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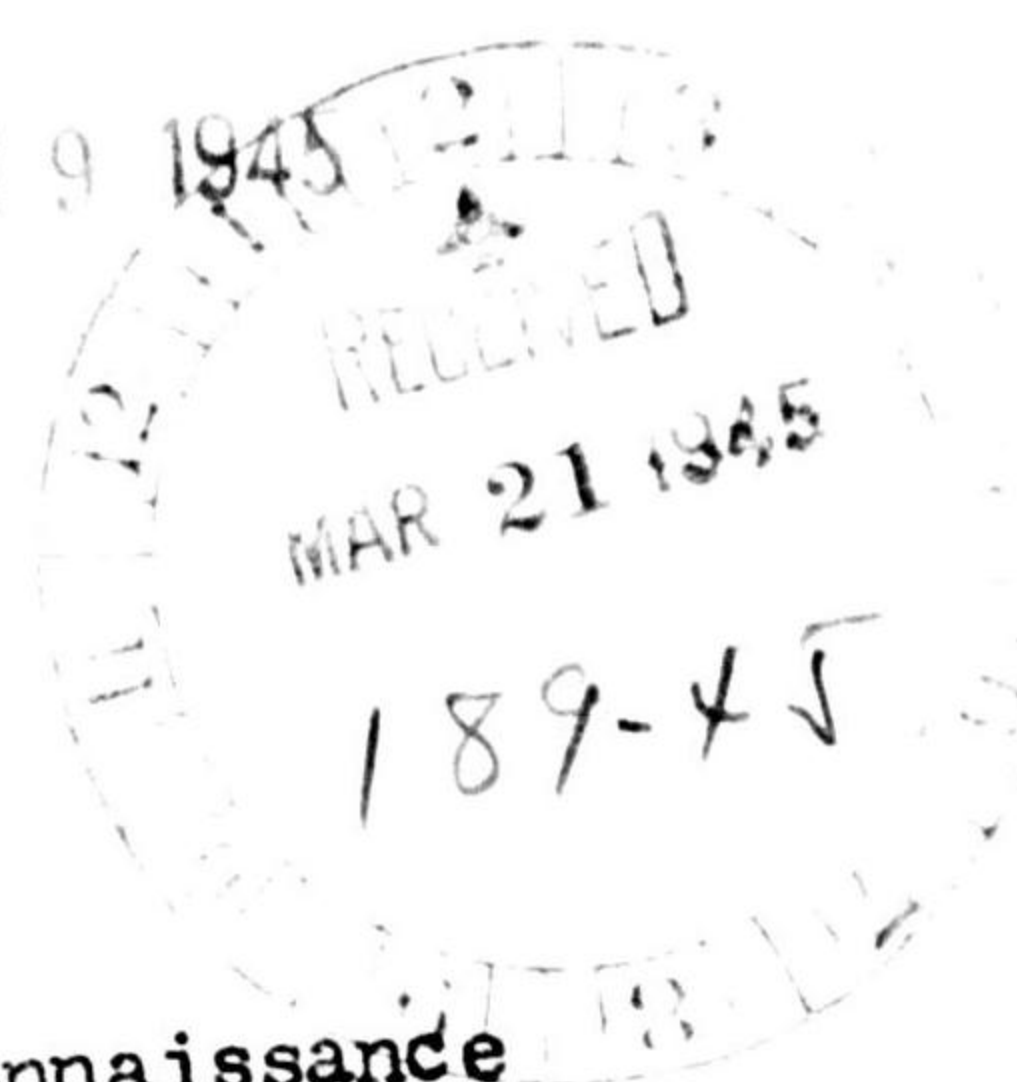
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From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.  
Subject: Aircraft Action Report No. 27, Photographic Reconnaissance  
Parece Vela (Douglas Reefs), 22 February 1945.  
Enclosure: (A) Subject report.  
1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.

  
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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA. VD-5 Report No. 27

Lieut. H. L. SALYER, USNR, took one PB4Y-1P off Agana Field, Guam, 0631 King, 22 February 1945 for a photo reconnaissance mission over Parece Vela (or Douglas Reef) northwest of Guam at 20° 22' N, 136° 04' E.

Good vertical and oblique coverage was obtained from 4,000 and 1,200 feet respectively between 1105 and 1210 King. No signs of life were observed on the desolate and uninhabited spot, although the stone emplacements, unfinished above the level of the sea and previously known, were closely observed from low altitude.

SALYER returned to base, Guam, at 1640 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. 27  
 (d) Take off: Date 22 February 1945 Time (LZT) 0631 King (Zone); Lat. 13° 30' N Long. 144° 47' E  
 (e) Mission Photo Reconnaissance, Parece Vela (Douglas Reefs) (f) Time of Return 1640 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)		
PB4Y-1P	VD-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:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
None						