use additional sheets if necessary).

#### ARMAMENT

Guns, Gunsights Turrets Ammunition Bombs, Torpedoes Bomb Sights Bomb Releases

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Radio, Radar Homing Devices Visual Signals Codes, Ciphers

#### RECOGNITION

IFF Signals Battle Lights Procedures

#### PROTECTION

Armor; Points and Angles of Fire Needing Further Protection Leak Proofing

#### EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

Parachutes Life Belts, Life Rafts Safety Belts Emergency Kits Rations, First Aid

#### NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Compasses Driftsights Octants Automatic Pilots Charts Field Lighting

#### INSTRUMENTS

Flight Power Plant

#### OXYGEN SYSTEM

CAMOUFLAGE AND **DECEPTION DEVICES** 

#### STRUCTURE

Airframe Control Surfaces Control System Dive Flaps Landing Gear Heating System Flight Characteristics At Various Loadings

### POWER PLANT

Engines Engine Accessories Propellers Lubricating System Starters Exhaust Dampers

### HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

#### ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Auxiliary Plant Lights

#### FUEL SYSTEM

FLIGHT CLOTHING

### MAINTENANCE

## BASE FACILITIES

Plane Servicing Equipment Personnel Facilities

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