

VMF-122

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Report #14

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when filled in)

Sheet 1 of 2
I. GENERAL

(Short Form for routine actions only)
Read instructions before filling out

(a) Unit Reporting VMM-122 (b) Ship or base Palalelu (c) Report No. 10
(b) Take off; Date 10 Aug 45 Time (LZT) 0900 - 10 (Zone). (e) Time of Return 1000 - 10 (Zone)
(f) Target Gardens - Babelthuap (g) Round-Trip Distance Flown 150 (Miles)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT

(a) TYPE	(b) SQUAD. RON	(c) TAKING OFF	(d) ENGAGING ENEMY A/C NUMBER	(e) ATTACKING TARGET	(f) BOMBS, ROCKETS, CLUSTERS, TORPEDOES, NAPALM & DROP FUEL TANKS CARRIED PER PLANE (Specify type & size exactly)	(g) FUZE DELAYS, TORPEDO DEPTH SETTING (Give mk. of cluster & bomb fuzes, & setting used if more than one is possible)
F4U-1D	122	4	0	4	1-Napalm Tank	Double Fused M4-R1 Igniters

III. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENGAGED

IV. ENEMY PLANES DAMAGED IN AIR (Give details in narrative)

(a) TYPE	(b) NUMBER ENGAGED	(c) TIME/ZONE	(d) LOCATION	(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY TYPE A/C SQUADRON PILOT OR GUNNER	(c) DAMAGE CLAIMED

V. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) CAUSE: Type ENEMY A/C, AA, TYPE GUN OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE	(d) WHERE HIT & ANGLE (List armor, self-sealing tanks, equipment hit)	(e) EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE (Give Bureau No. of plane destroyed)
1				
2		None		
3				
4				
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VI. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (Identify with planes listed in V by nos. at left)

(a) No. SQUADRON	(b) NAME, RANK, OR RATING	(c) CAUSE	(d) CONDITION OR STATUS
	None		

VII. ATTACK ON TARGET

(a) Location Babelthuap (b) Time over target 0930 - 10 (Zone)
(c) Weather, clouds, visibility 3/10 cumulus at 5000'
(d) Bombing tactics Level (Level, Glide, Dive, by type of plane)
(e) Bomb Sight used None (Type for each type of plane)

(f) AA present: Yes. No.

(g) AIMING POINT	(h) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) No. A/C Attacking (j) Squadron	(k) BOMBS, ROCKETS, AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT (Give fuzing used if selectively armed)	(l) NO. HITSON AIMING POINT	(m) Altitude of Release (Ft.) (n) Dive Angle	(o) Spacing of Bombs (Ft.) (p) Indicated Air Speed (Kts)	(q) Range of Release of Rockets
1 Garden TA-600-J		1 122	1-Napalm	1	50' Level	240	
2 Garden TA-603-W		1 122	1-Napalm	1	50' Level	220	
3 Garden TA-608-K		1 122	1-Napalm	1	50' Level	200	
4 Garden TA-717-R		1 122	1-Napalm	1	50' Level	220	
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Give results and narrative on separate sheet, follow outline.

VII (r) Results:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Target No.</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Capt. McPhail	1	Hit and burned garden.
Lt. Bestwick	2	Hit and burned garden.
Lt. Ruhsam	3	Hit and burned garden.
Lt. Wade	4	Hit and burned garden.

VIII

The planes of this routine fighter foray were equipped with Napalm tanks and the pilots were briefed to release over growing gardens on the island of Babelthuap.

Lt. Ruhsam reports starting a good sized fire while strafing the town of Ngardmau.

M/G fire was noted to originate from TW(688-127). It is described as being meager and inaccurate. No other AA fire was observed.

All Map references used are from the "Special Air and Gunnery Target Map" of the Palaus, scale 1: 20,000.

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