

VNF-122

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Report #4

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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 VMF 122 (b) Ship or base PELELIU ISLAND (c) Report No. 4
 (b) Take off: Date 4 AUG 45 Time (LZT) 1710 -10 (Zone). (e) Time of Return 1830 -10 (Zone)
 (f) Target TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY (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)
F4U-1D	122	4	0	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 TYPE A/C SQUADRON 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.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK, OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS
		NONE		

VII. ATTACK ON TARGET

(a) Location YAMATO DISTRICT-BABELTHUAP (b) Time over target 1735 -10 (Zone)
 (c) Weather, clouds, visibility 9/10 CUMULUS FROM 1500' TO 2500'
 (d) Bombing tactics SHALLOW 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
BUILDING TX(658-998)	20' X 40'	1 122	2-500 LB. G.P.'S.	?	200' 15 DEG.	180 KTS	
MATERIEL IN CRATES	10' X 10' X 10'	1 122	2-500 LB. G.P.'S.	2	50' LEVEL	180 KTS	
BUILDING TX(665-984)	20' X 30'	1 122	2-500 LB. G.P.'S.	?	300' 50 DEG.	180 KTS	
BUILDING TX(669-985)	25' X 50'	1 122	2-500 LB. G.P.'S.	?	500' 15 DEG.	180 KTS	

Give results and narrative on separate sheet, follow outline.

VII (R) RESULTS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TARGET NO.</u>	<u>CONTACT PT.</u>
CAPT. HOWARD	1	UNOBSERVED. HILLY TERRAIN CUT OFF VIEW.
LT. HART	2	DIRECT HIT ON CRATES WHICH PRODUCED LARGE COLUMNS OF WHITE SMOKE.
LT. WASHBURN	3	UNOBSERVED. HILLY TERRAIN CUT OFF VIEW.
LT. FARLING	4	UNOBSERVED. HILLY TERRAIN CUT OFF VIEW.

VIII

THIS ROUTINE BARGE SWEEP WAS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE A SEARCH OF THE NORTHERN PALAUS AND TO RELEASE ON ANY SUITABLE TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY WHICH MIGHT PRESENT ITSELF. IN THE EVENT THAT NO BARGE TRAFFIC WAS ENCOUNTERED (HIGHLY IMPROBABLE AT THIS STAGE OF THE PALAU CAMPAIGN), IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT ANY REMAINING BUILDINGS IN THE YAMATO DISTRICT BE BOMBED.

THE ONLY TARGET ENCOUNTERED OF AN UNUSUAL NATURE WAS TARGET #2 CONSISTING OF SEVERAL LARGE CRATES STACKED ON THE ROAD AT ASAHI WHERE THE BRIDGE IS DESTROYED. APPARENTLY THESE CRATES WERE AWAITING TRANSPORTATION ACROSS THE RIVER. THE BOMBING DEVELOPED LARGE COLUMNS OF WHITE SMOKE WHICH FILLED THE AIR FOR 10 TO 15 MINUTES. THE SUBSTANCE IS NOT KNOWN.

THE HILLY NATURE OF THE TERRAIN AROUND YAMATO COMBINED WITH THE EVER PRESENT THREAT OF AA FIRE PRECLUDED THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCURATELY ASSESSING THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE REMAINING BOMBS.

NO AA FIRE WAS NOTED ON THIS STRIKE.

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