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Report # 10-12

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VMF-115.

12 May 1945.

Napalm bomb KIBAWI, MINDANAO.

ZAMBOANGA, P.I.

See Log.

6°50'N.

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122°01'E.

See Log.

Corsair VMF-115. 11 None. 11 11 Napalm bombs. Instantaneous.

NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.

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NO LOSSES OR DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY OWN AIRCRAFT.

NONE.

Corsair 200 200 24 4051 1500

1200

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NONE.

NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.

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Napalm bomb KIBAWE AREA.

See Log.

See Log.

See Log.

See Log.

See Log.

None.

None.

None.

None.

4 Planes.

VMF-115.

3 Planes.

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4 Planes.

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4 Napalm bombs.

No ammo.

3 Napalm bombs.

1200 rnds.

4 Napalm bombs.

No ammo.

4

Serious.

3

Serious.

4

Serious.

KIBAWE AREA.

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NO ENEMY SHIPPING ENCOUNTERED.

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MISSION LOG REPORT

REPORT NO. 10

12 May 1945.

MISSION: Napalm bomb KIBAWE, MINDANAO.

FLIGHT COMPOSITION: Duke, Doss, Creakan, Gates.

TIME: TTO:0805. ATA:1040.

WEATHER: Cumulus from 2000-6000 feet, 2/10 coverage.

COMMENT: Mission Completed. The four Napalm bombs dropped all exploded directly on the target, giving 100% coverage. The target area represented Japanese concentrations 300 yards northwest of LAKE PINAKALAY, just across the road. The positions were dug in, and pilots could see their four separate Napalm fires cover a total area of 400 square yards--a large part of the enemy area. K-Ration #2 said it was a "very good job--a bomb on dug-in positions--the Japs were sizzling--hope you come back again." There was no strafing, because our troops were 150 yards from the enemy positions.

REPORT NO. 11

MISSION: Napalm bomb KIBAWE, MINDANAO.

FLIGHT COMPOSITION: Massey, Eastman, Williamson, Browning.

TIME: TTO:1000. ATA:1240.

WEATHER: Visibility unlimited.

COMMENT: Browning had radio trouble and did not take off. At the request of K Ration #2, pilots laid their Napalm along the west side of the road about 400 yards Northwest of LAKE PINAKALAY. All exploded and burned (with a great flash of flame but for only about 30 seconds) on the target area. K Ration #2, still happy over the Corsair's Napalming, said "Damm good" and let the pilots strafe on one pass Jap artillery position in a wooded area of the southwest corner of KARANA. They strafed but could not observe results.

REPORT NO. 12

MISSION: Napalm bomb KIBAWE, MINDANAO.

FLIGHT COMPOSITION: Bucher, Wildman, Elmers, Creakan.

TIME: TTO:1405. ATA:1635.

WEATHER: Buildups over mountains and NE front moving south.

COMMENT: One bomb hit in target area on west side of road, 100 yards NW of LAKE PINAKALAY. Two were 75 yards North of the area, but exploded over Jap pillboxes. The fourth, possibly a dud, earned a "nice hit" remark from K Ration #2, but pilot did not see it land.

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