

VMF-722

167
20

Report #9

ITC(u)

4

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 7-1-188 (b) Ship or base Pololou Island (c) Report No. 1
 (b) Take off: Date 6 Aug 45 Time (LZT) 1745 -10 (Zone) (e) Time of Return 1500 -10 (Zone)
 (f) Target Gardens - Rebelthmap (g) Round-Trip Distance Flown 150 (Miles)

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 DEPTH SETTING (Give mk. of cluster & bomb fuzes, & setting used if more than one is possible)
P43-1B	122	3	0	3	1-Napalm	Double Fused M-31 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	(c) 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				
5				

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

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

VII. ATTACK ON TARGET

(a) Location Rebelthmap (b) Time over target 1420 -10 (Zone)
 (c) Weather, clouds, visibility 2/10 cumulus at 3000
 (d) Bombing tactics Level & glide (e) Bomb Sight used None
 (Level, Glide, Dive, by type of plane) (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 Garden TA 943 X	-	1 122	Napalm	1	50° Level	200	
2 Garden/House TA 943 K	-	1 122	Napalm	1	10 deg. 75°	200	
3 Garden TA 937	-	1 122	Napalm	1	10 deg. 75°	240	
4							
5							

Give results and narrative on separate sheet, follow outline.

VII (v) Results:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Target No</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Capt. Branagan	1	Hit and burned garden.
Lt. Barnum	2	Hit house and adjacent garden. Both burned.
Lt. Fisher	3	Hit and burned garden.

VIII

One of the planes scheduled for this foray was prevented from taking off at the last minute as a result of an hydraulic leak. The pilots were briefed to release the Napalm over growing gardens and to conduct a routine fighter sweep around the Northern Palaus.

About 200 ft. off shore at TA 912 Love two individuals in small boats were strafed and killed. The rowboats were riddled. The men appeared to be searching for clams. Other than this the "sweep" was uneventful.

All map referencers used in this report are the "Special Air and Gunnery Target Map" of the Palaus, scale 1: 20,000.

Report prepared by:

Approved by

J. R. Fletcher
Capt., USMCR
ACTO

D. H. Sapp
Major, USMC
Commanding.