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Subject: Aircraft Action Report No. 30, Photographic Reconnaissance,  
Haha Jima and Chichi Jima (Bonins), 28 February 1945.

Enclosure: (A) Subject report, three copies.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.

  
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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

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Lieut. M. R. COOPER, Jr., U.S.N.R., led two Squadron PBAY-1P's north to the Bonins from Agana Field, Guam, taking off at 0630 King.

The planes arrived at target, 1145 King, finding Haha Jima unusually clear and obtaining good verticals from 20,000 ft. Chichi was partially obscured by 3 tenths low cumulus but good coverage was made despite clouds, the planes leaving the area at 1230 King. A.A. fire was received from Chichi only; heavy caliber, meager and inaccurate. Radar window was used, apparently with good effect.

The flight returned to base at Guam by 1715 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. 30  
 (d) Take off: Date 28 February 1945 Time (LZT) 0630 King (Zone); Lat. 13°39'N Long 144°47'E  
 (e) Mission Photo Reconnaissance, Haha Jima and Chichi Jima (f) Time of Return 1715 King (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)		
PB4Y-1P	VD-5	2		2	None	

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
None							

## 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
None						
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(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		
None						



