

VMF-115

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Report # 13-16

Ltc(18)

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VNF-115.  
13 May 1945.  
Napalm DAVAO AREA.

ZAMBOANGA, P.I.  
See Log.

13-16.  
6°55'N. 122°01'E.  
See Log.

Corsairs. VNF-115. 16 None. 16

18 Napalm bombs.

Instantaneous.

NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.

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NO LOSSES OR DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY OWN AIRCRAFT.

NONE.

NONE.

Corseirs.	250	280	50	5936	4490	14700	16
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NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.

Napalm bomb DAVAO AREA.

See Log.

See Log.

See Log.

See Log.

None.

See Log.

None.

None.

None.

North of TUGBOK.

4 Planes.  
VMF-115.

4 Napalm bombs.  
4500 rnds.

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Serious.

TUGBOK.

4 Planes.  
VMF-115.

4 Napalm bombs.  
6000 rnds.

3

Destroyed.

TALONO RIVER.

4 Planes.  
VMF-115.

4 Napalm bombs.  
4500 rnds.

3

Destroyed.

TUGBOK.

4 Planes.  
VMF-115.

4 Napalm bombs.  
No ammo.

4

Destroyed.

NO ENEMY SHIPPING ENCOUNTERED.

MISSION LOG REPORT  
REPORT NO. 13

13 May 1945.

MISSION: Napalm DAVAO.FLIGHT COMPOSITION: Buchser, Kramer, Elmers, Crahan.TIME: TFO:0645. ATA:1100.WEATHER: Small front building up about 80 miles out.

COMMENTS: ATA MALABANG 0930--refueled--TFO 1005. Because the pilots did not have maps covering the target area, they selected--On Accident's advice--targets just North of TUGBOK. All four napalms covered the vicinity of the motor repair unit in a grove (See MINTAL foto) and entrenchments in the open field nearby. All napalms exploded. One on the road burned five minutes; two in a grove were still strong after 15 minutes; the one in the field burned out the entire trench system. Pilots strafed edge of field from which they received small arms fire. Results unobserved.

REPORT NO. 14

13 May 1945.

MISSION: Napalm DAVAO.FLIGHT COMPOSITION: McDonald, Byrd, Bonner, Wells.TIME: TFO:0940. ATA:1120.WEATHER: Cumulus from 2-15000 feet, running North-South.

COMMENTS: At TUGBOK one Napalm exploded across the street from the municipal building and burned at least two buildings; the second lit near the main street in the center of town and also burned at least two more buildings (and new fires apparently were starting when pilots left.) A third was a dud, and the fourth burned over a field just south of a fuel dump. Pilots on about six strafing passes chewed up the buildings of the town and a coconut grove near its center.

REPORT NO. 15

13 May 1945.

MISSION: Napalm Davao.FLIGHT COMPOSITION: Harrison, Benson, Becker, Butts.TIME: TFO:1030. ATA:1445.WEATHER: Cumulus over land from mountains to 9000 feet.

COMMENTS: The planes landed at MALABANG at 1300 and took off from that base at 1400. Uncle 9 gave pilots target 2706-5703 on the north bank of the TALOMO RIVER. Two Napalm bombs on the first run dropped directly on the target, creating fires 50 feet high, and covering two areas, each about 150 long and 40 feet wide. Many shacks were reduced to ashes. These huts prior to bombing looked new. One bomb hung and exploded 75 yards from the target and burned with a bright flame in a clearing. The fourth bomb made a bull's eye atop a ridge, as Uncle 9 said that it was exactly where he wanted it. The pilots strafed on several passes and Uncle 9 said it was good. The pilots themselves could not observe results because of smoke.

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MISSION LOG REPORT  
REPORT NO. 16

13 May 1945.

MISSION: Napalm DAVAO.

FLIGHT COMPOSITION: Guder, DuVall, Black, McNeill.

TIME: TFO:1215. ATA:1455.

WEATHER: Cumulus from 2-15000 feet, 5/10 coverage.

COMMENTS: AT TUGBOK all four Napalm bombs exploded and burned well within a 150 yards circle. Besides the Napalm fires, three other fires, probable houses, went up in smoke. The bombs were laid right in the center of the town.

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