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Aircraft Action Report No. 20, Photographic Reconnaissance Airfields at Truk, 13 February 1945.

Enclosure:

(A) Subject report.

Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith. 1.

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## XII TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

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This mission of 13 February 1945 was flown by two PB4Y-1P's led by Lieut. H. L. SALYER, USNR; off Agana Field, Guam, at 0631 King. En route to target, through passable weather, Lieut. SALYER's plane developed an oil leak in its #2 engine which prevented his attaining climb to altitude for his photo run. He waited, circling, north of Truk lagoon while his companion plane piloted by Lieut. (jg) FITZSIMMONS flew both flight lines. Cloud cover at Truk was slight.

FITZSIMMONS dropped radar window during both photo runs, besides using radical changes of direction in his approaches and changing altitude between islands (23,000 to 18,500 feet true). Enemy AA batteries were apparently sufficiently confused so as to be unable to find him. Good photo coverage was made.

Seldom, if ever, had a single Liberator spent as much time at one stretch over Truk (30 minutes over the Lagoon, 14 minutes in range of AA). After completing his coverage, FITZSIMMONS rendezvoused with SALYER off Truk's North Passa e and accompanied him part way to base, later proceeding alone as SALYER's progress was satisfactory. Both planes had returned to Agana Field, Guam, by 1445 King.

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