

VNF 122

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Report # 3

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

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(Reclassify when filled in)

Sheet 1 of 2

(Short Form for routine actions only)

Read instructions before filling out

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VMF 122 (b) Ship or base PELELIU ISLAND (c) Report No. 3
 (b) Take off: Date 4 AUG 45 Time (LZT) 1345 (Zone) -10 (e) Time of Return 1525 (Zone) -10
 (f) Target GARDENS-URUKTHAPEL (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	VMF 122	4	0	4	1 NAPALM TANK	E4-R1 IGNITER

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	(c) 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, 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 URUKTHAPEL (b) Time over target 1410 (Zone) -10
 (c) Weather, clouds, visibility 5/10 CUMULUS AT 2000'
 (d) Bombing tactics 20 DEG. 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 fuzeing 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
1 GARDENS	50 YDS X 50 YDS	4 122	4 NAPALM TANKS	2	75'	20 DEG.	180 KTS		
2									
3									
4									
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Give results and narrative on separate sheet, follow outline.

VII (R) RESULTS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TARGET NO.</u>	<u>CONTACT PT.</u>
CAPT. HARRISON	1	TANK TEMPORARILY HUNG AND BURNED IN WOODED AREA 100 YARDS BEYOND TARGET.
LT. MC DONALD	1	MISSED GARDENS BY 150 FEET AND LANDED ON SIDE OF HILL CAUSING NEGLIGIBLE DAMAGE.
LT. BRIGGS	1	GOOD HIT ON GARDEN. BURNED WELL.
LT. BELLARD	1	GOOD HIT ON DESIGNATED TARGET. BURNED WELL.

VIII

RECENT PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF URUKTHAPEL IN THE NORTHERN PALAUS INDICATED AN AREA OF SOME ACTIVITY DEEP IN A VALLEY IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR. A SMALL AREA OF CULTIVATED LAND WAS VISIBLE AT TX (S44-760). MEMBERS OF THIS STRIKE WERE INSTRUCTED TO BURN OFF THIS AREA WITH NAPALM. THE RESULTS ARE LISTED ABOVE IN TABULATED FORM.

FOLLOWING THIS NAPALM STRIKE A "SWEEP" OF THE ISLANDS WAS CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

ALL MAP REFERENCES USED ARE FROM THE "SPECIAL AIR AND GUNNERY TARGET MAP OF THE PALAUS", SCALE 1:20,000.

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