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From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
Subject: Aircraft Action Report No. 24, Photographic Reconnaissance
Truk Airfields (Moen, Eten and Param Islands), 19 February
1945.
Enclosure: (A) Subject report.
1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.

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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

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A flight of two PB4Y-1P's, Lieut. H. L. SALYER, USNR, leader, took off from Agana Field, Guam, 19 February 1945 at 0807 King. Target was Truk, for coverage of airfields on Moen, Eten and Param Islands.

On arrival, 1217 King, Truk Atoll was found CAVU and flight lines were run successfully; Lieut SALYER covering Moen and Param Airfields and Lieut. G. H. CONOVER, USNR, photographing Eten's field, plus Dublon and Uman Islands. Both verticals and obliques were made. Lieut. SALYER made a second run over Moen as he was dissatisfied with his first coverage.

No enemy fighters were encountered airborne. Anti-aircraft fire caused no damage to planes although the "fish" on Lieut. CONOVER's trailing antenna was shot away. AA was moderate, heavy, over Moen and Param. Lieut. CONOVER ran into more intense AA above both Dublon and Eten, where most bursts were behind although on as to altitude. Use of radar window was believed by both crews to have impaired their accuracy. Two bursts over Eten were of a greenish smoke which billowed out above the bursts.

During the running of Lieut. CONOVER's flight line, his No. 3 engine prop pitch governor stuck at 2400 RPM, necessitating feathering and return to base on three engines. Both he and Lieut. SALYER returned to base, Guam, by 1607 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. 24
 (d) Take off: Date 19 February 1945 Time (LZT) 0807 King (Zone); Lat. 13° 30' N Long. 144° 47' E
 (e) Mission Photo Reconnaissance, Truk Airfields (Noen, Sten and Param Islands) (f) Time of Return 1607 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)		
<u>PBY-1P</u>	<u>VD-5</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>	<u>None</u>	

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

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<u>None</u>							

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
<u>None</u>			<u>(ZONE)</u>			
			<u>(ZONE)</u>			
			<u>(ZONE)</u>			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____
 Did Any Part of _____
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? _____ If so, Describe Clouds _____ (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 (j) Time of Day and Brilliance _____ (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:			GUNS USED	(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER			
<u>None</u>						