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Subject:

Aircraft Action Report No. 24, Photographic Reconnaissance Truk Airfields (Moen, Eten and Param Islands), 19 February

1945.

Enclosure:

(A) Subject report.

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Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.

A. D. FRASER

XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

VID-5 Report No. 24

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 Parem 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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Commander, USN Commanding Officer.

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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REPORT No. _ VI. LOSS OR DAMAGE, COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL, OF OWN AIRCRAFT (of those listed in II only). (e)
EXTENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE,
(Give Bureau serial number of planes destroyed) CAUSE: TYPE ENEMY A/C,
TYPE GUN, OR OPERATIONAL CAUSE WHERE HIT, ANGLE (List armor, (b) (a) TYPE OWN A/C SQUADRON self-sealing tanks, equipment hit) Fish shot off from trail-PBAY-1P AA VD-5 ing wire antenna. 10 12 13 14 VII. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (in aircraft listed in II only; identify with planes listed in VI by Nos. at left). (d) (e) (c) (b) (a) CONDITION OR STATUS NAME, RANK OR RATING CAUSE SQUADRON Hone VIII. RANGE, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION DATA FOR PLANES RETURNING (f) AV. FUEL CONSUMED (g) TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED (c) MILES RETURN AV. HOURS (e) AV FUEL LOADED NO. OF PLANES (a) TYPE A/C (b) MILES .30 .50 20MM RETURNING IN AIR MM test only 556 556 3,000 IX. ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED (Check one block on each line). MEAGER INTENSE CALIBER NONE MODERATE HEAVY — Time-fused shells, 75mm and over Eten and Moen MEDIUM — Impact-fused shells, 20mm-50mm Dublon LIGHT — Machine gun bullets, 6.5mm-13 2mm X. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE, OWN AND ENEMY AIRCRAFT (use check list at left). SPEED, CLIMB, at various altitudes TURNS DIVES

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