

VMF-115

41

80
①8

Report # 4-S

Ltc (18)

VNF-116.

See Log.

Napalm bomb near DAVAO, MINDANAO.

ZAMBOANGA, P.I.

See Log.

6°00'N.

4-5.

122°01'E.

See Log.

Corsair. VNF-115. 7

None.

7

7 napalm bombs.

Instantaneous.

NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.

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4-8.

NO LOSSES OR DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY OWN AIRCRAFT.

NONE.

NONE.

Corpsair	226	226	28	2597	1490	600	7
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NONE.

NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED.

Naval DAVAO Area.

See Log.

See Log.

See Log.

See Log.

None.

See Log.

None.

None.

None.

DAVAO AREA.

3 Corsairs.
VMF-115.

3 napalm bombs.
600 rads.

3

destroyed.

DAVAO AREA.

4 Corsairs.
VMF-115.

4 napalm bombs.
No ammo.

2

slight.

NO ENEMY SHIPPING ENCOUNTERED.

MISSION LOG REPORT
REPORT NO. 4

7 May 1945.

MISSION: Napalm bomb DAVAO.FLIGHT COMPOSITION: I. Harrison, Black, Aegerter.TIME: TFO:0745. ATA:1150.WEATHER: Front encountered on way out had dissipated on return. Cumulus from 3-8000 feet, 2/10 coverage.COMMENTS: Napalm fires, 75 feet high, blanketed the entire target area, a grove of trees about 1 1/2 acres. The fires burned fiercely for five minutes. Pilots observed troops moving into the area after the air strike. Their lines were 200 yards from the target. Uncle 8 said the bombs destroyed the pillboxes and at least two tanks. He called the results excellent. One tank definitely observed by pilots to have been fired by str firing; another tank was seen to be covered by Napalm fire. Strafing was done on the bomb run only.

REPORT NO. 5

7 May 1945.

MISSION: Napalm DAVAO Area.FLIGHT COMPOSITION: McDonald, Benson, Bunce, Venturoni.TIME: TFO:0940. ATA:1240.WEATHER: North-South front halfway across MCR SWF, but planes can go under, over, or around it. Generally, 3-8000 feet cumulus; 5/10 coverage. Hole in cloud over target.COMMENTS: Two pilots dropped their bombs directly on the smoke-bomb which was about 30 yards to the East of the target. Runs were made South to North. These two bombs burned pass on the perimeter of a clump of trees in which a Jap gun emplacement was located.

Of the other two bombs, one bomb hung and the other delayed in releasing. The first landed about 4000 yards west of the target, in a clump of trees, and burned out quietly without apparent damages. The second bomb hit about 1500 yards west of the river, also without apparent damage. These runs were made from East to West. There was no strafing.

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