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⑦ Report # 13

ITC (7)

AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when filled out)

I. GENERAL

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(a) Unit Reporting **VB-5** (b) Based on or at **Guam** (c) Report No. **13**
 (d) Take off: Date **29 January 1945** Time (LZT) **0700 King** (Zone); Lat. **13° 30' N** Long. **144° 47' E**
 (e) Mission **Photographic Reconnaissance; Satawan Island (Moroai Group), Palawat and Volcai Islands.** (f) Time of Return **1900 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)		
FB4Y-1P	VB-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 _____
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance _____
 (j) of Sun or Moon _____ (k) Visibility _____
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (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:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
none						

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XII - TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

Lieut.(JG) W. L. FITZSIMMONS, USNR took off from Agana Field, Guam, at 0700 King, 29 January 1945, on a single-plane photo recco mission to cover airfields on Satawan Island (Nomoi Group) and Puluwat and Woleai Islands. He was accompanied at take-off by two other Squadron PB4Y-1P's bound for coverage of Truk which was not obtained due to poor weather at that atoll.

Lieut.(JG) FITZSIMMONS, shortly after take-off, proceeded alone to Puluwat running his flight line there through partial cloud cover. Satawan was next photographed in clear weather, several planes being noted on the ground, apparently wrecked, and the former airfield there was seen to be long unused and overgrown. Returning, a second run was flown over Puluwat's strip and good coverage was obtained from between large cumulus banks. Likewise, Woleai Atoll was successfully covered. No anti-aircraft fire was seen from any of the Islands. FITZSIMMONS returned to Agana Field, Guam at 1900 King.

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Enclosure: (A) Subject report; two advance copies.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.

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