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Report # 11

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**AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT**

(Short Form for routine reports only)  
Read instructions before filling out

19373  
RECEIVED  
AUG 13 1945  
3440  
RESTRICTED  
(Reclassify when filled in)

Sheet 1 of 2  
**I. GENERAL**

(a) Unit Reporting VAF-122 (b) Ship or base Rainia Island (c) Report No. 122  
(b) Take off: Date 7 Aug 45 Time (LZT) 1410 -10 (Zone). (e) Time of Return 1545 -10 (Zone)  
(f) Target Gardens - Babelthuap (g) Round-Trip Distance Flown 9140 (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	122	4	0	4	1-Napalm	Double Fused Rabl Igniters

**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 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 Babelthuap (b) Time over target 1440 -10 (Zone)  
(c) Weather, clouds, visibility 3/10 cumulus at 10000  
(d) Bombing tactics 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 fuzing 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 Garden		1			100		
TA 841 R		122	1-Napalm	1	20 deg.	100	
2 Garden		1			751		
TA 775 Y		122	1-Napalm	1	Level	200	
House Garden		1			2001		
TA 772 I		122	1-Napalm	1	15 deg.	200	
House Garden		1			751		
TA 751 F		122	1-Napalm	1	20 deg.	200	
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Give results and narrative on separate sheet, follow outline.



VII (v) Results:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Target No.</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Capt. Sherer	1	Hit and burned garden.
Lt. Fisher	2	Hit and burned garden.
Lt. Piliton	3	Hit and burned house and adjoining garden.
Lt. Weitzel	4	Hit and burned house and garden.

VIII

In a continuing attempt to further limit the available food supply of the Northern Palaus, this strike was briefed to release over gardens and cultivated areas.

A beached rowboat 12' in length was strafed and riddled following the release of the Napalm. It was located at TW(611-005).

No AA fire was observed on this strike nor was any enemy activity observed.

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