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From: Commanding Officer.
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Subject: Aircraft Action Report No. 29, Photographic Reconnaissance,
Iwo Jima, D plus 5 day, 24 February 1945.
Enclosure: (A) Subject report, three copies.
1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

On D plus 5 day of Iwo's invasion, 24 February 1945, two Squadron Liberators were sent north for aerial coverage of beachheads, battle lines and the new U.S. flag just planted atop Mt. Suribachi's crater rim. Special correspondents accompanied Lieut. M. R. COOPER, Jr., U.S.N.R. and his companion Lt.(jg) W. L. FITZSIMMONS, U.S.N.R.

Take-off from Agana Field, Guam, was at 0630 King and flight north was uneventful. Cloud bases at Iwo were as low as 2500 ft. but successful coverage was made of all objectives, from as low as 500 ft. A.A., from the north end of the island, was ineffectual, being directed primarily at carrier planes which were attacking ground objectives.

Both squadron planes returned to base by 1645 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. 29
 (d) Take off: Date 24 February 1945 Time (LZT) 0630 King (Zone); Lat. 13°30'N Long 144°47'E
 (e) Mission Photo Reconnaissance, Iwo Jima, D plus 5 day. (f) Time of Return 1645King (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)		
<u>PB4Y-1P</u>	<u>VD-5</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>	<u>None</u>	

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>None</u>							

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
<u>None</u>			<u>(ZONE)</u>			
			<u>(ZONE)</u>			
			<u>(ZONE)</u>			

(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 _____
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (k) Visibility _____
(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		
<u>None</u>						

