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VNF-115.

7 May 1945.

Napalm positions near DAVAO, MINDANAO.

ZAMBOANGA, P.I.

1345.

6°55'N.

7.
122°01'E.

See Log.

Corsairs VNF-115. 4

None

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4 Napalm bombs.

Instantaneous.

NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.

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Corsair VNF-115. Operational

None.

Damaged slightly.

NONE.

NONE.

Corsair. 250 250 14 1484 900 700 4

NONE.

NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.

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Napalm Near DAVAO.

See Log.

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None.

None.

None.

None.

TIGATIO.

4 Planes.
VMF-115.

4 Napalm bombs.
700 rnds.

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Serious.

NO ENEMY SHIPPING ENCOUNTERED.

MISSION LOG REPORT
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MISSION: Japanese Naval Headquarters at TIGATTO.
FLIGHT COMPOSITION: Massey, Mason, Creahan, Cates.
TIME: TFO: 1345 7 May 1945. ATA: 1600 9 May 1945.
WEATHER: Cumulus from 2-20000 feet between MALABANG and DAVAO.
COMMENTS: Coming in from the West over the target, TIGATTO Naval Headquarters about 1,000 yards northwest of the road junction, two planes released, their napalm exploding directly on Jap headquarters and blanketing it with flame, which still burned strongly 45 minutes later. The third bomb dropped 100 yards short, burning a wooded area; and the fourth overshot by 50 yards creating a pool of fire 100 by 20 feet and covering a network of Jap trenches.
 Because the weather to the West was bad and the pilots were low on gas, they did not chance a trip to MALABANG but landed at PADADA. A MAG 24 pilot there advised them that they could get gas at Farm-7, so they went there. They landed at Farm-7 at 1730. All planes landed successfully, but one nosed over in taxiing over a soft shoulder on the side of the runway. The prop was not damaged, but the tail wheel tire blew out. They advised Westiff Base of this.
 Lt. Col. Laurets, in charge of the guerrillas, said he was being hard pressed by the Japs and, despite the fine job being done by his guerrillas, they needed supplies and support. He said he has a force of 900 well-trained guerrillas to fight about 15,000 Japs being pushed back upon him. In the last seven days he has suffered 63 casualties, "more than the total of the last three years," and he said he expected fierce attacks beginning tomorrow morning. One, on May 6, was repulsed. He said that if the Japs broke through his lines, we would spend "many months" ferreting them out of the mountains. His force has been rationed to 30 rounds per man per day-- they spent 25 per man repelling the May 6 charge--; and he said the Army has suggested that he ration ammunition now at the rate of two rounds per man per day.

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