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PHOTOGRAPHIC SQUADRON FIVE

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From: The Commanding Officer, Photographic Squadron FIVE.
To : The Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
Subject: Aircraft Action Report, Photographic Reconnaissance
Marcus Island, 13 February 1945.
Enclosure: (A) Subject report; two advance copies.
1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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**I. GENERAL
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(a) Unit Reporting VA-5 (b) Based on or at Guam (c) Report No. 19
 (d) Take off: Date 13 February 1945 Time (LZT) 0630 King (Zone); Lat. 13° 30' N Long 144° 47' E
 (e) Mission Photographic Reconnaissance, Marcus Island (f) Time of Return 1700 King (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)		
FB4I-1P	VA-5	1		1	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) _____
 Did Any Part of _____
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? _____ If so, Describe Clouds _____ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 (YES OR NO)
 Time of Day and Brilliance _____ (k) Visibility _____ (MILES)
 (j) of Sun or Moon _____ (NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON, DAY, OVERCAST, ETC.)

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						

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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 none				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
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9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				

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	
F4U-1F	826	826	10.5	3300	2700	test only				1

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

CALIBER	NONE	MEAGER	MODERATE	INTENSE
HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over		XXX		
MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm				
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

- _____ TURNS
- _____ DIVES
- _____ CEILINGS
- _____ RANGE
- _____ PROTECTION
- _____ ARMAMENT

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XII - TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

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1 PB4Y-1P flown by Lt. G. H. CONOVER, USNR took off Agana Field, Guam, at 0630 King, 13 February 1945 on a photo reconnaissance mission to Marcus Island. Scattered towering cumulus clouds between large clear areas were encountered en route to the target. Marcus Island was reached at 1150 King and a single photo run was made over the target at an altitude of 21,000 feet. The target was completely cloud free and excellent photographs were obtained. Heavy AA fire was encountered just before the plane passed over the island. Fourteen bursts of AA were encountered and of these about one third were below the plane and all were inaccurate. One whitish green burst was noted. No enemy fighters were seen in the air or on the ground. Lt. CONOVER landed at Agana Field, Guam at 1700 King.

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