

**AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT**

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**I. GENERAL**

(Short Form for routine actions only)

Read instructions before filling out

(a) Unit Reporting YVF 122 (b) Ship or base PELELIU ISLAND (c) Report No. 8  
 (b) Take off: Date 8 AUG 45 Time (LZT) 1545 -10 (Zone). (e) Time of Return 1745 -10 (Zone)  
 (f) Target TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY (g) Round-Trip Distance Flown 100 (Miles)

**II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT**

(a) TYPE	(b) SQUAD. RON	(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 DEPTH SETTING (Give mk. of cluster & bomb fuzes, & setting used if more than one is possible)
F4U-1D	YVF 122	4	3	4	2-500 LB. G.P.'S.	NOSE PLUG 4-5 SEC. DELAY TAIL

**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	(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			NONE	
2				
3				
4				
5				

**VI. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES** (Identify with planes listed in V by nos. at left)

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

**VII. ATTACK ON TARGET**

(a) Location MALAKAL AND BULLTHRAP (b) Time over target 1015 -10 (Zone)  
 (c) Weather, clouds, visibility 4/10 STRATA-CUMULUS AT 2300'  
 (d) Bombing tactics GLIDE (Level, Glide, Dive, by type of plane) (e) Bomb Sight used NONE (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 fuzing used if selectively armed)	(l) NO. HITS ON 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 STORAGE TANK	DIAMETER 40'	3 122	3-500 LB. G.P.'S.	1	30 DEG. 45'	250	
2 POSSIBLE GENERATOR	5'X10'	1 122	1-500 LB. G.P.'S.	0	20 DEG. 1000'	300	
3 UNIDENTIFIED	-	1 122	2-500 LB. G.P.'S.	1	15 DEG. 500'	250	

Give results and narrative on separate sheet, follow outline.

VII (r) Results:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Target No</u>	<u>Contact Pt.</u>
Lt. Melin	1	One temporarily hung and fell in water; The other was long-missed target.
Lt. Habish	1	Bomb hit tank but skipped off before exploding. No damage.
Lt. Jerominaki	1	Bombs released simultaneously; One hit on either side of tank-probable damage but no fire.
Lt. Habish	2	Near miss-target covered with dirt-probably no damage.
Lt. Baker	3	Jettisoned bombs over wooded area on Urukthapel when returning to base with engine trouble. Damage undetermined.

VIII

No specific targets were assigned to this four plane barge sweep. Target #1 is a large buried storage tank on Malalal which has remained impervious to many previous bombing attacks. Two similar adjacent tanks have been destroyed. Target #2 which on aerial photographs resembled a possible generator and search light installation turned out to be dummy gun emplacements when closely inspected.

Lt. Baker returned to base early when his engine began to backfire and to run rough. He released his bombs over a wooded area on Urukthapel. Some six hundred enemy troops are reported to garrison this island and it is possible that some damage resulted.

Strafing attacks were made on the below listed targets:

TX(639-963)-- Truck in a revetment was strafed and burned.  
 TX(606-983)-- A 20' boat on the shore was strafed and riddled.  
 TX(652-990)-- One 20' boat sunk by strafing and one damaged.  
 TX(656-012)-- Two double ended lighters, approximately 30' long X 10' wide, thoroughly strafed and damaged.  
 TX(631-863)-- Here a pastoral scene, consisting of a bull pulling a two whelled ox-cart along with three Japanese, was interrupted.. The bull was killed along with the Japanese.

No trace remains of the sugar dog sea truck the attack on which was described in ACA-2 report No. 1.

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