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Report #4

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED

Sheet 1 of 2
I. GENERAL

(Short Form for routine actions only)

(Reclassify when filled)

Read instructions before filling out
 (a) Unit Reporting VMF-115 (b) Ship or base Moret Field, Zamboanga (c) Report No. 4
 (b) Take off: Date 6 August 1945 Time (LZT) 0800 (Zone). (e) Time of Return 1130 (Z)
 (f) Target Napalm BUNAWAN AREA (g) Round-Trip Distance Flown 440 (Mi)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT

(a) TYPE	(b) SQUADRON	(c) TAKING OFF	(d) NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	(e) ATTACKING TARGET	(f) BOMBS, ROCKETS, CLUSTERS, TORPEDOES, NAPALM & DROP FUEL TANKS CARRIED PER PLANE (Specify type & size exactly)	(g) FUZE DELAYS, TORPEDO DEF. SETTING (Give mk. of cluster & bomb fuzes, setting used if more than one is possible)
F4U's	115	13	None	13	1 Napalm Tank	Inst.

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
NONE						

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

(a) TYPE OWN A/C	(b) SQUADRON	(c) CAUSE: Type ENEMY A/C, AA, 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	115	Operational		Loss-14588

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 BUNAWAN AREA (b) Time over target 0945-1005 (Z)
 (c) Weather, clouds, visibility 4/10 coverage by cumulus from 2-5000 feet over land.
 (d) Bombing tactics Level (Level, Glide, Dive, by type of plane)
 (e) Bomb Sight used Cowling (Type for each type of plane)
 (f) AA present: Yes. No. X

(g) AIMING POINT	(h) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(i) No. A/C Attacking (j) Squadron	(k) BOMBS, ROCKETS, AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT (Give fuze 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 Rocket
1 BUNAWAN	Gullies	13 115	13 Napalm Bombs 9000	13	None 30 ft.	260	
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Give results and narrative on separate sheet, follow outline.

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RESULTS OF ATTACK, NARRATIVE, AND COMMENT

PILOTS:

Coles,	Cates	Caldwell
Doss	Venturoni	W. Foster
Oleson	Bero	Lovette
Crahan	Aegertor	Kramer
Weatherwax	Wildman	

APPROACH:

North to South, target was located by the Air Coordinator orbiting the area.

STRAFING:

Pilots strafed on the run only, 9000 rnds. .50 cal. ammo.

BOMBING:

Crahan's engine went out on the take off. He pulled up his wheels, skidded on his napalm tank and came to a stop near the end of the strip. He was unhurt but the plane was damaged.

Major Logan went along as observer.

All 13 napalms dropped and exploded in the target area 5500 yards west of Bunawan. The area was a series of gullies on the Eastern slope of a ridge. The area was covered by napalm fires. The pilots strafed on the dive. Nine refueled at Malabang.

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