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Report # 32

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From: Commanding Officer.  
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.  
Subject: Aircraft Action Report No. 32, Photographic Reconnaissance,  
Marcus Island, 3 March 1945.  
Enclosure: (A) Subject report, three copies.  
1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.

  
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XII. TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA.

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Lieut. J. T. BROOKS, U.S.N.R., piloting a Squadron Photo-Liberator photographed Marcus Island between 1345 and 1400 King, 3 March 1945, on regular Squadron coverage.

Flying from Guam, over heavy undercast for nearly the entire route, BROOKS found Marcus overcast directly above the island but, curiously, surrounded by a narrow ring of clear space with solid clouds beyond the ring. This enabled oblique to be taken from 9000 feet, of the island. Crew members reported no signs of life on Marcus.

BROOKS returned to base at 1920 King.

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# AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED  
(Reclassify when filled out)

## I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting VD-5 (b) Based on or at Guam (c) Report No. 32  
 (d) Take off: Date 3 March 1945 Time (LZT) 0645 King (Zone); Lat. 13° 30' N Long. 144° 47' E  
 (e) Mission Photo reconnaissance, Marcus Island (f) Time of Return 1920 King Zone

## II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
<b>PB4Y-1P</b>	<b>VD-5</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>None</b>	

## III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
<b>None</b>							

## IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO. OBSERVED	(c) NO. ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED; GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
<b>None</b>						
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
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(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did Any Part of  
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, Describe Clouds \_\_\_\_\_  
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)  
 Time of Day and Brilliance  
 (j) of Sun or Moon \_\_\_\_\_ (k) Visibility \_\_\_\_\_  
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON, DAY, OVERCAST, ETC.) (MILES)

## V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
<b>None</b>						



