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Report # 461

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(Form for routine actions only)

Read Instructions before filling out

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VAB 612 (b) Ship or base China Field, Okinawa (c) Report No. 461
 (b) Take off: Date 11 August 1945 Time (LZT) 111005Z Zone) (a) Time of Return 111956Z (Zone)
 (f) Target None (g) Round-Trip Distance Flown 1454 (Miles)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT

(a) TYPE	(b) SQUADRON	(c) TAKING OFF	(d) NUMBER ENGAGING ENEMY A/C	(e) ATTAC KING TARGET	(f) BOMBS, ROCKETS, CLUSTERS, TORPEDOS, M. PALM & DUCT 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)
<u>VAB 612</u>	<u>612</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8 rockets 5" hd (GP) MK1 3 1/2" motor MK 7 2 1 3/4" rockets Hd MK 1-1 Motor MK 1-1</u>	<u>MK 157 base, .02 sec. delay MK 149 nose, instant (unarmed) MK 157 Mod 2, base, .02 sec delay</u>

III. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENGAGED None **IV. ENEMY PLANES DAMAGED IN AIR** None

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V. LOSS OF, 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)
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VI. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (Identify with planes listed in V by nos. at left) None

(a) No.	(b) SQUADRON	(c) NAME, RANK, OR RATING	(d) CAUSE	(e) CONDITION OR STATUS

VII. ATTACK ON TARGET

(a) Location None (b) Time over target _____ (Zone)
 (c) Weather, clouds, visibility _____
 (d) Bombing tactics _____ (Level, Glide, Dive, by type of plane)
 (e) Bomb Sight used _____ (Type for each type of plane)

(f) AA present: Yes. No.

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Give results and narrative on separate sheet, follow outline.

*2 Photo flash bombs MK 46 An M11A2, 5 sec delay

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ACA-2 report (Cont'd)

2 PBJ's searched straits between Korea, Kyushu and Honshu, one of which included search of south tip of Korea.

One of 3 small ships, apparently Sugar Dogs, fired one parachute flare at PBJ and meager, inaccurate AA at PBJ on investigation run at 1442Z, location 34-20N, 130-20E. A second small craft approximately 100 feet long, unidentified type, fired 2 parachute flares at PBJ which burst 100 yds. to rear and slightly above PBJ, illuminating same for 3 minutes, time 1535Z, 33~~50~~50N, 129-25E.

Second PBJ received light and medium, meager, inaccurate AA fired from small ships, less than 100 feet, types unidentified at 1500Z, 34-40N, 130-45E, and at 1520Z, 34-40N, 129-50E.

No targets suitable for attack were encountered.

Additional sightings:

111350Z, 34-00N, 130-00E, 3 small ships
111403Z, 34-50N, 129-45E, 2 small ships (Radar contact)
111415Z, 34-30N, 129-45E, 2 ships (Radar contact)
111420Z, 34-25N, 130-00E, 2 small ships
111442Z, 34-20N, 130-50E, 3 ships, Sugar Dogs, 100 feet long *
111501Z, 34-00N, 129-25E, 1 ship, Sugar Dog, 100 feet long
111535Z, 34-58N, 129-30E, 4 fishing boats.
111615Z, 34-30N, 128-45E, 3 fishing boats.

Weather in target area:

2/10 cu. 1500 base - 2500' tops. Slight haze reducing visibility to 7 mi.

*Fired parachute flare at PBJ while on investigation run over ship.

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