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VMP-116.

11 May 1945.

See Log.

ZAMBOANGA, P.I.

See Log.

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6°55'N. 129°01'E.

See Log.

Corsairs. VMP-116. 7 None. ? 7 Naval bombs. Instantaneous.

NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.

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NO LOSSES OR DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY OWN AIRCRAFT.
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NONE.

NONE.

Corsair. 250 250 21 2697 1090 2200
? 7

NONE.

NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.

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See Log.

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None.

None.

None.

None.

MARANAG, MINDABAO.
Near KIBAWE.

4 Planes.
VHF-115.
3 Planes.
VHF-115.

4 Napalm bombs.
1200 rnds.
3 Napalm bombs.
1000 rnds.

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serious.
serious.

NO ENEMY SHIPPING ENCOUNTERED.

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MISSION LOG REPORT

REPORT NO. 8

11 May 1945.

MISSION: Napalm Jap Installations in vicinity of YAKAWAG.

FLIGHT COM. STAFF: Buchser, Benson, Bunce, Venturoli.

TIME: TTO:0835. ATA:1230.

WEATHER: Cumulus clouds from 2000-5000 feet over the target area, 5/10 coverage.

COMMENTS: Mission Completed. The pilots obtained four direct hits in a run at 100 feet altitude. The target area represented a Japanese troop concentration in a wooded area four miles south of the southern airstrip at YAKAWAG. Although no visible damages could be observed, K-Nation, #2 the Fighter Director, advised the pilots that they had obtained excellent coverage of the target area, saying that same was "well searched." Fires from the four bombs reached to from 60-70 feet. Each plane made one strafing run on the target area after the bombing runs had been completed, without visible results.

REPORT NO. 9

11 May 1945.

MISSION: Napalm near KIBAWE.

FLIGHT COM. STAFF: W.C. Isen, Treson, R.Olsen, Lovette.

TIME: TTO:1215. ATA:1510.

WEATHER: cumulus from 3000-5000 feet, 4/10 coverage.

COMMENTS: Dropped three Napalm tanks about 3 miles Northwest of Lake FINAKALAY on a wooded area on the west side of the road where Japs had dug in. All three bombs hit the target area and caused fires 50-60 feet high, which were still burning when the pilots left, a half hour later.

They strafed Jap supply areas four or five miles North of Lake FINA ALAY. Trees obscured all results.

R.Olsen did not get off the deck because of prop trouble.

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